



ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Cherry Tree, Oundle Road, Peterborough on Thursday 22nd April 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Major (Ret'd) R S Rowland Chairman
Plus 13 Members/Associate Members

1. Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed all present and thanked them for attending this the 35th AGM of the Branch. He particularly welcomed Geoff Gardiner a new member.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from the following members:
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| Roy Leighton | George Parker | Michael Court | Gilbert Davey |
| Len Voller | Michael Eady | | |

2. Minutes of previous Meeting

- 2.1 There were no matters arising from the previous meeting held on 15 April 2009. The minutes were proposed as a true record by Wally Moss and seconded by Ian Darby.

3. Branch Statement and Summary of Accounts for 2008

- 3.1 A copy of the audited Branch Statement and Summary of Accounts for 2009 having been circulated with the agenda was considered and discussed. It was noted that there were no adverse comments by the Auditor and the Branch bank balance remained healthy.
- 3.2 It was proposed by Bill White and seconded by Wally Moss that the Accounts be approved and accepted. This was agreed by all present.

4. Chairman's Report

- 4.1 Another fairly quiet year for the Branch, although a few things have been going on which have involved some members.
- 4.2 The suggestion of get-togethers with the Royal Engineers did not materialise as it was not supported by the majority of their Branch members.
- 4.3 The Peterborough Veterans Association was formed last summer and our Branch made a donation to assist them with setting up costs. The Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to Michael Court for representing our Branch at the early meetings.
- 4.4 Thanks were recorded to all members for their support throughout the last year and particularly to Rae & Bill White and also to Colonel Ken for his considerable support over the past 15 years.
- 4.5 Our new meeting venue seems to be popular and the lunchtime meetings have been fairly well attended.
- 4.6 This being his last report as Chairman he wished to thank all members for their support over many years. He also sends a special greeting to our 'old and bold' members who are no longer able to attend meetings due to age, illness etc.
- 4.7 Finally best wishes to the new Chairperson when appointed and hopefully the Branch will continue to provide a useful, supportive and sociable group of Royal Signals Association members in our area.

5. **Review of Branch Constitution and Rules**

- 5.1 No changes were proposed to the Branch Constitution and Rules.
- 5.2 The Committee decided that annual subscriptions should remain at £10 per person. All members are reminded fees are now due for 2010/2011.

6. **Branch President's Address**

- 6.1 The President expressed his appreciation to all concerned for an excellent Christmas function and that he and his wife always enjoyed their visits to the Branch.
- 6.2 He was pleased to see that the change to lunchtime meetings was successful, that the finances are healthy and that the Branch is supporting other Associations in the Peterborough area.
- 6.3 A few words about the state of the Regular Army:
Six TA Regiments were disbanded last year at short notice to save money.
Recruiting has been very successful but the extra costs have been significant.
Whole departments which are not directly related to Operational activities are being closed down or reduced to skeleton manning in order to reduce costs.
The ACF which had funding substantially reduced last year has been reinstated as a core activity.
- 6.4 Finally Bob Rowland's retirement is non-negotiable. He expressed his sincere thanks to Bob and Dorcie for all that they have done to establish and maintain the existence of the Branch over the last 35 years. He hopes the Branch will elect a Chairman who will steer and motivate the Branch in the future.

7. **Election of Officers for 2010 - 2011**

- 7.1 The President took the chair for this part of the meeting
- 7.2 Bob Rowland stood down as Chairman.
- 7.3 It was agreed by all present that the following Members serve on the committee for 2010–2011

Chairman	-	Bill White
Treasurer	-	Bob Rowland
Secretary	-	Rae White
Committee Members	-	Wally Moss
		Ian Darby
	-	Dorcie Rowland
Co-opted Members	-	Betty Worley
		Michael Eady

- 7.4 The President handed the chair over to the new Chairman.

8. **Dates & Venue for Future Meetings**

- 8.1 The next AGM will be held in April 2011 – date, venue and time to be advised.
- 8.2 Bill White proposed a vote of thanks to Bob Rowland for his 35 years as Chairman and many other appointments within the Branch. All present seconded the proposal.
- 8.3 There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2020 hrs.