

**THE NORTH IRISH HORSE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25th September 2010
DUNMORE PARK TAC BELFAST**

MINUTE		ACTION
1	Memoriam. The Chairman opened the meeting and asked all present to stand in silence to honour the memory of all the departed comrades. The following casualties had been reported since the last Annual General Meeting. AN McCleary, RA Irwin, F Dale, WT Wilson. Mrs ME Day	
2	The Welcome. The Vice Chairman William Brown occupied the chair. On opening the meeting the Chairman offered apologies on behalf of the Chairman Gareth Baillie and the Secretary Reynold Kirk both of whom had reported sick. The meeting sent good wishes for their speedy recovery. The Chairman welcomed all present and extended a warm welcome to the three visitors from the Queens' Own Yorkshire Yeomanry OCA; Grat Brown, Dominick Peacock and Mark Scott.	
3	Attendances and Apologies. Thirty nine written apologies had been received and a further six were received from the floor. Thirty members were recorded as being present. The list of those attending and apologies are attached to the minutes as Annex "A".	
4	Minutes of the AGM 2009. Copies of the minutes for the 2009 AGM were circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman invited comments from the floor. No comments being received the Chairman asked for a proposal that "The minutes for the AGM 2009 were a true record of the Meeting." Proposed by: Jim Price Seconded by: Colin Davidson	PASSED
5	Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM 2009. The Acting Secretary, Henry Moore, advised the Chairman that no matters had arisen or were outstanding from the previous minutes. No matters concerning the minutes were raised from the floor.	
6	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a. NW Branch. A letter had been received from the Chairman of the NW Branch concerning the official recognition of the NW Branch. The official recognition of the existing branches (NW Branch and English Branch) was recommended in the Moore Report. See minute 8 The Recognition of Branches.</p> <p>b. Museum Collection. Contact has been made with the Army Museums Ogilby Trust (AMOT) to request information and advice about the re-establishment of the NIH Regimental Museum. Information and advice has been received and the subject is ongoing.</p> <p>c. Remembrance Sunday. A letter has been received from Valerie Henderson of the Belfast City Council to advise that we must now re-apply for permission to hold the wreath laying ceremony at the Regimental Memorial Windows and that our contact for these matters is now Sandra Robinson. <i>Note: The application has been made and permission granted.</i></p> <p>d. Notification for AOB. James Price requested that two items be placed on the agenda under AOB; a). A sitrep on the Regimental</p>	

	<p>but the distribution could be in five figures.</p> <p>The Accounts. The Chairman asked for a proposal that the accounts be accepted as presented.</p> <p>Proposed by: Christopher McFerran Seconded by: Tom Crothers</p> <p>Benevolence. The Treasurer informed the meeting that there were no new cases for the consideration of the meeting. He also assured the meeting that the Benevolent Fund had sufficient money to continue with the current quarterly and annual payments for the foreseeable future. The Treasurer did not recommend any change to the amounts paid currently e.g. £50 annually to all the annuitants and £40 quarterly to six beneficiaries.</p> <p>Chairman's Remarks. The Chairman asked the Secretary to record a vote of thanks for all the diligent work the Treasurer carried out on behalf the NIHRA and dependants.</p>	<p>PASSED</p> <p>Recorded as directed.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Recognition of Branches a Proposal.</p> <p>Reference: Minute 8 (Constitution and Rules Revision) of the NIHRA Committee meeting held on 3 February 2010.</p> <p>Background. It has long been accepted that two branches have existed within the NIHRA; the English Branch and the North West Branch. Despite their existence for some considerable time the branches have not been granted official recognition. The aim of the proposal is to correct the situation. The Moore Report made provision for this amendment to be made. The official recognition of branches makes it possible for other branches to be formed to meet the needs of special interest, cultural and geographic groupings. The proviso being that branches meet the requirements of the Revised Rules and Constitution of the NIHRA.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Proposal</p> <p>The North Irish Horse Regimental Association recognises the existence of branches within its structure providing that the branches meet the requirements of the NIHRA Constitution and Rules. The existing branches are the English Branch and the Northwest Branch.</p> <p>Proposed by: Tom Crothers. Seconded by: George Johnston</p>	<p>Branch Chairmen and NIHRA Secretary to note.</p> <p>PASSED</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9 (Continued)</p>	<p>The President's Address. The Chairman invited the NIHRA President to address the meeting; The President Colonel Colin McDonald thanked the Chairman for the opportunity and stated that he like all the NIHRA was eagerly waiting the result of the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR). But the colonel stated that he could not advise; where or when the axe may fall if at all. The President expressed the opinion that as the reserve Forces were filling such an important role in support of the Regular Forces he was optimistic about the outcome.</p> <p>Colonel Colin congratulated both Squadrons on their performance during the past 12 months and expressed his hope that the current position regarding the title of the Signal Squadron would be resolved before too long.</p> <p>On the question of Regimental Property the meeting was advised that the Trustees; Colonel The Lord O'Neill and Colonel James Leslie were reviewing the matter. Work was in progress; property checks were being carried out and that the contents of the accession book had been computerised to facilitate audit and control. The Colonel commented that the</p>	

	<p>Regimental assets were the responsibility of the Trustees and that the NIHRA as such had no title to the regimental property assets.</p> <p>In conclusion the Colonel said he was delighted to be able to welcome three representatives from of the Queen's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry OCA and thanked them for making the journey and hoped that they would enjoy the visit to Belfast</p>	
10	<p>Election of The Regimental Association Officers and Committee for 2010 / 2011</p> <p>a. The Chairman explained to the meeting that it was customary for the President of the NIHRA to conduct the election of the Association Officers and invited Colonel Colin to occupy the Chair for election.</p> <p>b. The Election of the Association Officers. Colonel Colin thanked the Chairman and announced that he was pleased to learn that the; Chairman Gareth Baillie, Vice Chairman William Brown, Treasurer G Henry Moore and Secretary Reynold Kirk had agreed to remain in office and seek re-election for the year 2010 / 2011. The President then asked for a proposal that the existing officers be re-elected. Proposed by: Christopher McFerran Seconded by: Andy Deans</p> <p>c. The Election of Association Regimental and Benevolent Committee. The Vice Chairman William Brown having re-occupied the Chair reminded the meeting that in line with the recommendation of the Moore Report the Regimental and Benevolent Committee had been reduced to 14 elected members. The Chairman advised the AGM that none of the existing committee members had offered their resignations for the forthcoming year and recommended that the existing members be re-elected to form the Regimental and Benevolent Committee for the year 2010 / 2011. Norman Allen, Tom Crothers, Colin Davidson, Charles Jeffery, R George Johnson, Col David Maitland-Titterton, Frankie McCaughan, Norman Orr, Lt Col Nick Tougher, Major George Wylie.</p> <p>The Chairman asked for a proposal that the above named be elected to serve on the Regimental and Benevolent Committee for the year 2009 / 2010. Proposed by: T Crothers Seconded by: G H Moore Treasurer.</p> <p>d. Co-opted Members. The Chairman then declared that it was his intention to follow the NIHRA custom of appointing the Squadron Leader and Squadron Commander of the serving squadrons as co-opted members of the Committee. Major The Hon Jonathan Taylor Squadron Leader B (NIH) Sqn QOY and Major Sam Burges Squadron Commander 69 (NIH) Sig Sqn (V)</p> <p>Annex "B" shows the list of the NIHRA Officers and elected members.</p>	<p>Passed</p> <p>Passed with acclaim</p>
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12	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>a. The Regimental Museum Collection. In reply to Mr Price's request for information the Secretary had prepared a written situation report. It is most unlikely that the NIH Museum Collection will ever have dedicated premises that are open to the public to house and display the Museum Collection. However, advice is being sought from the Army Museums Ogilby Trust and the possibility of sharing a location with an other Military Museum collection is being considered.</p> <p>b. Regimental Association Banner. Mr Price told the meeting that he would like to propose that the NIHRA give consideration to purchasing a Regimental Association Banner. The question was discussed and the general feeling was that it would be a sound idea. The chairman invited Mr Price to make enquiries and to pass his findings to the Secretary in order for his proposal to be considered at the next Committee meeting. Jim thanked the Chairman and in doing so advised the meeting that the 5th Innis DG OCA had recently purchased a banner for approx £450.</p> <p>c. Greetings from the QOYY OCA. Mr Dominic Peacock took the opportunity to thank the President, Chairman and all present at the AGM for the invitation to attend the AGM and Dinner and for the warm welcome they had received. Dominic advised the meeting that the QOYY OCA were facing a period of change and declining numbers and that they were looking forward to the formation of the Queen's Own Yeomanry Association. It was generally felt that a united Regimental Association would be beneficial to as all.</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Mr Price, Treasurer, Secretary</p>
13	<p>The Meeting Closes. There being no further business to conduct the Chairman invited the President and guests to join the assembled members of the NIHRA at their Annual Re-union Dinner.</p>	

Reynold Kirk

Secretary

For Acting Secretary / Treasurer G Henry Moore

North Irish Horse Regimental Association

Attachments:

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**The North Irish Horse Regimental Association
Annual General Meeting and Re-Union Dinner
Saturday 25th September 2010**

Attending:		Colonel The Lord O'Neill
Colonel Colin McDonald		Colonel James Leslie
Lt Colonel Nick Tougher		Colonel Richard Gordon
Major The Hon Jonathon Taylor		Colonel Grime Bryan
Lt David Weir	Apology	Major Sir William Moore Bart
Allen David		Colonel David Maitland-Titterton
Allen Norman		Bingham Gillian
Anderson Bracken		Binstead David
Brown Grat		Boggs Freddie
Brown William		Clements Pat
Carse Tony		Cochrane Leslie
Corby John		Cupples Richard
Davidson Colin		Deans Jackie
Deans Andy		Gifford James
Graham Raymond		Hamilton Percy
Johnson George		Harvey James
Kirk Reynold	Apology	Haveron James
Massey David		Henderson Brian
McCann James		Houston Brian
McCready Tom		Hunt Donald
Moore Henry		Jeffery Charles
Morrow Sam		Kearton Ian
Murphy Andrew		Lawley Jim
Peacock Dominic		Louden Albert
Pooley Steve		Lynn William
Price James		McCallum Thomas
Scott Mark		McCaughan Frank
Shaw Mercer		McCurdy William
Thompson Andrew		McGowan Mac
Weir Phillip		Neill Jack
Thompson Mark		Orr Norman
Christopher McFerran		Patterson Mark
Apologies:		Ross William
Corry Jackie		Simpson Stewart
Robert Ewart		Thompson Hugh
Major Stephen montgomery		Turner George
Captain Mark Gannon		Walker Brian
Lieutenant D Weir		Woods William
Wylie George		Major (Retd) RJ Kirk (Secretary)
Major Scottie WG Rankin		Baillie Gareth (Chairman)

The NIHRA Committee for 2009 / 2010

The President.	Colonel Colin R Mc Donald TD
Vice Presidents.	Colonel The Lord O'Neill KCVO TD Colonel James F Leslie TD DL Colonel Richard J Gordon DL
Chairman.	Gareth Baillie
Vice Chairman.	William S Brown
Treasurer.	Captain G Henry Moore CBE TD
Secretary.	Major (Retd) Reynold J Kirk
Members.	Colonel David Maitland-Titterton Lt Colonel Nick C Tougher TD Major George Wylie MBE TD Norman Allen Tom Crothers Colin Davidson Charles Jeffery R George Johnson Frankie McCaughan W Norman Orr
Co-opted	Major The Hon Jonathan Taylor (NIH) QOY Major Samuel Burges R Signals (V)

**Annex "C" to
The Minutes of the AGM
Saturday 25th September 2010**

Secretary and Chairman's Annual Reports

Reference Minute No 7 Annual Reports.

Both the Chairman and Secretary had reported sick and had tendered apologies for non attendance. Their Reports were not available to be read at the AGM. It was agreed that their Annual Reports could be appended to the minutes.

Secretary's Report.

NIHRA Activities. The Secretary stated that to date he was delighted with the support received at NIHRA events this year. The attendance at the Cavalry Memorial events held in May had been well supported, there being a good turnout from the Sabre Squadron at both the EB Dinner and Cavalry Memorial Parade on 8th & 9th May. This was followed by an excellent Hitler Line Dinner arranged by the NW Branch in Londonderry on Friday 21st May. This year's Hitler line Parade was sponsored by B (NIH) Sqn QOY. This was also well supported. It was unfortunate that elements of 69 (NIH) Sig Sqn were deployed in Cyprus with 40 Regiment Signal Group in support of UNFCyp on Op Toscar thus reducing the military presence. In June members of the EB paraded with the CIRAssn on their Annual Reunion Parade in London. The NIHRA are to be represented at the RAC Sunday at Chelsea Hospital in October by members of the EB. For a small widely dispersed Regimental Association we do our best to keep our flag flying high and in the public eye. Although support is generally good we can't afford to be complacent so please make every effort to attend at least one of the events in England next year 2011.

/ Secretary's Report Continued from page 8.

Membership. The total membership of the NIHRA = 271. The breakdown of membership is as follows:

English Branch = 75. North West Branch = 61 The Rest (NI & the rest) = 135. = Total 271

The Discussion Document. I, [The Secretary] with the agreement of the Chairman, produced a Discussion (Green Paper). The response to the paper has been disappointing. The main question raised in the responses was 'Why change at all' I apologise if I misled those who received a copy of the document; I feel that the paper may have been misconstrued as a 'Position Paper'. And that I as Secretary was proposing to introduce changes. The aim of the paper was to promote discussion and to alert the membership to the fact that external influences were making the need for a fresh look at our organisation. The Discussion Document is to be published on the NIH web site and I urge all who have not read the document; together with those who have, an initial copy to read it and suggest changes that might be necessary to meet any changes that you envisage may be thrust on the North Irish Horse as a corporate body i.e. both serving squadrons and the Regimental Family as a whole. Whether we like it or not change is on its way let us be prepared to meet the challenges.

Acknowledgments. The Secretary acknowledged all the assistance and help he had received from both Squadron Leaders and in particular the permanent staff of the Squadrons. The Secretary reminded the meeting that we must not take the assistance received for granted. The secretary wishes to remind all NIHRA. Members that the role of the NIHRA is to support the serving squadrons all too often it appears that the Association is being served and supported by the Squadron. The Secretary asked the Chairman if he could record a vote of thanks in the minutes in acknowledgment of all the help and support received during the past year.

The Chairman's Report. I would like to thank our Vice Chairman William Brown for all the support that he has given me during the past year. Unfortunately he has been required to stand in for me at the last Committee Meetings and again at this AGM. For me this year has been rather hectic. As you may know I married Jennifer on Saturday the 8th May 2010 this was an unfortunate choice of dates, well out of my control, as it coincided with the EB Dinner. So again I was absent from Parade however, from the good reports I received it was another success for the English Branch. There is no doubting that the NIHRA is not only maintaining high standards of celebration and social activities we are managing to raise our standards. This is due to hard the work that is being put in by the Branch Chairmen and their Branch Committees. So I would like to record a big thank you to you all.

I am looking forward to my last year as your Chairman What ever the result of the SDSR I am sure that there will be many challenges for us to face. We must be prepared to face up to change and manage the changes to the best advantage of the NIHRA.

Annex "D" to
The Minutes of the AGM
Saturday 25th October 2010

NORTH IRISH HORSE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Donations	679.20 ✓	Bank Fees	6.65 ✓
Bank Interest	2.85 ✓	Sec Expenses	536.54 ✓
Sale of Books	82.50 ✓	Donation to L'Vady Church	100.00 ✓
Sale of Ties	46.00 ✓	Income over Expenditure	1,005.29 ✓
Subscriptions	22.50 ✓		
Profit on Dinners	555.43 ✓		
Misc Receipts	260.00 ✓		
	<u>£1,648.48</u>		<u>£1,648.48</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET

	£		£
Capital as @ 30.6.09	7,884.00	Investment at Cost:	5,510.85
Income over Expenditure	<u>1,005.29</u>	Bank Balance 30.6.09	<u>3,378.44</u>
	<u>£8,889.29</u>		<u>£8,889.29</u>

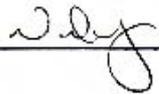
Notes on Accounts:

- Donations - Includes two church collections totalling £619.20
- Misc Receipts - Includes the return of the £200 loan to North West Branch
- Investments - Brewin Dolphin are holding £1,854.20 of investment income until we become a Registered Charity. Capital account should read £10,230.50
- Dinners - The figure includes £513 which was charged in error to the Benevolent Fund (reversed in the 2010/11 accounts).

Treasurer: GH Moore



Auditor:


N C Townell
15/9/10

Auditor:


S J MONTGOMERY
15/09/10

NORTH IRISH HORSE BENEVOLENT FUND

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30/6/10

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Investments	1,953.20	Grants	3,115.00
Bank Interest	5.20	Miscellaneous	686.35
Expenditure over Income	1,842.95		
	<u>£3,801.35</u>		<u>£3,801.35</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT and BALANCE SHEET

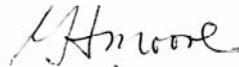
	£		£
Capital Account 1.7.09	16,618.23	First Trust Bank	1,505.32
<u>Less</u> Expenditure over Income	1,842.95 -	Balance Current a/c	3,677.15
		Investments @ cost	8,421.81
		Debtor - (Graham Kelly)	658.00
		Due Regimental a/c	513.00
	<u>£14,775.28</u>		<u>£14,775.28</u>

Notes on Accounts:

- Grants - Includes £500 donated to Royal Signals Benevolent Fund and £500 donated to the Yeomanry Benevolent Fund
Two death grants @ £100 each
- Misc Expenses - Wreaths £110 Silver Band £250 Christmas Cards £160
- Debtors - £658 due Graham Kelly
- £513 dinner cost charged to wrong account (now reversed)
- Current valuation of investments £35,460

Treasurer:

G H Moore



Auditor:


N C TOUQUET
15/9/10

Auditor:


S J MONICOMERY
15/09/10.