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MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT THE CHICHESTER CITY CLUB
ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2013

The meeting started at 1930hrs with a minute's silence for fallen and missing comrades.

Present were:

Peter Alner, Robert Keen, Eddie Drew, Allen Drew, Graeme Maidment, Fred Hill, Mick Bright, Paul Daines, Barry Cobbold, Peter Edwards. Colonel David, Eric Hensby, Mick Humme, Stuart Ingrey, Bill Bailey.

Apologies were received from: Bill Dixon, Clive Gerrelli, George Ayling, Tony Talman, Liam Wildish, John Butler, Tony Tilley, Neville Crow, Albert Prangnell, Pete Catchpole, Barry Cooper, James Cooper, John and Dave Covey, Phil Mead.

Chairman's Report: Barry thanked all for attending tonight and for their support throughout the year. Barry spoke about the trip to Headley Court and the sense of pride everyone had felt for the way that both the service personal and the injured at Headley Court looked at life.

Quite a few had attended the AGM at London thanks to a subsidy from RHQ for a minibus, and he would like to thank Eddie Drew for standing in for him looking after the coach, and also Colonel David who had stood in for him at the Executive Committee Meeting.

Finally Barry thanked all the Officers of the Branch, with special thanks to Peter Alner for all the work he has done as the Treasurer. Peter was handing over as Treasurer to Eddie Drew but would continue to run the Albuhera Dinner night. All present gave a big round of applause for Peter Alner's great work.

Secretary's Report: This has been a good year for the Branch. We are holding steady with 48 members but we still need to recruit more. Paul thanked all the members who turn up for the branch meetings every time as they help to keep the branch going. We had one new member this year - Peter Shrewsbury - and Paul welcomed him to the branch.

Diary Dates for 2013

23rd April St George's Day 1500hrs (note different time from usual)

18th May 1900hrs Albuhera Dinner at the Beachcroft Hotel

17th July Chichester Freedom Parade

21st July Arundel Freedom Parade.

10th November Remembrance Day Parade. Would be nice to see more members at the parade if possible.

2014 Albuhera Dinner 17th May; 2015 Albuhera Dinner 16th May

Treasurers Report:

Peter gave a good record of the accounts. Any member wishing to examine the accounts should arrange this with Eddie Drew as Eddie is our new treasurer for the branch.

Please send branch subscriptions to Eddie Drew's address not Peter Alner. Eddie's address is at the top of the page.

Welfare Report:

George Ayling is still not well, and is also looking after his wife.

Election of Branch Officers 2013/14:

The following were elected unanimously:

President	Col David
Vice President	John Butler
Chairman	Barry Cobbold
Secretary	Paul Daines
Treasurer	Eddie Drew
Minutes Secretary	Stuart Ingrey
Standard Bearer	Graeme Maidment (Reserve Standard Bearer Stuart Ingrey).

Any Other Business:

1. Allen Drew spoke about the Orange Lilies website (<http://theorangelily.jimdo.com>).

2. Barry confirmed that there will now be a monthly branch meeting on the last Wednesday of each month at the City Club starting at 1930 hrs. One month the meeting will be as now with an agenda and minutes, the next month will be more of a social evening when members can just meet up for a drink and a chat, with wives welcome to come along. The next meeting on 24th April will be a 'social' meeting with no minutes etc.
3. Mick Hume said that the next monthly meeting of the Chichester Branch of RSRA would be on Wednesday 10th April.
4. Paul Daines said that the arrangements for the meal following the Remembrance Day Parade needed reviewing after difficulties with the City Club last year. It was suggested that Members requiring a lunch meal should pay £4.00 per head and book ahead of time. An alternative suggestion was that branch funds could pay this amount (normally only about 10 members attended = £40); if this happened perhaps wives should be paid for individually not by the branch? Fred Hill said those who are in the RSRA are already paying via that branch. Barry said he would talk to the City Club and would report back to the branch in good time before the next Remembrance Day.
5. Paul further proposed that people from outside the branch who were not the personal guests of a member should pay £5 more than the members' subsidised price for the Albuhera Dinner. In other words if a member included guests on his form they would all be at the subsidised price; but if an ex-Queensman who was not a member just decided to 'come along' and filled out a form independently he would have to pay £5 more. This could be made clear on the returns form for Albuhera Dinner. This proposal would be voted on at a later date, as it was too late for this year's dinner.
6. Colonel David gave a report on the London AGM and said that Major Alasdair Goulden was taking over from Major Steve Bream as Association Secretary. Alasdair Goulden would say a few words after the meeting closed.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on the 24th April at 1930hrs at The Chichester City Club. This will be a 'social' meeting with no agenda or minutes. Wives welcome.

The meeting closed at 2019 Hrs

PAUL