



**Minutes of 9th Annual General Meeting,
Somerset Branch,
Rifles & RGBW Regimental Association
1100hrs 29th January 2017**



Held at the Royal British Legion Club, Pawlett
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Welcome: Chairman Steve May

Padre: Rev. Stuart Boyd led a short period of remembrance in prayer for fellow member Colin Criddle who sadly passed away on the 27th January. He also recited the Regimental Collect.

Introduction: by the President Lt. Col. Michael Motum.

The President gave an interesting account from a SITREP referring to the future role of the army. He mentioned the 'Better Defence Estates' strategy which is a review of MOD land and property. In our area this will involve the closure by 2020 of Beachley Barracks and Norton Manor Camp.

Changes to the structure of the Army is underway to implement the Government's Strategic Defence and Security Review. This will in part see 4 Rifles together with the Royal Scottish Borderers, and 1 Royal Regiment of Scotland being formed into a specialised infantry Battalion. The Rifles will also gain a new reserve battalion to be named 8 Rifles with a recruiting area in the North.

The President also gave a briefing concerning the forthcoming sale of surplus Glosters/RGBW Regimental Chattels relevant dates are:

Wed 1 Feb 2017 The RGBW Regt Charities Disposals Catalogue will be published.

Tue 28 Mar 2017 the first viewing day. Wed 26 Apr 2017 Second viewing day.

Apologies: Cliff Rowland & Tony Hooper

In attendance:

Mike Motum - John Bishop – David Boaden– Denis Bowman – Stuart Boyd – Klaus Galeitzke - Peter Handel– Mike Kemish – Alan Ladds – Steve May – Ron McEvoy – Phil Miller – Harry North – Rod Silcocks – Tony Taylor – Richard Tong – David Warry – Roy Bangs.

Minutes of the AGM held on 30 January 2016

Matters arising.

Appointment of Officers.

President Lt. Col.[Ret'd] MJR Motum *Appointment approved in accordance with rule 40a by The President of the RGBW Regimental Association, Brig PE O'R-B Davidson-Houston CBE Bsc (Eng)*

The outgoing committee consists of the following:

Chairman: Mr S May
Treasurer: Mr D Warry
Secretary: Mr PA Miller
Social Secretary: Mr MF Kemish
USA Rep. Mr D Boaden
Committee: Mr P Handel

Our Padre: Rev. Stuart Boyd RACD.

Our Standard Bearers: Ben Casey Glosters Standard - Tony Hooper RGBW Standard - Richard Tong Rifles Standard. Harry North Deputy Standard Bearer.

All existing committee members had confirmed their willingness to stand for re-election. No other nominations were received therefore a proposal was tabled that the existing committee be returned en bloc.

Proposed By...Harry North.....Seconded By.....Alan Ladds.....

For.....All present.....Against.....None.....

Treasurer's Report statement of accounts showing a balance £1769.74 at the year ending January 2017. The full accounts as annexed to these minutes and had earlier been made available to members and were accept. The President thanked the Treasurer for his efficiency. Two independent members verified the accounts.

Chairman's Report AGM 2017

As I have only been in office so far for one meeting prior to today's I have little to add except to hope that we can all enjoy good health this coming year, and all do our bit to try and encourage new members to join us at our branch, and I look forward to the coming meeting.

Please try and make it to the EGM at Devizes on the 18th February, it will be an important meeting. I wish you all a happy New Year.

Secretary's Report AGM 2017.

Our 2016 annual Imjin Commemorative Lunch was again a great success and we were able to donate £400 to the ABF Soldiers Charity. I thank again our ladies and Mike who work so hard in organising the raffle and not forgetting those who provide the prizes. We now look forward to our 2017 lunch which this year coincides with St. Georges Day 23rd. April.

As you are aware the closure of the Gloucester Office is pending. There will be considerable changes in how our Association is administrated. The Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) scheduled to take place at Devizes Saturday 18th February will hopefully provide some clarification subject to the acceptance of the proposed new constitution. We must make an effort to be represented.

In 2016 we welcomed our new Chairman Steve May. I am sure Steve will do us proud and I look forward to working with him.

I must thank the support given to me by our President and committee, in particular I appreciate the contribution made by our Chairman, Treasurer Dave Warry, Social Sec. Mike and David Boaden who represents the Branch at the United Services Association meetings.

Social Secretary's Report

Social Secretary Mike Kemish voiced his dissatisfaction at the menu and general arrangements for 2016 Christmas lunch at Taunton RFC. His comments were endorsed by several others. Suggestions & discussion re venue for Christmas lunch 2017 ensued. The general feeling by the majority was that we should find a suitable venue to accommodate us as a group independent of others and that the meal should be a set menu as opposed to a carvery. Several venues were suggested and will be checked out with details to Mike Kemish prior to the May meeting. (*Sec's note: after the close of the meeting several members suggested a private booking at our HQ, Pawlett RBL.*)

Any non AGM business will follow

The Branch Annual Imjin Lunch will be held on the 23rd April 2017 in the Hyde Suite at Taunton Rugby Club. Tickets are on sale today £13.00 see Mike Kemish. Cheque payable to 'RGBW Association Somerset Branch'

Back Badge Reunion 18 March 2017 Gloucester for the Service at St. Mary De Lode followed by light refreshments in the Chapterhouse Gloucester Cathedral & Evening Reunion, Gables Hotel Falfield. Cost £20 (proforma attached). When completing the proforma indicate that you would like to sit with Somerset Branch. Completed Booking form and cheque to Taunton office. To book overnight accommodation Rooms £72 phone the Gables Hotel: 01454 260502

See www.rgbw-association.org.uk for info and proformas for Devizes-Salisbury and Reading reunions.

Association Newsletter will not be published until March. This deadline will be too late for Back Badge Reunion but should contain flyers for other reunions.

Association EGM Extraordinary General Meeting Saturday 18th February 2017 at The Devizes Club, 51 Church Walk, Devizes, SN10 3AA starting at 11 am. Tea and coffee will be available from 1030 hrs. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the revised Constitution which will be emailed to members in due course with the Agenda.

NOTE: *Agenda and Revised Constitution will be emailed to members on 23rd January 2017 Still awaited 31 Jan*

Jellalabad Lunch. 9th April 2017. We have received an invitation from the R&LI Taunton Branch to attend their annual lunch at Taunton RFC. Cost £13. Closing date 1st. April. Names and cheque made payable to R&RGBW Association Somerset Branch to Phil.

Inter Branch Skittles Competition 2017

For the first time we were invited to participate In the R&LI annual inter Branch skittles competition. Venue Norton Radstock R&LI Branch at Prattens Social Club, Westfield, Charlton Lane, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, BA3 4BD on Saturday 29th April 2017. There was no interest shown. Sec to reply accordingly.

Any Other Business.

The Funeral of Colin Criddle will take place 1230hrs on the 9th February at North Petherton Parish Church. The family have requested Standards to be present if possible. *(Tony has confirmed his availability)*

David Warry raised the question of obtaining an item of silverware at the forthcoming sale of Surplus Glosters/RGBW Regimental Chattels. A suitable item could be displayed at Branch function and would remain the property of the Branch. After discussion members were in favour and expenditure in the region of £150 was agreed. Maj. Alan Ladds offered to act on behalf of the members in this matter.

Todays raffle raised £115. Thanks Mike and the ladies for your work in achieving this and thank you all for supplying the prizes.

Salisbury office staff have now moved out of the Wardrobe and are now located at Winchester.
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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS SEPARATE FROM BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP YOUR CURRENT BRITISH LEGION BRANCH MEMBERSHIP CARD NEEDS TO HAVE A STAMP AFIXED TO IT. THIS WILL ADMIT YOU TO ANY RBL CLUB NATIONALLY THE COST OF THE STAMP HERE AT PAWLETT IS £4. PAY OVER THE BAR WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD TO BE STAMPED

Roy Bangs gave details of an evening of entertainment on the 4th February from 7.30pm taking place on behalf of the Cheddar Branch RBL. Venue Cheddar Football Club. All invited.

Meeting closed 1230hrs.

Annual Balance Sheet Year ending January 2017

| | | | Income | Expenditure | Balance |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|----------|-------------|----------|
| 30.01.16 | Brought Forward | | £1592.24 | | £1592.24 |
| 30.01.16 30.01.16 | Raffle | | £121.50 | | £1713.74 |
| 30.01.16 | Cyprus Stone | | | £100.00 | £1613.74 |
| 30.01,16 | Flowers For Linda | | | £12.00 | £1605.74 |
| 30.0116 | Raffle Gift (Rebbeck) | | £20.00 | | £1625.74 |
| 16.0316 | P.Miller (Expenses) | | | £60.00 | £1565.74 |
| 16.03.16 | S.L.I Lunch Income | | £120.00 | | £1685.74 |
| 17.03.16 | S,L,I Lunch | | | £120.00 | £1565.74 |
| 16.04.16 | Imjim Lunch | | £1288.00 | | £2853.74 |
| 24.04.16 | Imjim Lunch | | | £1288.00 | £1565.74 |
| 24.04.16 | Raffle From Imjim | | £379.00 | | £1944.74 |

Annual Balance Sheet

| | | | Income | Expenditure | Balance |
|----------|-------------------------|--|---------|-------------|----------|
| 26.04.16 | The Soldiers Charity | | | £400.00 | £1544.74 |
| 22.05.16 | R.B.L Pawlet | | | £100.00 | £1444.74 |
| 22.05.16 | Raffle | | £86.00 | | £1530.74 |
| 18.08.16 | Raffle | | £125.00 | | £1655.74 |
| 27.7.16 | R.B.L Wreath | | | £18.00 | £1636.74 |
| 15.09.16 | Grant from R.G.B.W | | £100.00 | | £1736.74 |
| 18.10.16 | Monies for S.L.I Dinner | | £162.00 | | £1898.74 |
| 01.11.16 | Xmas Dinner | | £81.00 | | £1979.74 |
| 02.11.16 | S.L.I Dinner Monies | | | £162.00 | £1817.74 |
| 25.11.16 | Xmas Dinner | | £150.00 | | £1967.74 |
| 05.12.16 | Xmas Dinner | | £100.00 | | £2067.74 |

Annual Balance Sheet

| Date | | | Income | Expenditure | Balance |
|----------|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------|----------|
| 05.12.16 | Brought | Forward | £2067.74 | | £2067.74 |
| 08.12.16 | Rtn Xmas Dinner Monies | | | £20.00 | £2047.74 |
| 08.12.16 | Xmas Dinner Monies | | £40.00 | | £2087.74 |
| 12.12.16 | Xmas Dinner Monies | | £90.00 | | £2177.74 |
| 13.12.16 | Rtn Monies | | | £20.00 | £2157.74 |
| 16.12.16 | Xmas Dinner monies To S.L.I | | | £368.00 | £1789.74 |
| 20.12.16 | Rtn Money to D.Bowman | | | £20.00 | £1769.74 |
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| 18.1.17 | | Balance | | | £1769.74 |
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David Warry R.G.B.W(Somerset) 18/01/17

**The Rifles & RGBW Gloucestershire Bristol Back Badge Reunion
Saturday 18th March 2017**

Saturday afternoon Annual Service St. Mary De Lode, Archdeacon St. (off lower Westgate Street)
Gloucester GL1 2QT (be seated by 1345hrs)

Followed by light refreshments within the Chapter House of Gloucester Cathedral.

Saturday evening from 1900hrs. All Ranks Reunion at the Gables Hotel, Falfield, GL12 8DL

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| From: | | My Branch: <i>Somerset</i> |
| Address: | | |
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| Phone: | | Post Code: |
| E-mail: | | |

If possible at the Reunion I/we would like to sit with: *Somerset Branch*
(Please understand that tables may sit 10 persons, we will do our best to meet stated requirements)

The first and surnames names of the persons in my booking are:

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| My Requirements | How may | £ | Will you attend the Service? Yes/No |
| Reunion Tickets at £20 | X £20 | | |
| Afternoon Reception | FOC | | Will you attend the afternoon reception? Yes/No |
| Enclosed is my cheque or Postal Order payable to RGBW Regimental Charities. | | | |

Do you have a special dietary requirement as a result of a medical condition or require a vegetarian meal ?
If yes please give name and requirement below

It is assumed that those responding to this event are content for their contact details to be retained by The Rifles office Taunton and, as required, placed on to The Rifles database managed from Winchester. If you are unwilling to grant such permission, please make it clear below.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Please complete the proforma and return it with a SAE (54p) to The Rifles office, 14 Mount Street, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 3QB by Friday 3rd March 2017. You may also wish to contact Mrs Debbie Hards, the Administrative, Officer via E-mail - aotaunton@the-rifles.co.uk - or by phone: 01823 333434.