

**THE QUEENS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
CHICHESTER BRANCH**

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**PRESIDENT**

Colonel David Beveridge MBE

**CHAIRMAN**

Barry Cobbold

**MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT THE CHICHESTER CITY CLUB**  
**ON 28 MARCH 2012**

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, Paul Daines, Barry Cobbold, Barry Cooper, Fred Hill, Mick Bright, Phillip Mead, Malcolm Nash, John Butler, Peter Edwards, Colonel David, Stuart Ingrey.

Apologies were received from: Bill Dixon, Clive Gerrelli, Graeme Maidment, George Ayling, Tony Talman, David Covey, Liam Wildish, John Covey, James Cooper, John White, Dave Tilley.

The Minutes of the January 2012 meeting were read, agreed and carried.

**Chairman's Report:** Barry welcomed all to the AGM Barry said that we have had a reasonable year and he is pleased how things are progressing for the Branch. Barry said that sadly Brigadier Mike Constantine has retired as the president of the Association after 17 years. The Executive committee have voted in Colonel Anthony Beattie as the new president. Colonel Beattie was the last CO of 3 Queens during the changeover to PWRR.

Barry said it seemed funny to him that he does not have to type out the Secretary's Report any more as well as the Chairman's. He said a big thank you to Peter Alner who not only keeps our finances under control, but also almost single handily organizes the annual dinner.

He thanked Paul Daines for his hard work as the long distance Secretary, and also our Minutes Secretary Stuart Ingrey and our Standard Bearer Graeme Maidment. Finally he thanked Colonel David for all the things that he does on our behalf.

Barry reported that he had asked Brigadier Mike if he would like to become a member of the Chichester Branch. He had replied that he wanted to give his successor a clear run and would wait a year or so before giving an answer if we didn't mind.

**Secretary's Report:** Paul reported that a question had been put forward at the Queens Association AGM in London for bringing the time forward for the reunion dinner to lunch time due the cost of rail and accommodation. A survey of Association members was being conducted. The next Queens Association reunion will be held on Saturday 2nd March 2013.

**Diary dates for 2012:**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April St Georges Day Service and Reception

Saturday 19th May Albuhera Dinner Beachcroft Hotel 1900hrs for 1930 hrs

2 & 3rd June PWRR Jubilee march through London

30th June Armed Forces Day.

Meetings for the rest of the year are as follows: July 25th, September 26th, and November 28th – all at 2000hrs in the Chichester City Club.

Please let Paul know if you change your EMAIL ADDRESS as it makes life a lot easier if he has your right email address.

**Treasurers Report:** Peter gave a good record of the accounts. Any member wishing to examine the accounts should arrange this with Peter.

**Welfare Report:**

George Ayling doing OK, but his wife is not well.

Pete Catchpole is on his final check up.

Graeme Maidment is to have a spinal injection 7th and hopes to attend the dinner.

**Election of Officers 2012/2013**

President	Colonel David
Vice President	John Butler
Chairman	Barry Cobbold
Secretary	Paul Daines
Treasurer	Peter Alner
Minutes	Stuart Ingrey
Standard Bearer	Graeme Maidment

**Any Other Business:**

1. Colonel David spoke about the RHQ survey on the possible change of time for the London AGM, and said that there had been a low response (100) from the 500 emails sent out. So each Branch had been asked to have a vote, and a show of hands was requested. The results were:

Lunchtime    14

Evening       0

Abstentions   1

This result would be passed up to RHQ.

2. Colonel David reported that he had asked Major Bream about the possibility of RHQ subsidising a minibus for travel to the London AGM, and Major Bream had given a positive reply saying that we should add this to our annual bid for a Grant in November. Nearer the time we would see how many members would wish to travel on a minibus. Preliminary enquiries indicated that an 8-seater would cost about £300 return, while a 16-seater would come to about £400 return. If RHQ could be persuaded to grant £200, the cost to each member would be about £12.50 compared to £20 on Rail / Tube. Of course members might vote to make a further subsidy from our own Branch funds to reduce the cost further.

3. Colonel David thanked Barry for his Chairmanship over the past year, together with Peter Alner and Paul Daines for all their hard work.

4. Barry talked about defence cuts saying that PWRR are in good shape and hope to avoid further cuts.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2016hrs

**Date and Time of next meeting:** Wednesday 25th July 2012 at 2000hrs at the City Club.

Thank YOU

PAUL