



**THE YORKSHIRE BRANCH  
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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE TA CENTRE, WAKEFIELD**  
**11th August 2012**

Prior to the meeting, members stood in silent tribute to Colonel Dennis Eagan and Bill Lynch ex Mayor of South Tyneside both of whom recently passed away.

1. **Meeting opened** 1240hrs.

**Members Present:** Bill Rudd, Mike Pallott, Noel Ward, Ron Hadden, Bof Harrap, Peter Stevens, John Waite, Steven Waite, Bob Prosser, Willie Wiltshire, Dave Grimbley, Billy Braniff, Bob Hembrow, Matt Newall, John Parker, Dave Edmonds, Derek Taylor, Billy Brown, Sid Hoyle, Adam Frame, Harold Padfield, Mick Sloane, Robert Small, Baz Henderson, Dennis Cable, Joe Timberlake, Ron Pendlington, Joe Cain, Billy Gibbons, Ron Richardson, Tom Thornton, John Waite, Steven Waite, and Brian Kelly

**Ladies Present:** Debbie Waite, Sheila Prosser, Marion Kelly, Emma Frame, and Barbara Braniff.

**Apologies from:** Buster Shaw, Mick Ramsey, Vince Cain, Sean McCargo, Laurie Long, John Robinson, Mick Mathis, Bert Bamforth, Pat Brown, Norman Kinder, John McCarthy, Jack Braithwaite, Yorkie Davies, Barney Barnwell and Jack Braithwaite.

2. **Welcomes:** The Chairman welcomed all attending and especially Harold Padfield and Mick Sloan and Brian Kelly.

3. **Minutes:** That the minutes of the previous OGM as distributed were a true record of what took place.

Proposed by: Joe Timberlake and seconded by Bob Prosser  
Matters arising. None

**CARRIED.**

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Noel Ward presented the treasurer's report and the chairman invited Mike Pallott, the secretary to present the findings of the Accounts Annual Audit. Mike started by congratulating Noel Ward on the accuracy and the management of the accounts which was received by members with applause. He went on to give details of the audit report which had been circulated to members and pointed out that the trend in past years of GPF over expenditure had to be addressed and then outlined the notes to the accounts in the report which made certain recommendations. It was agreed that the notes would be dealt with in two votes as follows:

a. Proposed by Mike Pallott and seconded by Bob Prosser that the Audit Report be accepted and that the sum of £1036.26 and £635.00 (Total £1671.26) be transferred from SP Funds to GPF leaving the contingency fund with £2000.00 to meet future liabilities and resulting in a GPF of £2250.16 for current account expenditure. **CARRIED.**

b. Proposed by Mike Pallott and seconded by Bob Prosser that the annual membership fee be raised from £10 to £12 with effect from 1 July 2013. **CARRIED.**

The Chairman then thanked the treasurer and secretary for their hard work and guidance over time.

5. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary reported receipt of Branch minutes from Scotland and Birmingham but as yet not from Aldershot and Chatham which were available for members to read after the meeting. He pointed out that the recent increase in postal charges had had a severe effect on expenditure and urged members to supply e-mail addresses if they had not already done so.

6. **Membership Secretary's Report:** Billy Braniff informed members that he had completed an analysis which showed that as at now we have 76 members on the roll of which 71 are active. He said that he was now in a position to hand over to Sid Hoyle. The secretary asked Billy to supply a complete membership list as at handover.

7. **Chairman:** The Chairman addressed the following matters:
- a. Arnhem Visit: All arrangements now in hand.
  - b. The RE Medal. A private company who had already supplied various Corps and Regiments have produced an RE Medal which early indications seem to have the approval of the Chief Royal Engineer. However on further investigation it appears that the Corps Dress Committee have not as yet given approval. Once a firm decision is made, members will receive all the details from the secretary.
  - c. The Chairman encouraged members to consider attending the Association AGM at Hull. Full details are in the Journal.
  - d. In accordance with the previous decision to align the membership year with the financial year, subs are now due and have been since the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.
  - e. Bill then thanked Bob Prosser for his work in connection with the REA centenary parade at Eden Camp. Members who had attended testified to the brilliant success of the event.
  - f. Members were reminded of the 1st Air Troop commemoration to be held at Donnington on 30<sup>th</sup> September.
  - g. Bill announced that our President, for health reasons, would dearly like to step down. He has been our president since inception and was warmly thanked. A new president is to be elected at the next meeting after discussions had taken place to find a willing and suitable candidate.
  - h. The Chairman asked the secretary to contact the Aldershot and Chatham Branches for a copy of their last minutes.
8. **Welfare Matters:** None were reported and the Chairman asked members to notify Peter Stevens of any occurrences that came to their attention.
9. **Proposals from the floor:** None
10. **Any Other Business:** John Waite raised the matter of the recent BBC report on H4H spending millions on buildings rather than the treatment of wounded soldiers. After discussion it was indicated that the matter was really above our level. However the secretary said that he would investigate. As it transpired by coincidence, the following day in the Mail on Sunday, appeared an article and repudiation by Lord Dannatt, former Chief of the General Staff which is attached to these minutes and should resolve the matter for members who may have any doubts.
11. **Next Meeting OGM: Sat 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012, at Wakefield TA centre 1200hrs.**

The Meeting was closed at 1320hrs.

*MRC Pallott,*

*Secretary*



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