



**Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Junior Leaders Branch REA**  
**Held @ The Dover Marina Hotel, Dover**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011**



**Attendees:**

D.Ormsby, D.Bishop, M.Dobson, P.O'Callaghan, L. Inge., R.Atkins, K. Tapp, T. Hayward, P. Caples, I. George, D. Ivell, P. Piper, R. Taylor, G. Jardine, S. Kitching, T. Chouler, T. Blears, L. Wood K. Trevor, G. Palmer, D. Hamilton-Cox, B. Davis, C. Kirby, S. Whiffen.

**Welcomes & Introductions:**

The President welcomed all those attending and hoped that all would have an 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.  
D. Barton, R. Dyer, E. Holmes, C. Walker, E. Martin, P. Hanlon
- 1e. Congratulations:  
The Chairman, on behalf of the Branch, passed on congratulations to two members on being awarded the Badge of Merit.  
Ron Atkins, and, Michael Gardiner

**2. Minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting (AGM):**

The members were given the chance to read through the Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> AGM

**Proposed: P. Caples**

**Seconded by: G. Palmer**

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



**3. Matters Arising:**

Nil.

**4. Presidents Report:**

The President thanked the Committee for all the hard work they had put in on behalf of the Branch over the last year.

He then went on to give a comprehensive up-date on Corps activities.

**Proposed by: T. Hayward**

**Seconded by: T. Chouler**

**That the Presidents report, as read, be passed.**

**Carried**

**5 Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman reported the following:

" This is the 6<sup>th</sup> AGM I have had to put before the Branch Members as Chairman.

Last year at the AGM, numbers were down but the Committee, felt, that in spite of that we had a good weekend. The Ramada Hotel at Whitfield looked after us very well.

In three years time it will be our Fifteenth anniversary. When we had the tenth we started to think at this stage, what we needed to do. All of us here should begin to think how we would like to celebrate. We have money in a separate fund that is specifically set-aside for this, and hopefully, it will keep on growing.

This year the Branch Committee have had 2 meetings at the Union Jack Club in London and one in Dover. The January meeting saw Ron Atkins & Colin Kirby perform the Branch Audit on your behalf, with nothing of significance to report. At this meeting we looked over the arrangements that had been made for the 2010 event and came to the conclusion that by and large things had worked very well.



The May meeting was held in Dover to look over the hotel that had undergone a major refurbishment. And to finalise prices etc. The September meeting in London is held to make sure the annual get together goes as smoothly as possible and to iron out any difficulties.

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

A decision was made to purchase Cuff-Links that Peter had commissioned. They are a bargain at £10.00 cash and carry or £2.50 on top by post.

At the meeting we agreed to use the Churchill Hotel that is now called the Dover Marina. They have provided us with the AGM venue and Dinner for this weekend. My thanks go to Peter for doing the negotiating on our behalf once again.

Many members are still using the Web Site. Also it is open to anyone who wants to look in on us. Again we looked at having a password type run system, but felt the running and administration of this was more than we were prepared to take on. Simon who is not a member, who runs the system for us, is doing a charity walk this week and he has asked that I pass on his regards.

Membership this year has held up fairly well with new members joining, which tends to keep the numbers this year fairly stable. Again the numbers attending the AGM and dinner has seen these settle to the 50 mark. Numbers for the Drum Head Service are better at 56. In future when planning the annual dinner, I think we must adjust the numbers to what the previous year has dictated to us.

The committee has served the membership well over the past year, giving of time and effort. Peter puts in extra effort to make sure we have a good weekend and to him I am most grateful.

If you will permit me, I thank them on your behalf. That was my report.

**Proposed by: B. Davis**

**Seconded by: K. Tapp**

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

**Carried**



## **6. Vice-Chairman's Report.**

The Vice-President explained his negotiations with the hotel management and the itinerary for the proceedings for the weekend.

He also explained he was aware of the problems of room bookings and that he had a meeting with the hotel Events Manager on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and would raise the points that had been brought to his notice.

**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 reported that it had been a quiet year, and that there had only been one non-REA correspondence which was a condolence letter sent by the Chairman to Carol Crawford on the sad passing of Tony.

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

**Proposed By: C. Kirby**

**Seconded by: G. Jardine**

**That the Secretary's Report, as read, be passed.**

**Carried**



## **8. Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer issued a Branch Statement of Accounts up to and including, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 which he proceeded to explain to the meeting. He went onto to state that the finance was in a good state of health.

Additionally, the Treasurer reported that Branch Paid Membership stood at 135.

**Proposed by: B. Davis**

**Seconded by: R. Atkins**

**That the Treasurers report, as read, be passed.**

**Carried.**

## **9. Newsletter**

The Newsletter Editor reported that the Newsletter was now a bi-annual issue, and, to bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century the format had been changed.

He also stated that once again the plea was he required more stories etc from the members, and not so much from the Committee.

**Proposed by: S. Kitchin**

**Seconded by: T. Blears.**

**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.

**Carried**



## **11. Committee**

**Proposed by: D. Hamilton-Cox**

**Seconded by: T. Hayward**

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

**Carried**

## **12. Annual General Meeting and Re-union 2012.**

There followed a lengthy discussion into further locations for the annual AGM and Re-union. This followed the many website comments with regard to costs.

It was agreed by the majority of those attending the AGM that as Dover had been the home of the Regiment the AGM and Re-unions should remain in the Dover area.

As a result it was agreed that the Dover Marina Hotel be approached to host the 2012 event, and, that Dover Town Hall be approached to host the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

## **13. Proposals from the Floor.**

**Proposed by: T Hayward:**

**Seconded by: R. Taylor**

**That a vote of thanks be passed to the Committee for all hard work put in on behalf of the Branch during the past year.**

**Carried**



**Proposed by: M.Dobson**  
**Seconded by: D Ormsby**

As explained earlier our Webmaster was unable to attend this years' Re-Union weekend due to committing to a charity walk in respect of the Marie Curie Cancer Fund, therefore, the proposal is denote the sum of £50:00 to the said fund as a way of showing appreciating for the work Simon Rebecchi does on behalf of the Branch.

Carried

#### **14. Other Business**

- a. It was agreed by all those attending that the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary should be held in the Dover Town Hall subject to the venue being available. The Chairman stated that investigations & negotiations will be carried out on behalf of the Branch and reported back in due course.
- b. Messrs Atkins & Kirby agreed to carry out the annual financial Branch audit at the January 2012 Committee Meeting.

**Next Meeting: Committee Meeting. 21st January 2012 commencing 1400 hour.**  
**Venue: Union Jack Club, London.**

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









