

THE BLYTHE SAPPERS
81st MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
1100hrs Wednesday 24th FEBRUARY 2016
THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB, LONDON

Present:

Sapper Roy Carlisle	Chairman
Sapper John McLennan	Chairman Elect 2017
Sapper Peter Clayton	Honorary Treasurer
Sapper David Hamilton	Honorary Auditor
Sapper Charles Holman	Honorary Membership Secretary
Sapper Stuart Sinclair	Council Link Member
Sapper Carel Bouwens	Honorary Secretary

ITEM ONE. Introduction. The Chairman welcomed Committee members to this his first meeting in the Chair.

ITEM 2. Apologies for Absence. Sapper Alasdair Wilson has conveyed his apologies for absence.

ITEM 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of proceedings.

ITEM 4. Matters Arising. The Honorary Secretary commended the new format of the Corps Report which is clearly and simply laid out making it much easier to read and understand. A copy has been attached to the previous minutes.

ITEM 5. Finance Report. The Honorary Treasurer informed the meeting that at the end of 2015 the Society had achieved a surplus of £1.100 after having made donations to charities of £3,000. He continued that once he has settled the account for today's lunch he anticipates that the funds will stand at £7,500, being an adequate reserve to hold in the event of unexpected costs. The Committee progressed to discuss the possibility of subsidising a future event and after much discussion agreed that the cost for guests brought to the Guest Night should be discounted. It was further agreed to decide upon the level of discount once the overall cost of the evening is known.

ITEM 6. Honorary Colonels. The Honorary Secretary pointed out that he had been tasked to come forward with a proposal for inviting Honorary Colonels, who have not served in the RE, to be invited to apply for membership of the Blythe Sappers. He produced a list of past and present Honorary Colonels who were still alive. It was agreed that he should write to the Commanding Officers of the units for which there are Honorary Colonels. The Honorary Membership Secretary updated the list to show who should be invited.

ITEM 7. Casualties.

- a. Deceased: Sappers John Perkins and Peter Hart
- b. Resignations: Sappers Brian Warburton, Roland Orr and David Hall.

ITEM 8. Nominations for Membership. The following nominations have been proposed and seconded for membership of the Blythe Sappers:

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Secunder</i>
Brig Ian Caws	Sapper David Richards	Sapper Mark Hughes
Col David Brambell	Sapper Alasdair Wilson	Sapper Neill Page
Lt Col Sean Cunniff	Sapper Larry Inge	Sapper Colin Walker
Lt Col Andrew Noble	Sapper Jungly Drake	Sapper Bill Woodburn
Lt Col Jeremy Streeten	Sapper John McLennan	Sapper David Clements
Maj Charles Sladden	Sapper Geoff Field	Sapper David Hamilton
Capt Maurice Cregan	Sapper David Clements	Sapper Carel Bouwens

Capt Luke Johnston-Smith
Capt Roger Clarke

Sapper Larry Inge
Sapper Jeremy Blades

Sapper Colin Walker
Sapper Aiden Smyth

There were no objections to these nominations and consequently they will be notified by the Membership Secretary of their promotions.

ITEM 9. Attendance and Arrangements for Today's Luncheon

Principal guest: Lt Col Peter McFarlane, formerly 5th R Inniskilling Dragoon Gds

Subject: "A Cavalryman's Thoughts on the Sappers"

Total numbers attending: 66

Number of Guests: 16

Those to rise: Sappers Richard Johns, Philip Lilleyman, Alan Millar and Hugh Rich.

ITEM 10. Any Other Business.

- a. The Honorary Secretary confirmed that Lt Col Ian Scrivens would be taking over as the Corps Mess Secretary and that he would be speaking with him soon about his applying for membership of the Blythe Sappers and about the details and costs of the Guest Night in August.
- b. The Honorary Treasurer announced that he had now procured salvers for presentation to the winning unit of the RE Games and the Man of the Match at the REAFC Inter Unit Final and would be seeking the Honorary Secretary's proposals for suitable wording to be inscribed on each.

ITEM 11. Next Meeting.

- a. The date of the next meeting is set for 1100 hrs Wednesday 25th May 2016 followed at 1130 hrs by a meeting of Council.
- b. There being no other business the meeting closed at 1155 hrs.

Sapper Roy Carlisle
Chairman
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