

**MINUTES of
THE BLYTHE SAPPERS
68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ARMY & NAVY CLUB LONDON SW1.
Wednesday 25th September 2013**

Item 1. Apologies for Absence. Apologies had been received from:
Sappers Sinclair G, B Bown, N Whatley, J Moore-Bick, Sinclair S.

There were **26** Blythe Sappers in attendance.

Item 2. Minutes of 2012 AGM. Minutes of the 2012 67th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 26th September 2012 were confirmed and signed.
Proposal that the Minutes be passed.

CARRIED

Item 3. Chairman's Report. The Chairman, Sapper Hooky Walker gave his report.

- a. He thanked all those who had introduced new members to the Society
- b. He reported that he and the Hon Sec had attended the final of the inter-unit Association Football Cup – The Blythe Sappers Cup between 36 Engr Regt v 39 Engr Regt -- it was a very good game played with true spirit and excellent sportsmanship.

Item 4. Membership Report. Sapper Charles Holman informed the meeting that we have **342** members.

- a. **New Members** in 2012/3 (12): Spr John Crompton (Sep 12), Spr Ingram Murray (Sep 12), Spr John Stanion (Sep 12), Spr John Everett (Dec 12), Spr Leigh Tingey (Dec 12), Spr Alistair Johnson (Feb 13), Spr Ken Clunie (May 13), Spr Sean Naile (May 13), Spr Ed Robinson (May 13), Spr Callum Skeat (May 13), Spr Bob Stephens (May 13), Spr John Wootton (May 13).
- b. **Resignations** (2): Sapper Martin Coulson
- c. **Deceased** (5): Sappers Mike Stancombe, Sapper Oliver Keef
- d. Sapper Inge asked if there is still scope for recruiting. The Chairman said there is scope especially as we are in a declining age and size of Corps and we have to continue to encourage new members.

5. Honorary Treasurer's Report for Year to end of 2012. The Honorary Treasurer gave his report and the Statement of Financial Activities 2012.

- a. The account was closed on 31 Dec 2012 in accordance with the regulations and an independent financial examination was conducted by Sapper David Hamilton. He reported his findings to the Blythe Sappers Management Committee.
- b. The account has been posted on the Blythe Sappers website and there have been no comments or observations.

The main activity on the account is summarised in the table below:

Opening Balance	5450.85
Income	
Subs	3330.00
Joining Fees	230.00
Derby Profit	636.00
Donations	193.00
Total	9839.85
Expenditure	
Secretary Expenses	548.85
Treasurer Expenses	347.11
Committee Expenses	745.74
Guest Expenses	756.00
Gratuities	
Miscellaneous	221.66
Donations	2500.00
Total	5119.36
Balance	£4720.49

- c. The donations were: Veterans Aid £1,000, Army Widows Association £1,000 and Forces Children's Trust £500.
- d. Adventurous & Challenging Pursuits Fund: No awards were granted in 2012.

Proposal: That the Accounts for 2012 be accepted.

Proposer: Sapper Laurie McLeman

Seconder: Sapper David Hamilton

CARRIED

7. Officers of the Blythe Sappers 2014

Chairman	Sapper Scott Robinson
Vice Chairman	Sapper Hooky Walker
Chairman Des 2015	Sapper Alasdair Wilson
Hon Secretary	Sapper Carel Bouwens
Hon Treasurer	Sapper Peter Clayton
Hon Auditor	Sapper David Hamilton
Membership Sec	Sapper Charles Holman
Chatham Dinner Sec	Sapper Larry Inge
Archivist	Sapper Lloyd-Owen

8. The Chairman informed the AGM of the changeover of Hon Secretaries from Sapper John McLennan to Sapper Carel Bouwens. He thanked Sapper John for his work over the past eight years.

9. Events 2012/13. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Principal Guest for the Christmas Lunch on 4 Dec will be Lord Hannay.

Dates for 2014 (Speakers to be announced)

Wed 26 Feb 14
Wed 28 May 14
Sat 26 Jul 14
Thur 25 Sept 14
Thur 4 Dec

10. Date for Next Meeting. The date for next AGM is Thursday 25 Sept 14.

Sapper Scott Robinson

*Chairman, The Blythe Sappers
September 2014*



Sapper John R McLennan

*Honorary Secretary
The Blythe Sappers
16 Oct 2013*