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MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT THE CITY CLUB
ON 30 MARCH 2011

The Meeting started at 2000hrs with a minutes silence for fallen and missing Comrades.

Present were: Barry Cobbold, Peter Alner, Colonel David Beveridge, John Butler, Phil Mead, Paul Daines, Liam Wildish, Mick Gill, Bob Keen, Eddie Drew, Alan Drew, Ray Payne, Mick Bright, Pete Edwards, Fred Hill, Stuart Ingrey, Mike Humme, John Bailey and Barry Cooper.

Apologies were received from: Pete Catchpole, Malcombe Nash, Clive Gerrelli, John and Dave Covey, Bill Dixon, Neville Crow, George Ayling, Tony Tilley, Dave Tilley and Tony Talman.

The Minutes of the January 2011 meeting were read agreed and carried.

Chairman's Report: Barry said he was very pleased at the number of members that turned up at the AGM, and also at other events during the year, he was especially pleased with the amount of members that backed the functions run by the Royal Sussex Regimental Association because most of our members are also Royal Sussex members and that they

need our support seeing a lot of them are getting on in age. Barry also thanked Pete Alner, Colonel David, Stuart Ingrey and Graem Maidment for their help over the past year.

Secretary's Report: Barry said that he had spoke at the EGM in London about the phone call from Mayor Steve Bream and the feelings of the Branch towards it, and he informed the meeting that the proposal was turned down by the members of the EGM.

Barry also reported that the proposed Freedom of Chichester march by the PWRR on 16th June was cancelled but may happen sometime later in the year.

Other Dates for Diaries are:
St Georges Day service Friday 15th April.

Celebration of the formation of 6th 7th Queens on 1st April 1971 will be held at the cathedral on the 16th of July.

RMP Parade Thursday 16th June at 1230hrs.

Medal Presentation Parade for 47 Regt Royal Artillery Tuesday 5th July at 1230hrs. Both Parades will start at the Fire Station North Street.

Branch Meetings for rest of 2011 are Wednesday July 27th, September 28th and November 30th all at the City Club starting at 2000hrs, Barry hopes that we can get as many members as possible to attend.

Treasurers Report: Peter thanked all members who subscribe to the pot throughout the year, he also gave a strong balance sheet and as usual stated that if any member wishes to see the record of accounts he will happily oblige.

Formally the President wished to thank Barry and Peter for all their hard work for the Branch.

Welfare Report; George Ayling is not at all well, Bill Dixon has had a stroke and he has changed his email address due to being compromised, he is now billdixon7329@hotmail.co.uk.

Dave Bailey died last month, Bob Keen is back from far east.

Pete Catchpole is being treated with Radiotherapy for Prostate Cancer.

Entertainment Report; The Albuhera Dinner is on course, this is the 200th anniversary.

There is a Queens open day planned for 2012 at Woolwich details TBA.

AOB; The President covered problems concerning travel to the Association AGM and he took responsibility for any confusion that had occurred, he further suggested that branch funds should pay for the Chairman and one other member to attend, he also said he will approach RHQ to see if they would be willing to pay the cost (or help) for the hire of a minibus to the AGM. This was proposed by Paul Daines and seconded by John Butler and passed unanimously. The President went on to say it was good to see so many members present and hopes to see more at the ordinary meetings.

Pete Alner said that the R Sx Chi Association had moved their Luncheon to May, the day before our dinner; he thought this could split the membership into attending one or the other and that this was not a good idea, Mike Humme (Chair of R SX Chi) said that most members were not Queensmen

so it should have no effect, Colonel David is to investigate and liaise.

Mike Gill said he is donating a picture of the Battle of Albuhera (Steady the Drums and Fifes), to be hung at the dinner annually.

John Butler said a competent person can produce accounts to avoid problems with RHQ, Barry said there will be no problems as it was sorted out at EGM.

Election of Officers; There was only one change and that was Paul Daines was voted in as Secretary in place of Barry, this was proposed by Eddie Drew and seconded by Allan Drew all in favour.

The other posts remain, President Colonel David, Vice President John Butler, Chairman Barry Cobbold and Treasurer Pete Alner, Welfare to be carried out by Colonel David, Barry and Pete.

There being no further Business the meeting closed at 2044hrs.

The next meeting will be 27th July at City Club at 2000hrs

See as many of you as possible at the Albuhera Dinner.

Thank you all for your support during my term as Secretary and to let Paul know I will help him out as much as I can, and I welcome him as a Branch Officer

Barry