

The Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians) Regimental Association



President: Major General The O'Morchoe CB CBE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at the Civil Service Club, Whitehall, London SW1
13th April 2013.

1. Members attending:

Major General The O'Morchoe, President: Mr D. Dickson, Chairman:
Col. P Walton, Vice-Chairman: Mr D Ball, Secretary: Mr I Lowe, Treasurer:
Mrs S Dickson, Membership-Secretary: Mr E Bryant, Quartermaster: Lt Col. Nick Weekes, Assoc.
Historian.

J Ball (Mrs), J Fay, D George, E Heardman, H Hogan, J Hollingsworth, P Murphy,
B Nugent, A Overton, F O'Neill, G Ralph, J Smith, J Walsh.

2. Apologies:

Comdt M McGoona, Vice-Chairman (Ireland): N Cullen, Committee (Ireland):
Sean Cooke, Committee (Ireland) Bart D'Hulster, Committee (Belgium)

R Ball, H Cooper, S Corballis, A Ferguson (Mrs), R Gould, G Holman, R James,
D Kirby, I Lyon, G O'Meara, J Prichard, D Ward.

3. Guests:

Lt Col M Weldon, Sir Anthony Weldon, S Ralph (Mrs) N James (Mrs).

4. Welcome to members:

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all the members attending. He thanked all those who had travelled a long distance to be present.

5. Apologies:

The Secretary read the list of apologies received and he also reported that he had thankfully not received any reports of members passing. Members were then asked to be upstanding for the Exhortation, which was said by Mr Barry Nugent.

6. Minutes of the 2012 AGM and September 2012 OGM:

The minutes of the 2012 AGM and the September OGM had been circulated to the members present and were accepted as true copies: AGM Minutes proposed by Mr E Heardman and seconded by Mr A Munro; OGM Minutes proposed by Mr H Hogan and seconded by Mr A Munro.

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7. Presentation of Accounts:

The Treasurer presented his statement of accounts to the members (see attached). He added that he would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Stephen Keeley for his assistance to the Treasurer regarding the banking of the Euro currency etc, and to Mrs Mary Sanders for her help regarding the Irish membership and her assistance to Mrs Sheila Dickson. The accounts were accepted by the members present and were proposed as accepted by Mr H Hogan and seconded by Mr J Walsh.

8. Chairman's Report:

Mr Dickson informed members that after seven years as association chairman, he had decided not to seek re-election to the position and was stepping down. He thanked everyone for their support and mentioned the many achievements that had been made by the Association in the ten years that it had been reformed. He added that it was a pleasure to have had served in the position and wished the association well for the future, he added that he would continue to serve on the committee of the association as Editor of the journal and Webmaster of the website.

9. Election of Officers and Honorary members:

The positions of officers for election for two years were as follows:

Chairman

Hon Treasurer

The President, General David temporarily took over proceedings of the meeting for the elections.

Mr D Dickson proposed for the election of Chairman Col Peter Walton seconded by Mr J Walsh.

Col Walton accepted, and this motion was passed unanimously.

There were no other nominations for Hon. Treasurer and Mr Ian Lowe the present Hon. Treasurer, confirmed that he would stand for re-election. Mr D George proposed that Mr Lowe be re-elected and Mr P Murphy seconded, this was also passed unanimously.

10. Election of Honorary Member

In appreciation of his sterling support and hard to the association as Depot Representative to the committee it had been requested that Mr Sean Cooke, of Crinkle, Birr, Co. Offaly (Kings Co.) be given the honour of Honorary Member, proposed on behalf of the committee by Mr D Dickson and seconded by Mr H Hogan and again this was passed unanimously.

11. Subscription Rate and proposed additional fees for 40-10 Journal:

The Chairman, Col Walton, told members that subscriptions versus costs of production for the regimental journal and the rising postal charges in UK had been discussed and raised many concerns at previous meetings. A list of options identified by the Committee had been distributed to all members of the association with a hand-out to be distributed at the AGM to members present in the hope of giving guidelines and examples of costs that the association faced with the distribution and printing of the journal. Various means of delivery and cost cutting measures had been

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discussed, ranging from cheaper paper and electronic delivery (email) but members had said that these options would detract from the quality of their "Superb journal" more so now that editions had hit their doormats in colour. There was a very in-depth discussion on postal rates and subscriptions and Mr Dickson said that "Option 2" of the examples offered to the membership across the association was the most popular. Mr E Heardman stated that if this was the case he would like to propose that this option be accepted, but he also proposed to round up the figures as £20 UK (option 2. £19) and Euro25 Ireland and Overseas (option 2. £23) Mr Ball asked Mr John Hollingsworth who had travelled from Dublin for the meeting, to give his thoughts on the discussion. Mr Hollingsworth said that as the quality of 40-10 in his mind could not be faulted he felt it was a fair proposal from Mr Heardman. Mr Heardman made his proposal accordingly which was seconded by Mr B Nugent and passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1300 hours.

Confirmed: (Date) (Chairman)

Afternotes

The Secretary gave out notices to members on:

- a. The Luncheon to take place on 15 June.
- b. The Decade of Commemorations and events under consideration.
- c. Dates of forthcoming meetings:
 - Dublin 13 July 2013
 - London 21 September 2013 (later postponed due to the expected Dedication of the Regimental Memorial at Crinkill Barracks on that day).

At the invitation of the Committee Lieutenant Colonel Weekes introduced Lieutenant Colonel Mark Weldon who gave a most interesting talk on the experiences of his grandfather, Lt Col H W Weldon DSO, with the Regiment before and during the Great War, illustrated by photographs. This was much appreciated by all present and the speaker was thanked by Col Walton for his fascinating trip through Regimental History.

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