



Military Survey (Geographic) Branch

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Royal Engineers Association



MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING held at the

WOs' & Sgts' Mess, Hermitage, at 1900hrs 1st March, 2017

In Attendance:

Chairman:	Angus Cross
Treasurer:	Ted Davies
Editor:	Noel Grimmett
Secretary/Welfare:	Rod Siggs
Military Liaison:	WO1 (SMI) Jon Willey
Function Coordinator:	Mick Perry

1. **Welcome and introduction** - The Chairman welcomed those present, unfortunately Dave Johnson – Webmaster could not attend.

2. **Matters arising from previous meetings –**

- The **Mil Svy Archive Project** – This was still an ongoing agenda point so as usual would be discussed later in the meeting. **Action: Ongoing**
- Soldiers Soldier Award** – As the Regt will not commit to buying further quantities of Geo Stable Belts it was thought the only other option was a financial award which was not popular. Jon was asked to investigate what the Regt PRI held that might be suitable as an award but Jon suggested a Sapper shop/PRI voucher might be better than cash and was asked to investigate.

Afternote: Students were asked the hypothetical question, "which would they prefer" and the unequivocal answer was a voucher. Rod agreed to provide an example of a voucher that the committee/PRI/Spr Shop might consider.

3. **Current Statement of the Account** - Ted presented the Branches worth as at 28 February 2017:

Current a/c	£6191.77	
Savings a/c	£4,628.49	
Total:		£10820.26
Cheques to clear	£Nil	
Geo Support Fund	£602.12	

Ted also included a Liabilities section which showed the following:

Liabilities;

Functions	£500
Reunion/AGM	
Administration	£1000
Newsletter No 62	£255.78
Annual Award	£150
Geo 0-2 Cse Awards	£200?
Cse 37	£50
Subscriptions received thus far 2017	£1904

4. Military Update – WO1 Jon Willey informed the Committee that currently Geo Sldrs are supporting or have the following commitments:

1. 18 Exercises supported by 3+56
2. 5 Operations supported by 1+16
3. 9 Standing commitments

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4. 10 commitments with 4+72 from 1 – 2-hrs NTM
5. Vanguard 6+85 from 180 – 365 days NTM

Sports:-

6. Spr Bjadshori – Chosen to represent the Regiment at the Elite athlete programme in powerlifting, currently working from Loughborough university
7. Capt Wyatt – Chosen to represent Great Britain at Skeleton at the Winter Championships.
8. Cpl Asquith – Won the RE Cross Country Championships
9. Both Rugby and Football continue to play their league / cup matches each week.
10. 2 boxers due to fight on the Station Boxing Show this week – Thu 2 Mar 17.

5. Editors Update – Noel informed the Committee that the next newsletter was planned for end of March. **Action: NG**

6. Web-site Update – Due to the webmaster's absence, there was no update.

7. Military Survey Archive Project – there was some discussion in Dave's absence about what stage the project was at. Also, clarification was needed as to what format any new and additional photos needed to be in so as to assist with future digitization to minimize future work. Dave is requested to supply this requirement at the next committee meeting. **Action:DJ**

8. Reunion & AGM – Mick briefly outlined the timings and requirements for the 31st March events which Jon is asked to provide or liaise with:

AGM – Tea & Coffee available at	1620hrs
Committee should arrive NLT to assist with setting up	1630hrs
Bar open (if possible) at	1630hrs
AGM start at	1700hrs

Reunion will commence directly after AGM

Curry Buffet served at	1930hrs
Bar to close at	2300hrs

At the moment no transport had been arranged.

Accommodation – Provisionally, he required 10 rooms in the Officers mess.

Other requirements which Jon is asked to provide:-

Table and 2 x chairs in foyer for registration etc

Display boards x 2 in Mess bar area

Projector and screens for both CO's presentation and possibly Dave's website/Archive project demo – currently not known. Jon should approach the CO about her requirements and Dave should either ask Jon or make his own arrangements.

Action: MP, JW, DJ, All committee

9. AOB –

- a. **“facebook”** Rod said that he thought there had been previous discussion about this but Mick suggested that before any real discussion could take place he believed all the committee should have a look at it to see if it was suitable for the Branch's needs. **Action:All**
- b. **Class 2 course 38** – Jon explained that the next Graduation would take place on 28 April. Ted volunteered to represent the Branch as this would be his final day in work. **Action:TD**
- c. **Branch Annual Report** Angus asked Rod for the normal bits for his report to the members. **Action:RS**
- d. **Newsletter** Next edition is planned for end of July. **Action:NG**

10. Date of next meeting – As the next meeting will be the AGM on 31 March, following which, it is presumed, the new chairman will be in post the date of the next Committee meeting is held in abeyance.

RB Siggs signed: *R.B. Siggs*
Honorary Secretary
Military Survey (Geographic) Branch REA
AP Cross signed:
Chairman
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