

# **THE QUEENS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION**

## **CHICHESTER BRANCH**

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CHICHESTER CITY CLUB ON 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015

The meeting started at 1930 hrs, with Dave Tilley in the chair, with a minute's silence for fallen and missing comrades.

Present were: David Beveridge, Dave Tilley, Eddie Drew, Allen Drew, Mick Bright, Fred Hill, Peter Edwards, Stuart Ingre, John Bailey, Eric Hensby, Tony Booker, Bob Keen, Peter Alner.

Apologies: Barry Cobbold, Paul Daines, Graeme Maidment, Tony Talman, Tony Tilley, Bill Dixon, Phil Mead, Liam Wildish, John and Dave Covey, Pete Catchpole.

Chairman's Report: Barry Cobbold is settled in Somerset and now on FaceBook. He sends New Year greetings to all and will attend the AGM in March.

Secretary's Report: (Given on Paul's behalf by David Beveridge) Paul has asked for a grant of £700 from the Association Trustees. He reminded all to get a ticket for the Association AGM in London as it will not be possible to get in without one. Don't forget to fill out the form for the Albuhera Dinner (form is on the web site). Branch subs are due in April. The PWRR are intending to organise a Grand Reunion for PWRR and all forbear regiments in Guildford on 27 June; an email containing the details had been sent to all members by Alasdair Goulden asking them to email him if they would be interested. Lastly he said that the Association had secured funding to move the Canterbury Memorial to Leros Barracks, and this would probably be re-dedicated on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015. (Afternote: Alasdair has now emailed confirmation of the date and time of 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 1100 hrs, asking anyone interested in attending to email him by 2<sup>nd</sup> March.)

Treasurer's Report: Eddie Drew gave a full report of the accounts. Any member wishing to examine the accounts should arrange this directly with Eddie. Eddie reported that following

the Xmas Lunch raffle £100 had been sent to Help The Heroes, and they had sent a thank you letter.

Welfare: Nil.

Any Other Business:

1. Eddie Drew said that he had received a quote of £320 for a minibus to take up to 10 members to the London AGM. Allen Drew said that he knew that a minibus with multiple pickup points would only be £40 more. Eddie suggested that as only about 8 or 9 members were planning to attend it would be cheaper to pay for a rail ticket for them to attend the AGM: this would also mean that people could return whenever they wanted to rather than having to get on a bus at a fixed time. Members voted by 6 to 3 for this arrangement, and Eddie asked all to ensure that they got a receipt for him to repay at the branch AGM.

2. Dave Tilley suggested that the branch could publish details of events in the Chichester Observer under 'Clubs and Societies'.

3. Fred Hill asked if directions could be given for getting to the Guildford Grand Reunion. It was felt that these would be given out by Alasdair Goulden in due course.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be the Branch AGM on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 1930 hrs in the City Club as usual.

The meeting closed at 1955 hrs.