



THE BLYTHE SAPPERS
MINUTES OF THE 16TH ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2011

Present:	Sapper I Pearce	Chairman 2011
	Sapper W Woodburn	Chairman Elect 2012
	Sapper J H Fitzmaurice	
	Sapper G Sinclair	
	Sapper S G H Sinclair	
	Sapper J D Lewins	
	Sapper J Charlesworth	
	Sapper J Wilks	Honorary Auditor
	Sapper R F Wilsher	Honorary Treasurer
	Sapper M H S Muller	
	Sapper J Evans	
	Sapper C Peacey	
	Sapper J R McLennan	Honorary Secretary

Introduction. Sapper Idris Pearce, Chairman The Blythe Sappers 2011 welcomed Council members to the 16th Annual Council Meeting.

Item 1. Apologies:

1. Apologies for absence had been received from: Sappers J Moore-Bick, Pearce B, B Barton, W Shackell, I Stewart, C Holman.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes of 15th Council Meeting.

2. The Minutes of the 15th Meeting of Council of 1st June 2010 were agreed & signed.

Item 3. Matters Arising

3. There were no matters arising.

Item 4. Summary of Decisions taken by Management Committee.

a **BS Adventurous Training & Challenging Pursuits Fund.** The fund had been carried over from last year in the search for a suitable charity and that decision was made at the Management Meeting just passed. A paper had been updated and circulated and approved by the

Management Committee. The main point of the update was to clarify the amount of funding per head that BS would be able to support an expedition.
The paper is attached to these Minutes.

5. **Item 5 Attendance and Arrangements - Derby Day Luncheon 1st June 2011**

Principle Guest: **Keith Simpson MP**
Total number Attending **87**
Number of Guests **17**
Those to Rise **3** (Sapper Mungo Melvin, Ian James, Joe Fossey)

6. **Item 6 Review of Reports by Regimental Colonel.** The Reports are published on the website after each BS Meeting and all are encouraged to read these on an ongoing basis.

7. **SOFA Accounts 2010 and Budget 2011.**

SOFA Accounts 2010. Council were informed by Sapper Wilsher, Honorary Treasurer, that the accounts had been discussed and agreed at the previous Management meeting that morning. The account papers are attached at **Annex A**.

Budget 2011. The Budget 2011 is attached at **Annex B**. The Honorary Treasurer gave an overview and informed the meeting that the accounts are in a healthy state. Charity Donations were agreed to go to £1,000 to Army Widows Foundation and £1,000 to the Not Forgotten Association and £1,000 to the Forces Childrens' Trust. Sapper Fitzmaurice asked if there is a policy on returning to charities to which we had previously given donations. It was agreed that there would be no formal agreement to return to charities that we had helped in the past and would rely on Committee agreement as to those small charities that could be helped.

Membership. The Hon Treasurer informed Council that we **305** paid up Members with 7 Members who we need to approach about their standing orders. The elected Membership stands at **316**.

Council thanked Sapper Wilsher for all his work and diligence on the accounts.

8. **Discussion for Chairman for 2012 & 2013 & 2014.**

Sapper Bill Woodburn is confirmed as Chairman in 2012 as approved in the last AGM. It was suggested that Sapper Hooky Walker be asked if they would consider being Chairman in 2013. It was suggested that Sapper Patrick Fagan be asked to be Chairman 2014. Sapper Pearce will make an approach.

Proposal: That Sapper Hooky Walker is put to the AGM 2012 for Chairman 2013
Carried

9. **The Blythe Sappers Guest Night 6th August 2010.** This will take place on Saturday 6th August 2011 at the RE HQ Mess, Chatham at a cost of £42pp and £17.00 pppn. All are encouraged to attend.

10. **Any Other Business.**

1. Chairman emphasised the need for younger members of the BS and the importance of recruiting younger members of the Corps. All Lt Cols should be written to on appointment or every other year to encourage membership but at the same time keeping an eye on the total numbers. The Hon Secretary said that the numbers at present are well balanced.
2. Contact with the TA is important and contact is good but should be encouraged and that the TA Advisor to the EinC(A) be encouraged to attend.

11. **Date for the Next Council Meeting** The date for the next Blythe Sappers Council Meeting will take place on **30th May 2012** at 1100hrs.

Sapper John R McLennan
The Blythe Sappers,
Honorary Secretary

September 2011

Sapper Idris Pearce
Chairman
The Blythe Sappers

May 2012

Annex A
The Blythe Sappers Council Mtg
Held on Tuesday 1st Jun 11

THE BLYTHE SAPPERS

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
ACTIVITIES**

Year ended 31 December 2010

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes	2010	2009
Lunches Fees		17,134.04	16,089.00
Lunch Refunds		50.05	-
Dinner Fees		3,044.24	3,240.00
Subscriptions		3,215.00	3,150.00
Overpaid Subscriptions	1	20.00	25.00
Joining Fees	2	130.00	150.00
Sweepstake Ticket Sales		750.00	891.00
Donations to AT & CP Fund		-	-
Bank Interest		6.00	-
Not Forgotten Assc, Restoration Ministries		-	-
Donations & Honorariums	3	95.80	47.50
TOTAL		24,445.13	23,592.50

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Lunches		16,732.85	15,599.10
Lunch Refunds		289.30	148.50
Guest Night Dinner Costs		2,594.22	3,047.68
Guests Lunches/Dinner	4	617.55	643.50
Dinner Refunds		114.00	-
Refund Subscriptions		-	-
Sweepstake Prizes		310.00	300.00
Not Forgotten Assoc, Restor'n Min, Spr Martin RIP	5	1,050.00	1,000.00
Sundries	6	70.75	78.91
Donations/ Honorarium: AT & CP Fund/ A&N Club	7	100.00	1,100.00
Committee Exp/Room Hire		378.20	397.70
Treasurer Expenditure	8	169.91	360.39
Secretary Expenditure	8	420.06	213.54
TOTAL		22,846.84	22,889.32
Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources for the Year		1,598.29	703.18
Net movement in funds		1,598.29	703.18
Balance as at 01 January		3,300.77	2,597.59
Balance as at 31 December		4,899.06	3,300.77

All income and expenditure arises from the continuing activities of The Blythe Sappers. There are no recognised gains or losses in the current or preceding year other than shown above.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

CURRENT ASSETS	2010	2009
DEBTORS		
Cash at Clydesdale Bank	4,899.06	3,300.77
Total		
NET CURRENT ASSETS	4,899.06	3,300.77
NET ASSETS		3,300.77
Bank Reconciliation		
Statement as at 31 December 2010	4,899.06	3,300.77
Cheques not presented NIL	-	-
As shown in account	4,899.06	3,300.77

Approved by The Blythe Sappers Management Committee
at the Management Committee Meeting on 2 March 2011
and signed on the behalf of the Committee by:

Idris Pearce

SAPPER SIR IDRIS PEARCE

Chairman

Roy F Wilsher

SAPPER ROY WILSHER

Honorary Treasurer

Originals signed:

DATED 2 March 2011

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31 December 2010

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1. **Overpaid Subscriptions.** Sprs Sanburg, B J Hughes
2. **Joining Fees.** 13 New members
3. **Donations.** From various Blythe Sappers.
4. **Guest Lunches.** Four Guest Speakers and Hon Sec and Hon Treas's lunches
5. **Donations.** Wild Life Fund, Alzheimers Soc, Not Forgotten Assoc'n,

6. **Sundries.** Renewal of website Domain and Hosting plus engraving of salvers.

7. **Adv and CP Fund Grant. / Honorarium**

- a. In 2010 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 (2009 £31,950).
- c. Three A&CP applications were approved in 2010, grants totalling £1063.00 were made.
- d. The balance of the Fund granted to RECCT as at 31 Dec 10 stood at £4226.40
- 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 2010 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 2010

Original signed by:

John B Wilks

Date:

SAPPER JOHN B WILKS
Hon Independent Examiner

The Blythe Sappers
Budget 2011
Annex B to BS Council Mtg of 1st Jun 11

