

21 (Gibraltar) Battery Association

Minutes of the 9th Annual General meeting Held at the Ardsley House Hotel, Barnsley On 21st October 2006.

The Secretary recited the Royal Artillery Commemoration and a minutes silence observed for former 21 BSM Fred Pleasants, former members of 50 Regt; Brig David Neville and BSM Fred Huggins and we remembered those Gunners from 7RHA and 12 Regt who had lost their lives in the recent conflicts.

The vice-chairman was unable to attend; the Secretary, who welcomed members to the 9th AGM, chaired the meeting. Members attending for the first time were also welcomed, Steve Bell, Colin Smedley and Terry Dale.

Apologies:

Maj-Gen Davies, the Serving Battery, Tony Lovegrove, Tony Gilroy, Howard Spencer, Ray MacLean, Mick Dodd, Jack mawson, David Buck, Brian Sore, John Thacker and Ken Ward.

Minuets of the 8th AGM were read and agreed.

Proposed by John Mitchell Seconded by Tony Todd.

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence:

Letters to RAA for registration

E-mail received from a Mr Wedell from America.

Contact with the lapel badge company.

All over correspondence had been by e-mail and had been answered (eventually) by the Secretary!

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Buck distributed a breakdown of the association Funds (copy attached)

Income	2303.92
Expenditure	508.77
Balance as at 20/10/06	1795.15*

* This total included donation to raffle and standard.

After note: A donation of £50 was given as sponsorship to Wink Watson whose niece was raising funds for cystic fibrosis, as another of his nieces suffered from the problem. At the function members raised a total of £270.

Reunions:

2005. An excellent reunion in Edinburgh and a vote of thanks was recorded for Margaret MacLean and Heather Dickinson for doing most of the organising.

2007. Being our 10th Reunion it was suggested that the Association try and visit Gibraltar. The Secretary had done some groundwork, with the help of Tony Todd, and

was awaiting a report from the Gibraltar Government. Members indicated that they would like to spend more than a weekend on Gib, so the possibility of a weeks stay in Spain was being looked at. The Secretary hoped to be able to write to everyone before the New Year with options.

2008. Suggestions for this reunion were Hull, Birmingham/Stafford area, Blackpool. Details would be looked at and members allowed to decide.

50Missile Club Reunion.

Tony Todd gave a report on the 2007 reunion, to be held in Menden over the weekend of 26th May. Members should contact Tony if they wanted to attend. It was hoped 21 would be well represented.

Welfare:

No cases had been reported to the Secretary.

A card was signed by members for John Thacker who had just spent a short stay in hospital.

Members were again reminded that if they knew of a former member of 21 or any gunner who needed assistance to contact the secretary. All information would be treated in the strictest confidence.

Election of Officers:

Our constitution states that elected officers of the Association serve a term of three years. It was time to elect a new committee.

The Vice-chairman, Ray MacLean would not be standing again, a vote of thanks was given to Ray for his efforts.

The new committee;

Chairman	Serving Battery Commander
V Chairman	Chris Rickets
Secretary	Chris Morgan
Treasurer	Steve Buck
Committee	Tony Hanson
Committee	Paul Goldsborough

Proposed Phil Stringer Seconded John Rickets

AOB.

Association polo/sweat shirts. The secretary was dealing with this and had hoped to have an example of the new polo shirts. They were on order. As soon as he had some he would notify members by e-mail/web site. They would cost about £9or £10 each. Sweatshirts would be sorted later.

The 21 Battery Association Reunion web site was up and running.

The new standard was discussed. It was unanimously decided that we raise funds for a new Association Standard and the ceremonial regalia. The Standard would be based on the Battery Flag design. It was hoped that it be dedicated next year in Gibraltar if possible. If not a suitable date and location would be suggested.

The question of a battery plaque was raised. When the battery came back from leave the Secretary and Treasurer would try and arrange a meeting with the BC/BSM to discuss such matters. Members would be informed of progress.