

**MINUTES of  
THE BLYTHE SAPPERS  
67<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
ARMY & NAVY CLUB LONDON SW1.  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Item**

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies had been received from:  
Sappers Robinson S, Rooke, Gunns, Pelton, Casey, Galloway, Bradwell, Craig, Pearce I, Fitzmaurice, Cima, Shanahan, Pickles, Harkin, Holman.  
There were **20** Blythe Sappers in attendance.
  
2. **Minutes of 2011 AGM.** Minutes of the 2011 66<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were confirmed and signed.
  
3. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman, Sapper Bill Woodburn gave his report.
  - a. **REA Centenary.** The Chairman reported that he had represented the Blythe Sappers at the REA Centenary Drum Head Service at the National Memorial Arboretum in May -- a very good service.
  - b. **Blythe Sappers Cup.** The Chairman reported that he had been honored to represent the BS at the Blythe Sappers Association Football Cup between 21 Engr Regt & 24 Engr Regt (Cdo). He was impressed with the sportsmanlike way the game had been played.
  - c. **New Initiative -- Troop Commanders Course.** The BS sponsored a talk on a climb of Mt Everest to two Tp Comd courses. It is hoped that in the future other opportunities will arise at which it will be possible to inform Young Officers of the Blythe Sappers and what we do. The Chairman has spoken to the Corps Colonel that in these changing times there maybe other opportunities to sponsor similar events.
  - d. **Charities.** The Chairman informed the meeting that the BS will be giving grants to Veterans Aid (£1,000), Army Widows Association (£1000), Forces Children's Trust (£500).
  
4. **Membership Report** Sapper Holman had given his apologies and the Hon Sec informed the meeting that we have **336** members.
 

**New Members** in 2012 (19): Sappers Wall, Christie, Paterson-Fox, Brown, Redgate, Casey, Burley, Benton, Lakin, Montague, Hodder, Pickles, Clayton, Davies, Morris, Dove, Bowyer, Mackenzie, Stanion

**Resignations** (2): Sappers RA Hills & Sapper Richard Nichols

**Deceased** (5): Sappers Geoff Jones, Sapper Dennis James, Sapper David Richards, Sapper Stan Huggett, Sapper Ted Sharp.
  
5. **Honorary Treasurer's Report for Year to end of 2011.** The Honorary Treasurer gave his report and the Statement of Financial Activities 2011. This report is attached at **Annex A**. This also includes the report on The Blythe Sappers Adventurous Training & Challenging Pursuits Fund.
 

Proposal: That the Accounts for 2011 be accepted.  
Proposer: Sapper Stuart Sinclair  
Seconder: Sapper David Hamilton

**CARRIED**
  
6. **Events 2012/13.** The Chairman Elect, Sapper Hooky Walker announced the dates for 2013.
 

Wed 5 Dec 12	Christmas Lunch
Wed 27 Feb 13	Colonel Callum Skeat, Corps Colonel RE
Wed 29 May 13	Professor Michael Clark RUSI
Wed 27 Jul 13	Guest Night RE HQ Mess Chatham
Wed 25 Sep 13	t.b.c.
Wed 4 Dec 13	t.b.c.

**7. Appointment of Officers 2013.**

Chairman 2013	Sapper Hooky Walker
Vice Chairman	Sapper Bill Woodburn
Chairman Elect 2014	Sapper Scott Robinson
Honorary Link Member	Sapper Stuart Sinclair
Honorary Treasurer	Sapper Peter Clayton
Honorary Auditor	Sapper David Hamilton
Honorary Archivist	Sapper Robin Lloyd-Owen
Honorary Musical Director	Sapper Ed Keeley
Honorary Membership Secretary	Sapper Charles Holman
Honorary Chatham Dinner Secretary	Sapper Larry Inge
Honorary Secretary	Sapper John McLennan

The Chairman informed the meeting that John Wilks had given notice of retiring as Auditor; the Chairman thanked him for his helpful service to the Blythe Sappers. He also informed the meeting that after five years in post the Hon Treasurer will be standing down -- the Chairman thanked him for many years of diligence and dedication.

**All in agreement**

**8. Any Other Business**

a. Sapper David Hamilton gave thanks to the Committees for their work in keeping the Society ongoing. All in agreement.

**9. Date of next Annual General Meeting –** the date of the next AGM will be on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

Description: signature transparent



Sapper Hooky Walker  
Chairman, The Blythe Sappers

**Sapper John R McLennan**  
The Blythe Sappers,  
Honorary Secretary

September 2013

October 2012

*Annex A  
BS AGM 2012  
Financial report*

**THE BLYTHE SAPPERS**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**



**Year ended 31 December 2011**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE**

<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Lunches Fees		23,161.51	17,134.04
Lunch Refunds			50.05
Dinner Fees		4,700.00	3,044.24
Subscriptions		3,265.00	3,215.00
Overpaid Subscriptions	1	30.00	20.00



**SAPPER C W WOODBURN**

Chairman

Originals signed:

**DATED 29 FEBRUARY 2012**

Roy F Wilsher

**SAPPER ROY WILSHER**

Honorary Treasurer

**ACCOUNTING POLICY**  
**Accounting Convention**

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention. Income and expenditure has been accounted for on an accruals basis.

**Fund accounting**

The Blythe Sappers Association's funds comprise general unrestricted funds that are dispensable at the discretion of the Council in furtherance of the objectives of The Blythe Sappers. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investments.

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

No Council or Committee Members, nor connected person or party, received any remuneration from The Blythe Sappers during the current or preceding year.

**NUMBERED NOTES referring to the SOFA and Balance Sheet**

1. **Overpaid Subscriptions.** Sprs Sandburg, Wilson M, McAlpine
2. **Joining Fees.** 9 New members
3. **Donations.** From various Blythe Sappers.
4. **Guest Lunches.** Four Guest Speakers and Hon Sec and Hon Treas's lunches
5. **Donations.** **Forces' Children's Trust, Army Widows' Association,** Not Forgotten Association
6. **Sundries.** Engraving of salver for outgoing Chairman.
7. **Adv and CP Fund Grant. / Honorarium**
  - a. In 2011 there was no allocation to the Blythe Sappers' Adventurous and Challenging Pursuits Fund
  - b. The total donated to the Fund to date is £31,950 (2010 £31,950).
  - c. One Adv&CP application was approved in 2011, a grant of £500 was made.
  - d. The balance of the Fund granted to RECCT as at 31 Dec 11 stood at £3726.00
  - e. Christmas gratuity to A & N Club staff
8. **Hon Sec and Hon Treasurer expenditure** Travel, postage, copying and stationery

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I have examined the accounts for the year 2011 together with supporting papers. I am satisfied that the accounts have been properly maintained and that the foregoing statement of income and expenditure gives a true and fair view of the transactions during the year and of the financial state of affairs of The Blythe Sappers as at 31 December 2011

Original signed by:

**John B Wilks**

Date: 29 February 2012

**SAPPER JOHN B WILKS**  
Hon Independent Examiner

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**THE BLYTHE SAPPERS**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE OF THE BLYTHE SAPPERS ON**

**THE ADVENTUROUS AND CHALLENGING PURSUITS 1 JAN- 31 DEC 2011**

Income	Item	Amount	Expend't'e	Expedition/ Exercise	Grant	Balance
2011			2011		£	£
	Balance as at 01 January 2011					<b>4,226.40</b>
			16-Mar-11	Ex Market Star 110/02 02 May - 01 Jun 11	500.00	<b>3,726.40</b>
<b>Income 2011</b>		-				
		<b>Expenditure 2011</b>			<b>£ 500.00</b>	<b>3,726.40</b>
31-Dec-10	<b>The Balance of £3726.40 is held by the Corps Treasurer in the RECCT account</b>					

1. The 2009 allocation to the Blythe Sappers Fund for Adventurous and Challenging Pursuits was £1000 and paid on 09 Dec 09
2. The total donated to date is £31,950.00 (2008 £30,950). There were 5 grants in 2009 totalling £1413.00
3. The uncommitted balance held by RECCT as at 31 December 2011 was £3726.40

*R F Wilsher*  
 Hon Treasurer  
 The Blythe Sappers



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2012			2012		£	£
	Balance as at 01 January 2012					<b>£3,726.40</b>
2012						

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