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MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT THE CHICHESTER CITY CLUB
ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2015

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, John Butler, Peter Alner, Colonel David, Paul Daines, Tony Booker, Dave Tilley, Bob Keen, Stuart Ingrey, Phil Mead.

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

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman read out his report, which is attached to these minutes.

Secretary's Report:

1. At the meeting the Secretary read out his report, which is attached to these minutes. He also read out his summary of points from the Association AGM and Executive Committee Meetings; this is also attached.

2. After Meeting: I would like to welcome our new Chairman Dave Tilley to his post. I will give him my full support in his post as Chairman. I would like to welcome a new member to the branch George Gee; look forward to seeing you at the branch meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Eddie gave a full report of the years accounts, handing out printed copies. Any member wishing to examine the accounts in more detail should arrange this with Eddie.

The Branch gave a vote of thanks to Eddie Drew for all the hard work he has put in over the last year.

Welfare Report:

Peter Alner said that Jim Laker has passed away last week.

Election of Branch Officers 2015/2016:

The following were proposed by Allen Drew, seconded by Phil Mead, and elected unanimously:

President	Col David
Vice President	John Butler
Chairman	Dave Tilley
Co-Chairman	Eddie Drew
Secretary	Paul Daines (also branch rep on QRA Exec Committee)
Treasurer	Eddie Drew
Entertainment	Peter Alner
Minutes Sec	Stuart Ingrey
Standard Bearer	Stuart Ingrey

On Barry Cobbold's retirement as Chairman after serving almost all the time since the formation of the Branch, the meeting voted unanimously for a formal vote of thanks and recognition for Barry's outstanding service to be recorded in the minutes.

Any Other Business:

1. A unanimous decision was taken by the branch members that as the new Chairman is based in Chichester we will stay with our five formal meetings per year, with the remainder being social meetings with no minutes.
2. The date for the dedication of the Queens Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum is on the 15th May 2016. This year will also be the 50th Anniversary of The Queens Regiment. Paul Daines will ask for an extra grant on top of our normal grants to help with the cost of a coach for the dedication at the Arboretum, if there are enough members who would like to go. Look out for details. The date for the dedication of the Queens Memorial is the day after the date provisionally booked for the 2016 Albuhera Dinner, so Peter Alner would see if he can change the date so that members can go to the dedication of The Queens Memorial.

*Afternote: The Beachcroft Hotel is already booked for the following Saturday (21st May 2016), but Peter has succeeded in bringing forward the booking for the 2016 Albuhera Dinner to **Saturday 7th May 2016**.*

3. The Queens Regiment have now been given a room at the Dover Museum to show off the Regiment's past; if you have any past items of the Queens Regiment of the

please could you give them to the museum, as they would be very grateful for them.

4. Allen Drew will look into the cost of a coach for the members to go to the AGM in London next year. We will apply for a grant towards the cost of the coach but there could be a small charge to the members to make up any difference. Allen would look for a coach to pick up from a number of places, including Chichester, to minimise the driving that members would have to do.

5. Bob Keen asked if it might be possible to have a link (Skype?) at the meeting for members who live a long way off and find it difficult to attend.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be a social meeting on 29th April at 1930hrs at The Chichester City Club. Wives welcome.

The next formal meeting with minutes will be on 24th June.

The meeting closed at 2024hrs

Paul

Chairman's Report
AGM
Wednesday 25th March 2015

Thank you for attending this 2015 AGM, I am so glad too see so many of you here.

It has been a somewhat up and down year for me what with moving to Somerset in July and saying goodbye to West Sussex where I have spent all of my life outside of the army.

To cap it all I have decided it is time to resign from the post of chairman of the branch, a position I have held since the branch was formed, except for a short while when due to work commitment I handed over to George Ayeling.

I have also decided to give up the post of the branch member to the Association Executive Committee both these posts are now vacant.

It is now for the last time that I have to give thanks to certain personel for their help and work not only for the pass year but also since the formation of the branch.

Firstly I thank Colonel David who took over the post of president when General Roly Mann passed away, David has worked hard on behalf of the branch much harder than is expected of him, and I feel that without his help the branch may well not have lasted.

Secondly Pete Alner who as well as being Treasurer for a long time he and his family also run the Albuhera Dinner each year.

Thirdly Eddie Drew who stepped into the Breach when Pete decided to stand down, and he has done a very good job ever since, Eddie has also done more than his job incurs.

Next Paul Daines, Paul took over as secretary for me to make my work load easier and although living in Wales he manages the job well through post and emails

I also have to thank Stuart Ingrey who has been our minutes secretary for a long time and has thinks go at the moment Stuarts job is really needed as Paul cannot make every meeting.

I also need to thank all members who put money into the pot monthly as this keeps the branch going.

Finnaly I wish to thank you all for attending tonight

Thank you all

Barry

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR AGM 2015

Hi All

I would like to say good evening to you and welcome to the AGM. I would like to say a BIG THANKYOU you to our Chairman Barry Cobbold who is standing down after being chairman for so long. Barry has kept the branch going over the years, and has put a lot of hard work into keeping the branch going. I could go on as Barry has done so much for the branch.

Who ever takes on the roll of the Chairman I will give him my full support.

This year the Branch Member ship is holding at 37 members. I have tried to get people to join but as yet no luck. Any member who can get some old comrade to join please let me know, as they will be most welcome to our branch.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the wives and partners who support there men in the branch and come a long to the socials and dinners.

The Albuhera Dinner was an excellent night and well attended. Thanks to Peter for putting on a excellent night, like he always has done with his wife and helpers. This years Albuhera Dinner is on the 16 May 2015 at the Beachcroft hotel at 1900hrs for 1930hrs.

I did not attend the Xmas Dinner this year as I was away in Bergen - Hohne Germany, By what I have herd it went down very well and all had a good time. Look forward to this years dinner. Thanks to Eddie for all his hard work in getting it ready. Well done on the money raised for help the hero's.

Diary of Events for 2015

St Georges Day	23 rd	April
Dedication Leros Barracks	3 rd	May
Albuhera Dinner	16 th	May 1900hrs for 1930hrs
Armed Forces Day	27 th	June Guildford
Xmas Dinner	2 nd	December

I am pleased to say that we had our grant of £700.00 agreed by QRA for 2015. £500.00 towards Albuhera Dinner and £200.00 for the coach for the QRA, AGM on 7th March.

Again I 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. Any photos of any events would be helpful to.

Please remember to PAY your branch fees by the end of April to Eddie Drew our treasurer.

Would like to say a big Thank you to Mary Harris who has donated a cheque for £50.00 to the branch. Thank you Mary.

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.

Dates for meeting this year 2015 are as follows

June 24TH Official Meeting. Will let members know if we go to a two meeting a year or stay as we are in the next minutes.

PAUL

QUEENS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE AND AGM MEETINGS 7TH MARCH 2015

The Queens bikers had a one aim rally where they raised £1400.00 for the Benevolence Fund last year. This year they will hold an event on the weekend 3-4-5 July 2015 at there club, all details can be found on there website.

Members Numbers are up to 2170 in the Queens Association, which the president is very pleased with.

Paul Cooling from 2 Queens has open a Queens Memorial Garden. You can see it on (www.queensmemorialgarden.co.uk)

The queens Memorial for the fallen comrades in N/Ireland is now open.

Hastings has open a new Queens branch.

Gary Anglin funding his care

The association will donate £6.000 to Gary towards his fund of £37.000 which the family have raised so far. The £6.000 will be given at £500.00 each month. The PWRR is also donating £6.000 and the London district will give £12.000 to his care. This money will help pay for his care at the Star and Garter Hospice. Gary over the years has raised over 120.000 for the Queens Benevolence Fund.

Rededication of Canterbury Memorial

The Rededication of the memorial at Howe Barracks which has now been moved to Leros Barracks home of 3 PWRR. The Rededication of the memorial will be on the 3rd May 2015.

Military Memorial Arboretum Staffordshire

The date for the dedication of the Queens Memorial is the 15th May 2016. The cost of funding this event is £25.000 and Branch's are ask to help by fund raising with the cost.

The £25.000 is to go towards the cost of the Memorial, Transport, Marquee, and Actives. The PWRR band will be there to play.

The Dedication of the memorial is at 1200hrs. Food will be on hand either £5.00 per person or there will be a box for donations towards the food to help with the cost. A letter will be out with all the details and timing will be out ASP.

It also will be the 50th Anniversary of The Queens Regiment in 2016.

Dover Museum

The Queens regiment now have been given a room in the museum to show of the the regiment over the years from 1966 to 1968.

The queens Association are asking any one who has any memorably of the past, I/E rubber bullets, gas mask , batons. Could you let them have them for the museum.

The next meeting of the Queens regiment Association will be at the Union Jack Club on the 5th march 2016.

Paul

BRANCH DATES 2015-2016

2015

April 29 th	Social Meeting
May 16 th	Albuhera Dinner
June 24 th	Official Meeting
July 29 th	Social Meeting
August 26 th	Official Meeting
September 30 th	Social Meeting
October 28 th	Official Meeting
November 25 th	Social Meeting
December 2 nd	Christmas Luncheon 1200 hrs for 1230 hrs

2016

January 27 th	Official Meeting
February 24 th	Social Meeting
March 5 th	Association AGM London
March 30 th	Branch AGM
April 27 th	Social Meeting
May 7 th	Albuhera Dinner
May 15 th	Dedication Queens Memorial Arboretum