



**Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the  
Junior Leaders Branch of the Royal Engineers  
Association Held at the Millers Hotel, Sibson  
on Saturday 30th September 2017.**



**Members Present:** D.Bishop, R.Taylor, M. Dobson, D. Ormsby, I George, C. Kirby, S. Crowley  
B. Davis, R. Dyer, C.Pickering, A. Chouler, S. Kitching, L. Inge, D. K.Bazeley, P. Piper, L. Wood, S.  
Burt, R. Ellis, K. Trevor, K. Tapp, M. Gardener, D. Hamilton-Cox, G. Scarborough, T. Smalley. D.  
Hayes, B.Lodge,

**Apologies:** G. Palmer, D.Ivell

**1. Welcomes:**

The Chairman welcomed all those attending and hoped that all would have an enjoyable weekend,  
and, formally opened the meeting at 14:00 hours.

1a. A Minute's silence was held in honour of fellow members and all past Junior Leaders that are  
no longer with us. Michael Gardener, John Gould, Michael "Davey" Crocket.

**2. Minutes of the 2016 Anunual General Meeting (AGM).**

These were distributed, and, with the Minutes of the 2016 AGM had also been posted on the  
website.

**Proposed by: L.Inge**

**Seconded by: R.Ellis**

That the Minutes of the October 2016 AGM, as read, be passed.

**Carried.**

**3. Matters Arising From the Previous Meetings.**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Presidents Report.**

The President stated that the year had reasonably quiet year the exception the sad passing of  
Michael Gardener, John Gould, Michael "Davey" Crocket. He went on to thank the Committee  
members especially R. Taylor for all his hard work in planning the weekend, and, David Ormsby  
for once again for his diligence in the upkeep of the Branch accounts.

Finally, he went on to welcome the new Branch members, and everybody for attending the  
weekend and hoped all would enjoy themselves as usual.



**Proposed by: K. Bazaly**  
**Seconded by: L. Woods**

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

**Carried**

### **5. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman commented on the following:

- a. Vote of thanks to the Committee, particularly the Treasurer and Secretary who's work behind the scenes all year round to keep the Branch running. He also thanked the Secretary for all his hard work throughout the long period he had been Branch Secretary, and, announced that he was definitely standing from this post at this meeting. Additionally, he congratulated M. Dobson for being awarded the REA Badge of Merit which would be presented during the evenings activities.
- b. That Branch finances were in good order, and, once again had a successful REA audit earlier in the year.
- c. He advised that the programme of weekend events had been left at various locations around the hotel and wished all members an excellent weekend.

**Proposed by: S. Kitching**  
**Seconded by: K. Trevor**

That Chairman's report, as read, be passed

**Carried**

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

The Vice-Chairman explained the weekend itinerary in detail, and, went onto report that he had already started planning for 2018 Re-Union Weekend, which the meeting agreed should be held at the King Charles Hotel over the weekend of 28th/29th/30th September 2018 with the Drum-head Service being conducted at the Memorial Cairn in Brompton Barracks.

A protracted discussion then took place as to where the 2019 20th Anniversary should be held.



There was mixed feelings about whether to return to Dover or Chatham. It was finally agreed that although there was strong feelings to return to Dover the majority stated that the favoured location was Chatham provisionally over the weekend of 27th/28th/29th September 2019.

The Vice-Chairman agreed to make the necessary arrangements based on the feelings of those present and would start the process with King Charles Hotel.

He went onto explain that he did not expected any problems tonight and that he had arranged the table wine, and, had procured the necessary amount of port for the occasion.

**Proposed by: L.Inge**

**Seconded by: K. Trevor**

That the Vice - President report, as read, be passed, and that 2018 and 2019 Annual General Meeting and Re-Union be held in the area of Chatham.

**Carried**

### **7. Branch Secretary's Report**

The Branch Secretary reminded the members as normal all REA information has been posted on the Branch Website.

The Secretary reported the following correspondence had been sent and received during the last 12 months.

#### **Correspondence Out:**

- a. Invitations to the REA Chairman Maj, Gen. & Mrs A Dickenson CBE to attend the Re-Union Dinner.
- b. Invitations to the REA Chairman Maj, Gen. & Mrs A Dickenson CBE to attend the Drum-Head at the National Memorial Arboretum.
- c. Letter from D. Bishop to G. Jardine requesting the return of 100 postage stamps issued for recruitment correspondence.. To date there has not been any response. B. Davies stated that he lived a short distance from Mr Jardine and would go & see him on behalf of the Branch.



### **Correspondence In**

Nil to date.

**Proposed by: L.Wood**

**Seconded by: S.Burt**

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

**Carried.**

### **8. Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer issued an Annual Financial Summary up to, and including, 26th September 2016 with the Branch Worth at £7,382:96 (Full Account Attached at Annex A) He explained to the meeting that the finance was in a good state of health, with all the invoices ,with the exception of the wine bill ,and the invoices for the official guests, He explained that although the Branch finance were healthy' he had one concern regarding Branch expenses that he would discuss with the Committee at the January 2018 meeting.

The Treasurer also reported that the Branch had 101 paid members.

**Proposed by: B.Lodge**

**Seconded by: C.Kirby**

That the Treasurer's report, as read, be passed

**Carried**

### **9. Newsletter Editor's Report**

The Newsletter Editor reported that the August newsletter was sent out in June this year. with the next planned to send out Feb./ March 2018 with a précis of our AGM, and, what is decided for the venue for next year 2018. Also coverage of the Dinner and the Service and Cairn dedication with suitable photos.



The Editor explained the cost of sending out hard copy Newsletters was not getting any cheaper and The general feeling was that members welcomed the hard copy twice a year and that the current system should remain.

At this stage the Treasurer explained he no longer had any stamps left, and, the Secretary had very few. As a result the meeting agreed that more stamps be purchased as when and when required by individuals and a claim be presented to the Treasurer.

**Proposed by: T. Chouler**

**Seconded by: C.Kirby**

That the Newsletter Editors report, as read, be passed.

#### **10. Standard Bearers Report**

The Branch Standard Bearer reported that he had paraded the Branch Standard on 11 occasions throughout the year as follows

- a. REA Annual Dinner 2016 - Victory Services Club.
- b. Sapper Sunday 2016 - Royal Hospital Chelsea.
- c. HM The Queen visit to the Corps.
- d. Remembrance Sunday - Garrison Church Brompton.
- e. Remembrance Service - Garrison Cenotaph Brompton Barracks.
- f. Armed Forces Day Gillingham - REA Recruiting Tent.
- g. 25th Anniversary Disbandment of 40 Army Support Group Willich.  
(This consisted of 3 separate parades)
  - i. Parade of the Flags
  - ii. Schutzenfest Parade
  - iii. Freedom of Willich. Granted to the Corps.
- h. Passchendale 100 Parade in Dover.
- i. Veterans Parade - Brompton Barracks.
- j. Freedom of Rochester Parade.

The Chairan explained that Ray Ellis had a busy year for the Branch and asked for a vote of thanks to be recorded.



**Proposed by: L.Inge**  
**Seconded by: K.Trevor**

That the Standard Bearers report, as read, be passed

**Carried**

### **12. Corps Update**

The Chairman gave the meeting an update on Corps activities provided by HQREA.

**Proposed by: M. Dobson**  
**Seconded by: C. Kirby**

**That the Corps Update be accepted.**

**Carried**

### **13. Web-Site**

D. Bishop stated that web-site was still being visited on a regular basis. One member stated that he had tried to open the Photograph Section but was unsuccessful. D. Bishop said he would speak to the Web Manager on his return home.

**Proposed by: D. Hamilton-Cox**  
**Seconded by: Tony Chouler**

That the Web-Site report, as read, be passed

**Carried**



#### **14. Royal Engineers Association (REA) Update**

The Controller gave a very comprehensive update on the current position of the Royal Engineers Association. He explained:

1. There were moves afoot to attempt to integrate regular units closer to REA branches to encourage recruitment and closer esprit de corps between the two factions.
2. A due to the numbers reducing in local branches thoughts were being being discussed towards a more National Branch set-up.
3. The Controller asked that all members of the REA reported any hardship being suffered by any ex member of the Corps so that assistance may be offered.

**Proposed by: I. George**

**Seconded by: M. Dobson**

1. That the REA update, be accepted.
2. That Lt. Col. N Jordan be invited to become an Honorary Member of the Branch to say thank you for all the support he has provided to the Branch.

**Carried**

#### **15. Branch Committee**

The Chairman wished to thank all members of the Committee present, and, in particular the Treasurer and Secretary for all their hard work over the last 12 months. He informed the meeting that he had received a resignation letter from the Secretary 12 months ago which he had put in his pending tray but this year M.Dobson was definitely standing down as Secretary.

He went onto explain that all other current members of the Committee were prepared to continue for a further year as long as there no objections.

He asked for a volunteer to take the position of Secretary but as there was not any volunteers he explained that he would take up the job until further notice.

**Proposed by: P. Pyper**

**Seconded by: S. Burt**





That following constitute the Branch Committee for 201/2018.

President: M. Dobson

Chairman: I George

Vice-Chairman: R. Taylor

Treasurer: D. Ormsby

Secretary: Vacant

Standard Bearer: R.Ellis.

Newsletter Editor: D Bishop

### **Carried**

(After-Note: L. Inge approached M.Dobson later in the day and volunteered to step-up as Secretary with immediate effect.i

### **16. Any Other Business (AOB)**

A discussion then took place as to the what should cap the new Cairn at Brompton Barracks. D.Bishop explained that he would suggest that consideration be given to the installation of a suitable Amillary Sphere. He produced a written explanation and suitable sketches to support his suggestion. He also explained that he had approached a supplier.

At the stage there was an objection from S. Burt that this subject should have been put forward to the members prior to the meeting to allow for some thought could be given to it and allow other members to submit any ideas they may have.

At this stage the Chairman proposed that any ideas from the floor be submitted to to a member of the Committee prior to the next Committee meeting in January. Any submission to be received by no later than **Saturday 13th January 2018**.

### **17. Proposals from the Floor.**

Nil

### **Date of next meeting:**

Committee Meeting - 27th January 2018 commencing at 1400 hours. Venue: King Charles Hotel, commencing at 1400 hours.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 16:15 hours.





ANNEX A

**Junior Leaders Regiment RE Branch REA  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS AT 26TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

<b>Branch Worth as at 31st Dec 15</b>	<b>£6,246.33</b>	<b>A</b>
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**Income for 2016 (Upto 26th September 2016)**

Subscriptions	£411.50	
Grants & Donations	£3,522.00	
Espirit de Corps (Social Events, Raffles etc)	£1,227.00	
Other Income	£15.64	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£5,176.14</b>	<b>B</b>

**Expenditure for 2016 (upto 26th September 2016)**

Grants & Donations	£2,793.27	
Espirit de Corps (Social Events, Raffles etc)	£315.28	
Governance (Management & Admin Costs)	£543.88	
Other Expenditure	£387.08	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£4,039.51</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Surplus or Deficit (B - C = D)</b>	<b>£1,136.63</b>	<b>D</b>

**Fixed Assets**

Branch Standard (* Delete sum if not held)	£650.00	
Branch Assets (Capital Purchases held by Branch)	£0.00	
Investments/Savings		
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>£650.00</b>	<b>E</b>

**Current Assets**

Cash at bank	£5,953.47	
Cash in Hand	£779.49	
Debtors		
<b>Total Currents Assets</b>	<b>£6,732.96</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Total Assets (E+F)=G</b>	<b>£7,382.96</b>	<b>G</b>

**Liabilities**

<b>Creditors</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Branch Worth as at 26th September 2016 (G-H)=I</b>	<b>£7,382.96</b>	<b>I</b>

