



Minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting
Junior Leaders Branch REA
Held @ Ramada Hotel, Whitfield
Saturday 9th October 2010



Attendees:

D.Ormsby, D.Bishop, M.Dobson, P.O'Callaghan, L. Inge., R.Atkins, K. Tapp, T. Hayward, G. Kimpton, I. George, D. Ivell, P. Piper, R. Dyer, R. Taylor, R. Beat, D. Garrity, B. Barnes, R. Cook, K. Trevor, R. Ellis, D. Hamilton-Cox, B. Davis, C. Kirby, S. Whiffen.

1.1. Welcomes & Introductions:

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The President welcomed all those attending and hoped that all would have a enjoyable weekend, and, handed the meeting over to the Chairman.

- 1a. A minute's silence was held in honour of fellow members and all Junior Leaders that have paid the ultimate price doing their duty.
- 1b. On behalf of the Branch The Chairman welcomed all new members to the Branch to the 11th Anniversary weekend, and, also thanked all others for their continuing support. He hoped that all would enjoy this special weekend.
- 1c. The Chairman introduced the current Members of the Branch Committee.
- 1d. Apologies:
The following members tendered their apologies of absence.
N. Dale, T. Blears, S. Crowley, T. Crawford, N. Spencer, E. Holmes, S. Burt, J. Campbell A, Davies.

2. Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting (AGM):

The members were given the chance to read through the Minutes of the 9th AGM

Proposed: K. Tapp

Seconded by: B. Dyer

That the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting as read be passed.
Carried.



3. Matters Arising:

Nil.

4. Presidents Report:

The President explained that he did not have anything particular to report, but thanked the Committee for all the hard work that had been put in to arrange a special weekend which he considered all would enjoy.

Proposed by: C. Kirby

Seconded by: S. Garrity

That the Presidents report, as read, be passed.

Carried

5 Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reported the following:

" This is the 5th AGM I have had to put before the Branch Members, with the 10th anniversary AGM and Dinner last year being the most significant as far as the Committee was concerned.

We felt that celebrating the Junior Leaders Branch being on the scene for 10 years was something worth celebrating. So much so that our erstwhile Treasurer, Dave Ormsby suggested we start saving for a celebration of our 15th Anniversary. That is under-way now. Permission for absence from the 15th will not be granted.

The Branch Committee have had two meetings this year at the Union Jack Club in London. The January meeting saw Colin Kirby perform the Branch Financial Audit on your behalf. There was nothing of significance to report. At this meeting it was agreed to use the Churchill Hotel, once again, for this years' AGM & Dinner. However, shortly before the booking forms being dispatched with the Newsletter we heard the Churchill was in financial difficulties.

As a result Peter O'Callaghan was put to work on your behalf to find another venue, hence here we are at the Ramada. The venue for next will be up for discussion later on



A meeting was also planned & held in June at the National Arboretum with an invite sent out for members to attend if they wanted. Those who did attend had a memorable weekend. The cost of this meeting was borne by those attending.

The final meeting in September is held to ensure that all the arrangements for the annual get together are finalised, and, things go as smoothly as possible and to out any problems that there maybe.

The cost & management of the Committee is low, with the London meetings being met by the Branch, with the Committee attending in their own time.

The Web-Site is still being used by many members, and is open anyone who wishes who wishes to look in on us. We passed up the thought of having a password controlled system. Simon Rebbechi who runs the system for us is here this weekend, so have a word with him, if you have any specific queries.

One of the most pressing items is the concern over membership. This years function has seen the numbers being able to attend down by 50% approximately. We seem to average drop of 6% each year in those not renewing their subscriptions. The current economic situation of the country may have something to do with the problem. The current Corps RSM joined the Junior Leaders in 1988, 4 years before Old Park Barracks, so we now see the last of the Corps Senior Ranks who were in the Regiment going through the Army. We are aware of the problem, and, if we can find a way of overcoming them we will actively investigate them.

Finally, I would like to thank the other members of the Committee for the work they do on your behalf which often goes unnoticed. Therefore, if you will permit me, I would like to thank them for all they do."

That is my report.

Proposed by: C. Kirby

Seconded by: D. Garrity

That the Chairman' Report, as read, be passed.

Carried



6. Vice-Chairman's Report.

The Vice-Chairman explained the problems he had experienced with seeking another venue after the demise of the Churchill Hotel, but he felt that we would be looked after by the Ramada.

He went on to explain the itinerary for the proceedings for the weekend.
The notable timings being as follows:

- a. 1800 hours - Branch Photograph on the hotel frontage.
- b. 1830 hours - First transport to the evening venue
- c. 1930 hours - For dinner at 1945 hours.

Proposed by: C.Kirby

Seconded by: R.Taylor

That the Vice-Chairman's Report, as read, be passed.

Carried

7. Branch Secretary

The Branch Secretary introduced the following correspondence:

- a. Correspondence from the RE Museum in regard to a raffle that was in being to assist the Museum to re-display three galleries which will be focused on early history of the Corps. (Tickets held by Secretary).
- b. Introductory letter from the new Central Southern Group Secretary.
- c. Correspondence from the Families Events Organisation regarding social events.
This had already been placed on the website.

The Branch Secretary reminded the members that all REA information is being posted on the Branch Website.



8. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer issued a Branch Statement of Accounts which he proceeded to explain to the meeting. He went on to state that the finance was in a good state of health.

Proposed by: K. Trevor

Seconded by: I. George.

That the Treasurers report, as read, be passed.

Carried.

9. Newsletter

In the absence of S. Crowley the Chairman reported that the Newsletter had been re-vamped to bring it into the 21st Century. He explained that there had been some criticism but these had been overcome.

He went on to emphasize that the Newsletter was for the Members but even after all these years it was still only the Committee that were contributed articles in the main, and with all the experience that was within the Branch there must be some stories that could be submitted. There had been one recent submission that had to be edited due to length but this will be discussed with the person concerned.

Proposed by: B. Davis

Seconded by: C. Kirby

That the Newsletter report, as read, be passed.

Carried.

10. Serving Member Report

In the absence, on duty, of the Serving Member there was a nil report.

11. Committee

Proposed by: K. Tapp

Seconded by: B. Barnes

That the current Committee be voted to serve a further year in office.

Carried



12. Annual General Meeting and Re-union 2011.

Prior to the meeting it had been discovered that the management of the Ramada Hotel had purchased the Churchill Hotel and were in the process of renovating the premises with the partial opening prior to Christmas.

With this in mind the Chairman provisionally proposed the venue for the 2011 AGM and Re-union is to be held at the Churchill Hotel, Dover over the weekend of 07th/08th/09th October 2011. P. O'Callaghan, and, Mick Dobson agreed to visit the Churchill Hotel after Christmas and report their findings back to the January Committee meeting.

13. Other Business

a. Guest of Honour Invitations.

Due to increasing costs the Vice - Chairman questioned the validity of spending Members money on the invitations to a Guest of Honour at the re-union weekends and suggested that the Branch refrained from further invitations.

This suggestion generated a great deal of discussion, and the general feeling being that there had always been an invitation to a Guest of Honour and should remain as a Branch tradition. This was put to the vote of those attending.

Proposed by: B. Davis
Seconded by: C. Kirby

That the tradition of inviting a Guest of Honour to reunion weekends remain in force.

Carried

b. Funding of Guest of Honour.

Proposed by: K.Tapp
Seconded by: B. davis

That the funding of the Guest of Honour and partner would remain the responsibility of the Branch.

Carried.



c. That Messrs Atkins and Kirby constitute the financial Audit team in January 2011. Both parties agreed to form the team on behalf of the Branch membership.

**Next Meeting: Committee Meeting. 22nd January 2011 commencing 1400 hour.
Venue: Union Jack Club, London.**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 1530 hours.







