



Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting
Junior Leaders Branch REA
Held @ Churchill Hotel, Dover
Saturday 10th October 2009



Attendees:

D.Ormsby, D.Bishop, M.Dobson, S.Crowley, P.O'Callaghan, L. Inge., R.Atkins, B. Ravey
K. Tapp, B.Lodge, K. Davis, R. Dyer, K. Trevor, R. Ellis, N. Gerety, D. Garrity, T. Crawford,
D. Hamilton-Cox, T. Hayward, N. Spencer, L. Wood, S. Burt, K. Smith, I. George, C.
Beaumont, T. Cox, R. Cook, M. Gardener, D. Burton, A. Davidson, D. Ivell, P.Pyper, M.
Fudge, B. Packman, P. Alexander, C. Kirby, B. Davis, M. Gauntlett, D. Barton, S. Gerety, R.
Hill, N. Corok, R. Gray, D. Iffla, S. Kitching.

1. Welcomes & Introductions:

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 10th 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.
J. Campbell, P. Caples, N. Dale, T. Blears

2. Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting (AGM):

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

Proposed: B. Mathews

Seconded by: D. Burton

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.

He also thanked Maj. N. Spencer MBE for making a special effort to attend the weekend from operational duties.

Proposed by: C. Kirby

Seconded by: T. Hayward

That the Presidents report, as read, be passed.

Carried

5 **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman reported the following:

" This is the 4th AGM I have had to put before the Branch Members, with the 9th AGM last year being the most difficult. This current year has seen us establish a website that is completely owned, paid for, and run by the Branch. The use of which has passed all expectations with the use. My Son-in-Law Simon, who kindly administers it on our behalf, is our guest for the weekend, and, will be available to answer any questions you have on the website.

In the last Newsletter we published the Committee meeting dates we have had over the last year. These have been held in London and have been restricted to two, one in January, the other in early September. The cost of these being greatly reduced due to us not having to pay for a meeting room for the latter. The January meeting also included the internal Branch financial audit, kindly conducted by Colin Kirby, who once again gave clean sheet to the Treasurer.

The remainder of the meeting were taken up by Branch business, which was mostly taken up with all that needed to be done to make this, our 10th anniversary weekend



the undoubtable success we all hope it will be. In the spring I was unable to carry out my Chairmans' duties, and was ably deputised by the Vice-Chairman, who will explain the weekend activities in his report.

During the spring and summer two national events were well attended by our members, namely the Ripon and Minley weekends. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Ripon weekend, but can report many branch members representing, not only us, but their local Branches as well. Minley was a similar story. A thanks, once again, must go to Colin Kirby for becoming our Standard Bearer No2 at Ripon as Simon Crowley was unable to attend due to work commitments.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that Permanent Staff members are also part of the Branch encompassing all who served at Dover. He gave special mention to Robin Dyer and Keith Arbon-Davies, both ex-members of the Army Catering Corps, who are esteemed members of the Branch, and, who remind us of the importance of the catering staff to hungry Junior Leaders.

I am able to report that our Branch is in robust health, financially as will be reported by our Treasurer.

The one thing I have discovered by talking to members is the immense sense of pride in having been members of the Boys' Squadron, and, the Junior Leaders Regiment. You should have been presented with the 10th Anniversary Lapel Badge before the meeting. Wear it when you can, it also part of our identity."

Proposed by: K Tapp

Seconded by: M. Paterson

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

Carried.



6. Vice-Chairman's Report.

The Vice- Chairman reported that most of the last year had been taken up in her organisation of the 10th Anniversary weekend.

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.
- d. Welcome of Guest of Honour and his Lady.

Proposed by: T. Hayward

Seconded by: R. Atkins

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

Carried

7. Branch Secretary

The Branch Secretary introduced the following correspondence:

- a. Letter of resignation from the former President from the Branch Committee. The Branch secretary reminded all attending that this resignation was from the Committee only.
- b. Letter from the Commanding Officer of 38 Engineer Regiment following a Branch condolence letter with regard to the Antrim murders.
- c. Letter from HQ Land Forces regarding visits to Selley Oak Hospital.
- d. Letter from The British Cyprus Memorial Fund organisation.
- e. An article from a local Gravesend newspaper reporting the kindness of Jools Holland hosting members of the Corps at his home at Cooling Castle.

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



Proposed by; R. Atkins

Seconded by: S. Burt

That the Branch Secretary's report, as read, be passed

Carried

8. Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the accounts were available and the members were invited to look through them

The Treasurer then talked through the accounts and reported that because of auditing Purposes these ran from 01 January 2009 to 27th September 2009 therefore the accounts Does not represent a full year. He went on to explain the assets of the branch and reveal that as at 27th September 2009 the Branch Total Worth with stock was £6,708.02.

Proposed by: D. Burton

Seconded by: K. Smith

That the Treasurers Report, as read, be passed.

Carried.

9. Newsletter Editor/Standard Bearer.

The Newsletter Editor explained that due to his work commitments earlier in the year the Chairman kindly put together the last Newsletter.

Also he re-iterated the need for articles from the members and not just the Committee Members.

Proposed by: I. George

Seconded by: S. Gerrity.

That the Newsletter Editor's report, as read, be passed

Carried.



10. Serving Member

The Serving Member stated that it was good to be home albeit for a short period and he was grateful to his Commanding Officer for granting him a leave of absence over the 10th Anniversary weekend so that he could attend.

He also reminded all that he was still able to assist any member who wished to obtain memorabilia from units from whence they had served.

He went onto to give an enlightening update on the hard work within the Corps on operations.

Proposed by: B. Ravey

Seconded by: K. Trevor

That the Serving Members report, as read, be passed.

Carried.

11. Committee.

The Chairman explained that it was time that the Branch Members considered looking for some younger blood to take up positions on the Committee, as the current members had served the Branch for some considerable time. He explained that he would only be serving one more term, as was the feeling of one or two others on the Committee.

He went onto explain that the current members were prepared to remain in office for another term, subject to the members agreement.

A proposal was then presented to the meeting.

Proposed by: D. Barton

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 2010.

The Chairman proposed the venue for the 2010 AGM and Re-union is to be held at the Churchill Hotel, Dover over the weekend of 8th/09th/10th October 2010.

13. Other Business

- a. That the current annual subscription remain at £10:00 per member to help fund a 15th Anniversary celebration.

Proposed by: R. Atkins

Seconded by: K Trevor

Carried.

- b. That any profit made from the sale of the 10th Anniversary shirts be donated to the "Help for Heroes" fund.

Proposed by: D. Bishop

Seconded by: M. Dobson

Carried

- c. That a vote of thanks be extended to the Committee for all their hard working efforts throughout the last year.

Proposed by: T. Hayward

Seconded by: D. Burton

Carried



d. That Messrs Atkins and Kirby constitute the financial Audit team in January 2010. Both parties agreed to form the team on behalf of the Branch membership.

Proposed by: C. Beaumont

Seconded by: D. Gerrity

Carried.

e. That a 10th Anniversary shirt be donated to Mr Tom Graham as a token of the Branch gratitude.

Proposed by: Dave Burton

Seconded by: Mick Gauntlet

Carried.

Next Meeting: Committee Meeting. 23rd January 2010 commencing 1400 hour.

Venue: Union Jack Club, London.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 1515 hours.





