



101 (City Of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) (Volunteers) Regimental Association

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held At
Hudson House, Bromley Road, Catford, London
on Thursday 15 April 2010**

Meeting Opened at 1940 hrs

1. Welcome by Chairman

The chairman welcomed everyone to the second AGM and thanked them for making the effort to attend.

He began the meeting by explaining that in this 150th Anniversary year of 101 Engr Regt that it is fitting that it is a year of massive growth for the Regiment. For those who did not know 101 Engr Regt is now a hybrid unit commanding both Regular and TA components. RHQ is in Wimbish and the regiment still retains a TA CO.

On the 24 April 2010 the official formation parade will be held with Volunteer flag lowered and the Regular one raised. 217, 221 and 579 Fd Sqns (EOD) are joined by 22 HQ & Sp Sqn and 17 Fd Sqn to form the hybrid unit. All members are invited to the parade, details via Nobby Clark (Secretary).

2. Apologies

Apologies have been received from the following:

Giles Cobbett, Mark Lancaster, John Manley, Hugh Edeleanu, Joe O'Connor, Trevor Rawson, Rocky Caplehorne, Barry Churcher, Alistair Cooper, Mathew Wilkes, Caroline Eyre, Chris Boswell, Sandy Sanderson, Martin Heffer, Andy Wood

3. Previous Minutes

Proposed by: WO1 (RSM) 'Smiler' Graybrook

Seconded by: Graham Plumridge

That the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted as a true account.

Carried

4. **Reports:**

a. **Chairman**

- It has seen a slow start to the association; it has however been a successful year. We have had difficulties with the website, applications for membership and cash flow. We are grateful for the limited assistance given by the CO 101 Engr Regt.
- Newsletter: Two produced by Nobby Clark, we do need input from the membership for these.
- Union Jack Club event in September 2009. Attended by about 70, and it ran at only very slight loss. The naughtiness of sandwiches was compensated for by the enthusiasm of members and beer. No idea of numbers likely to have attended, something to build upon.
- Nobby Clark and Simon Mercer are to be thanked; they have attended all of the committee meetings and worked hard during the year on our behalf.
- Explained the committees request to appoint a 'Web Manager' which would require an amendment to the constitution.

b. **Treasurer**

- The association has no debtors and no creditors.
- At 15 September 2010 the balance at the bank is £258.81.

c. **Membership Secretary**

- To date we have 60 members.
- Of the 60 only 20 are fully paid, this is due to anomalies with paperwork which the treasurer will be dealing with in due course.

5. **Election of Officers**

The chairman ran through the current posts and the incumbents.

The secretary had received nominations forms for all the elected posts less the non serving members.

a. **Chairman**

Proposed by: Lt Col AMG Smyth
Seconded by: Capt SP Mercer

That Maj J Blades be elected chairman.

Carried

b. **Treasurer**

Proposed by: Lt Col AMG Smyth
Seconded by: Capt N P Clark

That Capt SP Mercer be elected treasurer

Carried

c. **Secretary**

Proposed by: Lt Col AMG Smyth

Seconded by: Maj J Blades

That Capt N P Clark RE (V) be elected secretary Carried

d. **Membership Secretary**

Proposed by: Capt N P Clark

Seconded by: Maj J Blades

That Graham Plumridge be elected as Membership secretary Carried

e. **Web Site Manager**

Proposed by: David Moulton-Treadwell

Seconded by: Robin Bennett

That the post of website manager is added to the committee appointments Carried

There being no volunteers or nominations for this post it will be advertised on Regtl Pt1 orders and the website. The CO & RSM 101 Engr Regt will also look for a regular 'volunteer'.

f. **Non Elected Committee Members**

Proposed by: Lt Col AMG Smyth

Seconded by: Sarah Clubley

That Roy Holland be elected as a non serving member of the committee Carried

Proposed by: Capt (Rtd) S Clubley

Seconded by: Lt Col AMG Smyth

That Dave Smith be elected as a non serving member of the committee Carried

g. **Honary Colonel**

Proposed by: Lt Col AMG Smyth

Seconded by: Maj (Rtd) B Kirkdale

That the Honary Colonel of 101 Engr Regt will always hold the post of President Carried

6. **Any Other Business**

Functions

The secretary had looked into the costs of holding a function at the House of Lords but the cost, at approximately £40-50 per head, thought to be prohibitive. It was felt by the

committee that we would not get good value for money nor would we get much response from the membership.

It was therefore felt that the options for the next function are, a lunch or dinner, in the form of a buffet or more formal meal. The venue options being, Carver Barracks Wimbish, a central London venue or at a Regtl TAC which ever was seen as most attractive.

The meeting had mixed views on the venue and whether the event was held on a Friday or Saturday.

The consensus of the meeting was that there should be an event in late summer early autumn and that the committee should agree the format and venue.

[Action by the Committee](#)

Remembrance Sunday

Six members of the association and partners joined the CO 101 Engr Regt and other members of RHQ for the remembrance service at St Luke's Church Chelsea for the annual remembrance service last November. St Luke's is home to the Regtl memorial and a wreath was laid on behalf of the association by the secretary. Following the service all retired to a local hostelry.

It was agreed by consensus that this would be an annual event for the association and could act a focal point for those members who perhaps do not attend a remembrance service.

The secretary is to look into a suitable venue for the post service drinks.

[Action by the Secretary](#)

Change of Association Name

Proposed by: Lt Col AMG Smyth
Seconded by: Hugh Marshall

That the name of the Association as recorded in the constitution be changed from:

101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (EOD) (Volunteers) Regimental Association
to
101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment

[Carried](#)

Welfare Officer

Hugh Marshall asked if there was an intention to appoint a welfare officer. He felt that perhaps the association may find that this would be of benefit.

Following discussion it was decided that the committee would discuss this and report at the next AGM.

[Action by the Committee](#)

Brian Kirkdale asked the members present to all do there bit towards growing the association. He suggested that if individuals could do small things such as scanning

photographs or documents and passing on the scanned items to the web manager this would make any task easier. Brian offered to scan the history of 1st Middlesex Engineer Volunteers; however he would appreciate assistance with this.

[This is to be advertised on the website and in the next news letter.](#)
[Action by the Committee](#)

Website Pictures

Dave Smith requested access to the regimental photo archive with a view to having a picture archive on the website.

[Dave Smith & Simon Mercer to work towards this.](#)
[Secretary to get the photographs from Capt Bailey](#)

Lapel Badge

The design and costs for production of an association lapel badge was discussed.

Costs for the badges would be £429.00 for 150 or £441.00 for 200.

It would be the intention to issue a badge to each member on joining; additional badges would be available for purchase.

It was agreed that the committee would look more closely at this when we have a little more money in the bank.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2030hrs

Date of the next AGM to be announced