

**THE BLYTHE SAPPERS**  
**89<sup>th</sup> MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**1100hrs THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**  
**THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB, LONDON**

**Present:**

<b>Sapper Aidan Smyth</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Sapper John McLennan</b>	<b>Deputy Chairman</b>
<b>Sapper Nick Baveystock</b>	<b>Chairman Elect 2019</b>
<b>Sapper Peter Clayton</b>	<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>
<b>Sapper David Hamilton</b>	<b>Honorary Auditor</b>
<b>Sapper Charles Holman</b>	<b>Honorary Membership Secretary</b>
<b>Sapper Stuart Sinclair</b>	<b>Council Link Member</b>
<b>Sapper Carel Bouwens</b>	<b>Honorary Secretary</b>

**ITEM ONE. Introduction.** The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

**ITEM 2. Apologies for Absence.** Nil

**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.** There were no matters arising.

**ITEM 5. Finance Report.**

- a. The Honorary Treasurer provided a resume of the current cash situation and stated that providing for the cost of the lunch and meeting today that the fund would stand at £11,331.07. He recommended that there should be £4,600 to donate to charities and urged the Committee to put thought to suitable charities that should receive our benevolence this year. A question arose about providing support to the mother of a deceased soldier but the Management Committee considered this to be without the remit of our charter and suggested that this lady contact the REA.
- b. He continued by updating the meeting on the situation with regard to payment of subscriptions and confirmed that there are still 21 members to settle their accounts. He stated that several pay at later times in the year and that the balance would be chased in due course.
- c. The Honorary Auditor appraised the Committee of his review of the accounts for 2017. He was content that they are being managed correctly and that there were no issues to report. He did say that the balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December appears high due to the late encashment of the cheque for the Christmas lunch and meeting.
- d. He continued by recommending that the Society investigates the need for insurance as he believed it is now necessary. The Honorary Treasurer agreed to do this and report back.
- e. The Honorary Auditor then introduced the matter of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which will require the Society to comply with them. After a short discussion the Honorary Secretary agreed to investigate what was required, along with the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Membership Secretary and present a plan at the next meeting.

**ITEM 6. Honorary Colonels.** The Honorary Membership Secretary informed the meeting that soon there will be a new Honorary Colonel for 71 Engineer Regiment and will pass his/her name on once it is announced.

**ITEM 7. Casualties.**

- a. Deceased: Sapper Roy Dalton, Michael Knill, Harry Realf and Charles Peacey.
- b. Resignations: Nil

**ITEM 9. Nominations for Membership**

<b><i>Nomination</i></b>	<b><i>Sponsor</i></b>	<b><i>Seconder</i></b>
Capt Mark Baldwin	Sapper Roger Clarke	Sapper Aidan Smyth
Lt Col Dan Buckley	Sapper Nick Elliot	Sapper Nick Baveystock
Col Jason Rhodes	Sapper Jonathan Welsh	Sapper Aidan Smyth

Maj Nick Charnock  
Lt Col Giles Cobbett  
Maj Christopher Holt  
Brig Andrew Hoon  
Lt Col James Prain  
Maj Brian Smyth  
Lt Col Rob Swanson

Sapper Paul Ford  
Sapper Jeremy Blades  
Sapper Alistair Fox  
Sapper Mark Burrows  
Sapper John Knight  
Sapper Ken Clunie  
Sapper Philip Armstrong

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The Committee agreed to offer all 10, full membership.  
This brings the total membership to: 391

A suggestion was made that we should now limit our numbers to 400 since lunches appear to be filled to capacity. The Honorary Secretary said it was early days to assume that lunches are sold out and recommended that we review the situation later in the year.

**ITEM 10. Attendance and Arrangements for Today's Luncheon**

*Principal guest:* Sir Tom Phillips

*Subject:* "The twelve rules of international life."

*Total numbers attending:* 115 (reduced from 122)

*Number of Guests:* 34

*Potential Blythe Sappers:* Brigs Douglas Gibson & Andy Sturrock  
Lt Cols Andrew Willis, Philip Crick & Malcolm Hemingway  
Majs Simon White & Ian Church  
Capt Philip Brain.

*Those to rise:* Sapper Tim Robertson.

**ITEM 11. AOB and Next Meeting.**

- a. The Chairman said he had to find a replacement speaker for the Spring Luncheon and welcomed any support in identifying a suitable person.
- b. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 at 1100 hrs, followed by Council at approx. 1130hrs
- c. There being no other business the meeting closed at 1140 hours.

**Sapper Aidan Smyth**  
*Chairman*  
*The Blythe Sappers*

**Sapper Carel Bouwens**  
*Honorary Secretary*  
*The Blythe Sappers*