

REA CENTRAL SOUTHERN GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
GIBRALTAR BARRACKS SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 09  
RECORD OF DECISIONS

Present	<p>Lt Col (Retd) W Clark W01 (RSM) MJ Stewart RE</p> <p>Lt Col (Retd) F Ford Mr M Fitzpatrick Maj (Retd) G Dance Mr A Cawsey</p> <p>Mr T Finnigan Mr J O'Keefe</p> <p>Mr M Potter Mrs F Potter Mr A Lovell</p> <p>Mr G Wilson W02 (QMSI) J Printy RE Mr P Bain Mr Stan Jacobs</p> <p>Mr P Hyde Mr J Wynne Mrs L Underwood Mr C Drane</p>	<p>Deputy Group Director Group Secretary</p> <p>Longmoor Branch Chairman Longmoor Branch Vice Chairman Longmoor Branch Secretary Longmoor Branch Treasurer</p> <p>Gosport Branch Secretary Gosport Branch President</p> <p>Reading &amp; W Berks President Reading &amp; W Berks Welfare Reading &amp; W Berks Chairman</p> <p>Minley Branch Chairman Minley Branch Secretary Minley Branch Welfare Minley Branch</p> <p>Portsmouth Branch Chairman Portsmouth Branch Vice President Portsmouth Branch Treasurer Portsmouth Branch Secretary</p>
Apologies	<p>Lt Col M Quare RE Gp Director Military <i>SUNey</i> Branch Junior leaders Branch Isle Of Wight Branch</p>	

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1. Opening Address	<p>INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME</p> <p>The Deputy Group Director welcomed those present at the AGM.</p> <p>Apologies have been received from:</p> <p>Military <i>SUNey</i>, Junior Leaders and Isle of Wight Branches.</p>	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting.	<p>The minutes of last year's AGM were accepted as a true record.</p> <p>There were no outstanding action points.</p>	



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<p><b>3. Matters arising from 2009.</b></p>	<p>1. <b>Badge of Merit Awards.</b> Completed applications for Badge of Merit awards should be sent to the Group Secretary by 01 Nov 09. Branches are to submit applications in the correct format using REA Form 10. Following Group Director approval they will be dispatched to REA HQ by 01 Dec 09.</p> <p>2. <b>Benevolence Update.</b> Branch Members are reminded that they are welcome to attend the Monthly meetings as an observer. Meetings are held in MOD Main Building, Whitehall. Members wishing to attend are to inform the Group Secretary who will obtain the necessary clearance.</p> <p>3. <b>Branch Officials list.</b> Branches are reminded to keep HQ REA informed of any official changes within the branch using REA Form 4 (including Title and known name).</p> <p>4. <b>REA Returns.</b> In order to maintain last year's excellent 100% record, branches are requested to send their reports and returns to HQ REA, copied to the Group Secretary by 15 Jan in order to meet the 31 Jan deadline. Reports required are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Annual Financial Summary.</b></li> <li>b. <b>Annual Information Sheets.</b></li> <li>c. <b>Branch Annual Report.</b></li> </ul> <p>5. <b>Associate Membership.</b> Branches are asked to consider the amount of associate members they have in proportion to overall membership. The increasing amount of associate members within the REA may dilute the RE ethos.</p>	<p>Branch and Group Secretaries.</p> <p>All</p> <p>Branch Secretary</p> <p>Branch Treasurer and Secretary</p> <p>Branch Officials</p>
<p><b>4. REA Management Committee Report.</b></p>	<p>The Deputy Gp Director summarised the 111th Management Council Report noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Corps book of remembrance online</li> <li>b. The Fossey study into Group structure and rebalance.</li> <li>c. TA days pay scheme.</li> <li>d. The Kitchener Scholarship.</li> <li>e. Finance and legacies.</li> <li>f. The RE Museum project.</li> </ul>	



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5. REA Council Report	See Item 4 above.	
6. Branch Reports	Branches present reported on their activity, in particular:	
	a. Portsmouth/Gosport and Minley branches asked that their centenary celebration in 2012 be discussed at the AGM with a view to the way forward and financial support.	Deputy Gp Director
	b. Longmoor Branch asked that the 15th April be considered as a date for the Group Director to visit the branch.	Group Director
7. Calendar dates	The Group Secretary briefed on the following events.	
	18/20 Sep Corps memorial weekend Chatham	Branch Secretaries.
	10 Oct REA AGM and Annual Dinner, Victory Services Club.	
	11 Oct Sapper Sunday, Royal Hospital, Chelsea.	
	05 Nov Field of Remembrance, Westminster.	
	08 Nov Remembrance Sunday	
	15 Jan 10 Branch Reports to Group Secretary.	
	18/20 Jun 10 REA Minley Weekend 2010.	To be confirmed.
8. Any Other Business	1. The Deputy Gp Director drew attention to the Forces Discount Book which includes ex servicemen. In order to qualify branch members will need a unit stamp on the application. Branch members who wish to be registered may send applications to the Group Sec with a stamped addressed envelope.	Branch Secretaries
	2. Possible options for the 2012 centenary, Ideas will be forwarded to HQ REA for consideration.	
	3. Peter Bain announced a proposal for a National CVHQ/STRE branch. The matter will be raised at the AGM.	Dep Group Director
	4. The Group Secretary announced plans for a Group Function, it was unanimously agreed that:	Group Secretary
	a. The event be held in WOs' & Sgts' Mess Minley.	
	b. Invitations are limited to a set number per branch.	
	c. The event be held in Mid March 10.	



<b>Item (a)</b>	<b>Discussion (b)</b>	<b>Action (c)</b>
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	The next Central Southern Group AGM will be held on 12 Sep 2010 in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess Minley.	Branch Secretaries

