



# Military Survey (Geographic) Association

A member of the  
Royal Engineers Association



## MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING

held at the

WOs' and Sgts' Mess, Hermitage at 1900hrs 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013

### In Attendance:

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| Chairman:        | Angus Cross   |
| Treasurer:       | Alf Isherwood |
| Event Organiser: | Mick Perry    |
| Webmaster:       | Dave Johnson  |
| Secretary:       | Rod Siggs     |

1. **Welcome and introduction** - The Chairman welcomed all present and opened the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence** - Apologies were received from the President: Bob Avenell, Welfare: Noel Grimmett, Editor: Alan Gordon, Co-opted member: Ken Hall and RSM WO1 Will Robinson.
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting** –
  - a. **Potted History**; The Chairman has taken this up with Tony Keely, but has, as yet, not had a response.

**Action: AC on going**
  - b. **John Steven's Memorial Award** – Rod gave the meeting a brief on the Cadre Parade and the first award of the John Steven's Memorial Award – an engraved silver salver and a pair of cufflinks presented to the Top Student from 42 Engineer Regiment (Geographic) on the Potential Non-Commissioned Officer (PNCO) Cadre, presented by John's son, Roderick and funded by Brian Kinnear. Rod was still awaiting the invoice from Silver Lady which he agreed to chase up through the cadre Officer, Lt Palmer.

**Action: RS**
  - c. **Regimental Stable Belt** – The first presentation of the "Soldiers Soldier" award of the new, unique Geo Stable Belt at the Class 2 Graduation had taken place on 5th Dec 12. The possibility of also funding the engraving of the belts was discussed and a cost is sought prior to further approval.

**Action: RS & RSM**

**Afternote:** Rod has emailed the RSM who has informed him that the second Graduation is planned for am 13th March 2013.
4. **Current Statement of the Account** - The Treasurer, Alf Isherwood, gave an

overview of the worth of the Branch with the Working Capital profile and Cash Flow assumptions.

The current statement of worth as at 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 showed:

|                    |            |                            |                   |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Savings a/c        | £7,7149.67 | Current a/c                | £2,997.07         |
| Cheques to pay in: | Nil        | <b>Combined Bank Accts</b> | <b>£10,124.74</b> |
| Cheques to clear   | £22.00     | Geo Support Fund           | £2,389.96         |

Still outstanding was the issue to resolve with the twenty one members who had not paid their 2012 subscriptions which had been reported by the Treasurer at the last meeting. Action is still with the Secretary.

**Action: RS**

5. **Welfare** – There was nothing to report.

6. **Editors Update** – Alan Gordon had informed Rod that there had been an overwhelming, favorable, response to the last Newsletter and he had received enough correspondence to fill the next one. However, he was always receptive to even more articles from our members. The RSMS Course Photos CD has now sold 41 copies and requests for copies are still coming in.

7. **Web-site Update** – Dave Johnson gave the committee a summary sheet of the amount of daily hits/visits the website had received. Jan and Feb '13 had shown a bumper amount of hits, being the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest amounts of hits over the last 12 months. He also mentioned that the previously mentioned look at producing a combined website with the DSA and our MSA had now been discounted but he was to have discussions on Mon18th Feb with members of the DSA reference setting up/ taking over their website for them.

**No further action**

8. **Branch Reunion and AGM** - Mick Perry said that he had so far received about twenty responses re the next AGM. He was to contact the RSM to firm up his ideas for buffet, and accommodation requirements and availability. He expects the format to mirror the previous AGM which had worked well. Mick took a list of other committee members requirements which he hopes to discuss with the RSM ASAP. Dave will again demonstrate the RSMS Course Photo CD and Angus will approach Colonel Burrows re the annual military update.

**Action: MP & AC**

9. **AOB** –

a. Following the last committee meeting, the Chairman had emailed the Committee as an "Afternote" informing us that the President, Bob Avenell, had agreed to remain in post until the Regt's move to Wyton in 2014.

**NFA immediately**

b. Mick requested that Rod try and find out the funding for the closure of RAF Brampton which was a very well planned event.

**Action: RS**

c. Mick also raised the question of what had happened to the £500.00 donation that the Association had made to the Regiment to assist in the

cost of a Sports Dinner, in 2010. The dinner had been postponed many times due to operational commitments but should not be allowed to just disappear from the Agenda. Rod will email the RSM accordingly.

**Action: RS**

- d. Rod reminded the Committee that it was the funeral of Cpl Clark the next day although it was generally agreed that due to the small size of the church it was important that priority should rightly be given to his serving colleagues and close friends and relations. Mike Payne was attending with the Association Standard thus representing us all.

**NFA**

- e. Rod informed the Committee that Mike Payne had, at very short notice, produced a very smart layout of information on a notice board, split between the Reading & West Berks Branch and our Mil Svy (Geo) Assoc, which the RSM had made available to us. The position of the NB is in the HQ building, just inside the corridor from the Fld/Air Svy corridor entrance. There is also a dedicated Mil Svy (Geo) Association NB in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess Corridor that Rod was unaware of. Action was necessary to maintain these NBs.

**Action: RS - ongoing**

- f. Rod also informed the Committee that Nick Collins had received two commendations for his Welfare Work during last year. The Committee congratulated Nick on his awards and acknowledged his hard work.

**10. Date of next meeting** - The next meeting is the AGM which will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, at 1900hrs at the WOs' & Sgts' Mess, Hermitage.

*Rod Siggs*

Honorary Secretary  
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