

**THE BLYTHE SAPPERS**  
**68<sup>TH</sup> MANAGEMENT MEETING**  
**1130hrs Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012**  
**THE ARMY & NAVY CLUB, LONDON**

**Those Present:**

<b>Sapper Bill Woodburn</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Sapper Idris Pearce</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Sapper Hooky Walker</b>	<b>Chairman Elect 2013</b>
<b>Sapper Scott Robinson</b>	<b>Chairman Elect 2014</b>
<b>Sapper Charles Holman</b>	<b>Honorary Membership Secretary</b>
<b>Sapper Roy Wilsher</b>	<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>
<b>Sapper Peter Clayton</b>	<b>Honorary Treasurer (Designate)</b>
<b>Sapper David Hamilton</b>	<b>Honorary Auditor</b>
<b>Sapper Stuart Sinclair</b>	<b>Link Member to BS Council</b>
<b>Sapper John McLennan</b>	<b>Honorary Secretary</b>

1. **Item 1 Introduction.** The Chairman welcomed all in attendance with a special welcome to Sapper Scott Robinson to his first meeting. The Chairman asked about Link Members and it was agreed that the TA Link Member should be invited to attend future meetings. He also welcomed Sapper Roy Wilsher to his last meeting
2. **Item 2 Apologies for Absence.** There were apologies from those who had been delayed by delays on public transport (Sappers Clayton and Hamilton who later were in attendance).
3. **Item 3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The Minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Blythe Sappers Management Committee had been published on the BS website recently. The Minutes for 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting were signed.
4. **Item 4. Matters Arising.**
  - a. **Talk to Troop Commanders.** The Blythe Sappers talk to the Troop Commanders Course on the Tau of Everest Expedition went well – the Membership Secretary (Sapper Holman – Corps Secretary) informed the meeting that he would keep the Committee informed of future possible opportunities for BS to sponsor talks to Troop Commanders.
  - b. **Internet Banking.** The Hon Sec, Hon Tres & Hon Tres (Des) attended a meeting with the Clydesdale Bank and a number of forms were signed to initiate Internet Banking. The Bank has asked for more forms to be signed by the Chairman -- these forms were authorised by the Chairman.
5. **Item 5. Finance.** The Honorary Treasurer went through the Income & Expenditure sheet -- this is attached at Annex A.

- a. The Chairman elect asked if we pay for travel for our principal guests and was informed that this was not the case.
- b. **Membership.** It was agreed that those who had not paid by the Dec meeting would be considered as not wishing to continuing their Membership.

6. **Item 6. Corps & TA Report – December 2012.** The Committee was informed that there had been no changes to the last report but the Corps Secretary would attach the Corps Report to the Minutes for the website report. The Chairman also informed the meeting that he informed the Corps Col that the Blythe Sappers are available to assist the Corps where possible as they go through the re-organisation of the Corps.

7. **Item 7. Casualties Since Last Meeting**

**Deceased** Sapper Roy Severn.  
**Resigned** Sapper Ian James.

8. **Item 8. Nominations for New Members**

<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
John Everett	Sapper Alan Gillett	Sapper John Evans
Lt Col Leigh Tingey	Sapper Bill Woodburn	Sapper John McLennan

**All Approved**

9. **Item 9 Attendance & Arrangements for Today’s Luncheon.** Chairman’s Bar will be in the Ladies Drawing Room.

**Principal Guest:** Field Marshal The Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank

Total Number attending    **124**  
Number of Guests            **24**  
Those to Rise               **Sappers Shaun Burley, Roy Wood, Andrew MacKenzie**  
To Recognise Those of the Serving Corps who had died on Operations in 2012  
  **Sapper Connor Ray (Apr 12)**  
  **LCpl Matthew Smith (Aug 12)**  
  **Capt Mike Townley (Sep 12)**

The Handover of Chairmen was also discussed.

10. **Any Other Business**

- a. **Sapper Idris Pearce** informed the meeting that there is to be a replacement for the Chairman’s neck badge in due course.
- b. **Sapper Stuart Sinclair** proposed to the meeting that a recommendation is put to the BS Council that **Sapper Roy Wilsher**, the retiring Honorary Treasurer be elected to the BS Council -- all agreed. Sapper Sinclair to action.

- c. Chairman formally thanked the out-going Honorary Treasurer, **Sapper Roy Wilsher**, for all his work over the past six years.
- d. Sapper **David Hamilton** informed the meeting that he will be reviewing and updating the BS website over the coming months.
- e. The Chairman, **Sapper Bill Woodburn**, thanked all the Committee for their support over the tenure of his appointment and invited the Committee to refreshments before lunch.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING Spring Lunch Meeting Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 13 at 1130hrs**



**Sapper Bill Woodburn**  
*Chairman*  
*The Blythe Sappers*

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

