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MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT THE CHICHESTER CITY CLUB
ON 26th MARCH 2014

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

Present were: Fred Hill, Mick Bright, John Bailey, Eddie Drew, Allen Drew, Barry Cobbold, Peter Edwards, Eric Hensby, Peter Alner, Colonel David, Paul Daines, Mick Humme, John Butler, Dave Tilley.

Apologies: Graeme Maidment, James Cooper Bill Dixon, Liam Wildish, Tony Tilley, Tony Talman, John and Dave Covey, Phil Mead, Pete Catchpole.

Chairman's Report:

Attached.

Secretary's Report:

Attached.

Treasurer's Report:

Eddie gave a full report of the year's accounts, handing out printed copies. Any member wishing to examine the accounts should arrange this with Eddie.

Welfare Report:

Nil

Election of Branch Officers 2014/15:

The following were proposed by Pete Alner, seconded by Allen Drew, and elected unanimously:

President	Col David
Vice President	John Butler
Chairman	Barry Cobbold
Secretary	Paul Daines
Treasurer	Eddie Drew
Minutes Secretary	Stuart Ingrey
Standard Bearer	Stuart Ingrey

Any Other Business:

Dave Tilley said that on the 3rd of August there will be a Parade and Drum Head Service organised by the Chichester City Council to commemorate the First World War. It was hoped that the Royal Sussex silver drums would be there.

He then asked if the Christmas Lunch was collar and tie or casual. Barry Cobbold confirmed that it would be casual like last year's.

Colonel David said that as requested by the Chairman he had invited to the Albuhera Dinner: the Association President Colonel Anthony Beattie and his wife, the new Secretary Major Alasdair Goulden, the Mayor of Chichester plus wife, and the Town Clerk plus wife. All had indicated their acceptance, although the new Mayor would not be confirmed in post until shortly before the Dinner.

He then mentioned the invitation by the Italy Star Association for members to join them on 4th May at a service in the Cathedral followed by a parade to the Council House. Paul Daines confirmed that he would like to attend, as his father had fought in Italy and had received the Italy Star, but no other member wished to take up the invitation. Colonel David said he would pass this on to the Italy Star Association with our thanks.

Finally Colonel David thanked Barry Cobbold, on behalf of all the Branch Members, for all the hard work he put into running the branch for the last year.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on the 23rd April at 1930hrs at The Chichester City Club. This will be a 'social' meeting with no agenda or minutes. Wives welcome.

After the Albuhera Dinner on 17th May, the next regular meeting will be on 25th June, which will be a formal meeting with minutes.

The meeting closed at 2011 hrs

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CHAIRMAN,S REPORT

Good evening everyone welcome to the 2014 AGM of the Chichester Branch of the Queens Regimental Association..

Firstly let me say that the pass year ahs been fairly good as far as both the branch and the Association have been, we are holding our own as far as membership go's, and I am particuly pleased that the social meetings are being so well attended.

As far as attending functions are concerned we had nearly a full house at our Albuhera Dinner which thanks mainly to Pete Alner seems to be going from strength to strength, we also had a good turnout for the Chichester Remembrance Parade, also we had good turn outs for St Georges Day at the Cathedral and for the Lewes dinner of our forbear Regimental Association the Royal Sussex Regiment, but most of all the turn out for our very first Christmas Luncheon was superb and I hope that the following ones will be as good.

Too close I would like to thank the following people for their hard work over the pass year, Paul Daines for his work as Secretary, Eddie Drew for keeping us on the straight and level as our Treasurer Pete Alner for once again organizing the Albuhera Dinner, and as usual Colonel David for helping out with the annual letters too the Association Head Quarters and finnaly to all members that attend each Month and all of you that have turned up tonight.

Barry

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR AGM 2014

Hi All

This year the Branch Members have fallen to 38 members, this is due to members not renewing their membership. I am all ways trying to get new members to join the branch and will keep trying. Please let me know if you know anyone who would like to join.

Sorry to say This year I could not get any one to join the branch. I would like to say a big thank you to the wives who support support all the things that go on in the branch.

The Albuhera Dinner was a very good night and well attended, thanks to Peter for putting on a good night, like he always has done with his helpers. Next years Albuhera Dinner is on the 16th May 2015 at the Beach-croft hotel at 1900hrs.

I thought the Xmas Dinner went very well, and all had a good time, which was good to see. I would like to thank Eddie and his staff for their work they did and of course our raffle ticket sellers. I can't understand why I did not win a prize like the President and the Chairman. May be this year.

A special thanks for John Bailey and his bathing cap demo. I haven't laughed so much for many a year.

Diary of Events for 2014

St Georges Day 23rd April Time 1130Hrs

Albuhera Dinner 17th May

Xmas Dinner 3rd December

Again will be writing for the Queens Journal about the Chichester Branch on what has happened this year in the branch. Please if you can think of any thing for me to put in please let me know by the end of July.

Last of all I would like to say a big thank-you to all the members who have helped to run the branch during the year and of course the loyal members who turn up at the meeting every month.