

**THE BLYTHE SAPPERS**  
**90<sup>th</sup> MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**1100hrs WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**  
**THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB, LONDON**

**Present:**

**Sapper Aidan Smyth**  
**Sapper David Hamilton**  
**Sapper Charles Holman**  
**Sapper Carel Bouwens**

**Chairman**  
**Independent Examiner**  
**Honorary Membership Secretary**  
**Honorary Secretary**

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

**ITEM 2. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies had been received from Sappers John McLennan, Nick Baveystock, Peter Clayton and Stuart Sinclair.

**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 advised the meeting that he with the assistance of RHQRE had devised a Privacy Policy as required by the General Data Protection Regulation and had sought authority from members to hold their personal data. Despite an excellent 92% positive response, he had subsequently learned that as a members' organisation seeking such permission was not required. Consequently, he was able to report that not only had we fulfilled the spirit of the GDPR, but we are also fully compliant.

**ITEM 5. Finance Report.**

- a. On behalf of the Honorary Treasurer, the Secretary confirmed that after paying for this lunch there would be in the order of £10.5K cash in the bank. This would ensure that we could make donations to charities amounting to between £4.5K to £5K.
- b. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Samaritan Fund of the REOWS will not require support from the Blythe Sappers this year, and agreed to consider Sapper Support, a charity designed to assist sappers, serving and retired, who suffer from PTSD and other mental afflictions. The final list of allocations would be discussed and authorised at the September meeting.
- c. The Honorary Secretary confirmed that 16 members are still to settle their subscriptions for 2018 and that he and the Treasurer will be working over the summer months to reduce this list.
- d. The proposal to take out insurance was then discussed. The Honorary Secretary briefed the meeting that the Honorary Treasurer had found a policy that covered professional indemnity, public and directors' liabilities and crisis containment. The meeting felt that this provided some unnecessary covers but didn't provide cover in the event of unforeseen cancellation of an event or fidelity cover. It was agreed that the Treasurer be invited to look at finding a more relevant insurance.

**ITEM 6. Honorary Colonels.** The Honorary Membership Secretary informed the meeting that he was awaiting the formal announcement of the name of a new Honorary Colonel for 71 Engineer Regiment.

**ITEM 7. Casualties.**

- a. Deceased: Sappers John Cormack and David Llewellyn.
- b. Resignations: Sapper Nick Whatley and Fred Morgan.

**ITEM 9. Nominations for Membership**

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Secunder</i>
Brig Andy Sturrock	Sapper Aidan Smyth	Sapper Aidan Smyth
Capt David Smith	Sapper Sarah Clubley	Sapper Aidan Smyth
Lt Col Andrew Willis	Sapper Ken Clunie	Sapper Aidan Smyth
Capt Brian Dean	Sapper Andrew Noble	Sapper Charles Holman

The Committee agreed to offer all 4 membership of the Blythe Sappers.

This brings the total membership to: 391

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

*Principal guest:* Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns

*Subject:* "Friends and Foes"

*Total numbers attending:* 99

*Number of Guests:* 25

*Potential Blythe Sappers:* Maj Gen Richard Semple

Cols Henry Day, Harry Vialou-Clark, Darin Gray and Chris Guthkelch

Lt Cols Phil Crick, Jon Fox, Richard Burnett and Bob Lisle.

Cpts Grant Evans, Bob Davies, Hagar Hatchard, Angus Rule and Toby Marriner.

Sir Donald Spiers.

*Those to rise:* Sappers Dan Buckley, Nick Charnock, Alan Cowie, Andrew Hoon, Jason Rhodes, Brian Smyth and Rob Swanson

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

- a. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 1100 hrs, followed by the AGM after luncheon.
- b. There being no other business the meeting closed at 1130 hours.

**Sapper Aidan Smyth**

*Chairman*

*The Blythe Sappers*

**Sapper Carel Bouwens**

*Honorary Secretary*

*The Blythe Sappers*