

Minutes of the 1961 Annual General Meeting.

The meeting was held at Southover on Friday 2nd June 1961.

2. It opened at 8.11 p.m.

3. Members present :- M.F. Cope Esq. (President O.F. Club) - Chairman.

Messrs A.F. Benham, M.J. Debenham, B.W. Fuller, P.W. Green, D.J. Groom, C. Hanning-ton, R. Hedgecoe, P.R. Hope, M. Isaacs, E.P. Jennings, F.J. Lane, J.R. Lee, A.H. Mulcahy G.J. Potter, J.W. Richardson - Hill, R.S. Risius, T.J. Sims, J.H.R. Stout, ~~Extinct~~, M.B. Taylor, M.R. Thilo, R. Tinworth, G.M. Wilson, R.M. Woollon.

Also present. S.R. Burrows, C.R. Cockerton, D.R. Tant, J.D. Watterson.

4. Apologies were received from Mr. H.B. Pegrum and Capt D.R. Blackmore.

5. The minutes of the previous year's AGM, having been distributed, were approved.

6. Only one matter arose from those minutes. In reply to a question, the Chairman of the CRA stated that nearly all the 24 members of the Association mentioned in the 1960 AGM minutes as not having joined the O.F. Club had since done so. About seven were still outstanding and contact with ~~these~~ these members was scanty.

7. The Chairman's Annual Report followed.

a) Capt Jennings stated that membership stood at 114, "Not far to go to reach 150", which figure ought to be the 1962 target. He asked all members to do their utmost to help enrol the 36 new members needed.

b) He formally thanked D.J. Groom, B.W. Fuller, J.W. Richardson-Hill and M.B. Taylor for all their labours in producing "Ricochet", an extremely well-produced edition of 89 pages, which he could confidently commend to all members.

c) Membership secretaries and the Association's Officers were also thanked for their hard work on behalf of the Association over the year. A special mention was made of J.R. Lee's efforts as Assistant Treasurer.

8. The Agenda was interrupted when F.J. Lane inquired whether a quorum for an AGM existed in the Clubhouse since the attendance was rather limited. On referring to the Rules, the Secretary discovered that no quorum was laid down for an AGM. The meeting was able to continue.

9. In the Treasurer's absence, the Chairman delivered the financial report, a copy of balance-sheet having been distributed to all members. The report consisted of an explanation of the balance-sheet. R. Hedgecoe asked for a definition of "sundry donations" and the Chairman explained that it was created by the generosity of the CRA's President - Col. Turl.

10. R. Hedgecoe proposed and J.H.R. Stout seconded that the Report be accepted. The meeting unanimously supported its acceptance.

11. The Hon. Secretary outlined the year's social events, which were limited to the Annual Dinner at "The Prince Albert", participation in the O.F. Darts League, one contest in the O.F. Quiz competition, and two or three 'reunions'. In the quiz, a win had been achieved against the Masonic Lodge in an exciting match; but at Darts losses had been the order of the day, one victory being chalked up due to the non-arrival of our opponents. However they had proved pleasant social events, assisting greatly in the pending integration of the Club and Association.
12. Editorial Sub-Committee's Report. D. J. Groom reported on behalf of the Editorial sub-committee.
- a) He emphasised the hard work necessary to obtain any articles at all from members. At the beginning of October 1960, one article had been promised, although forty four were likely to be forthcoming from School.
 - b) The O.C. had agreed to subsidise "Ricochet" by £10 annually to assist in its production and to ensure that a sizeable part of the journal be devoted to the Corps.
 - c) It had been decided to award three prizes annually as an incentive to boys at school; the awards, of course, subject to an acceptable standard of work. Details:
 - i) 1 gn. for the best prose article.
 - ii) $\frac{1}{2}$ gn. for the second best prose article.
 - iii) $\frac{1}{2}$ gn. for the best poem.
 - d) The editor concluded by expressing his thanks to the remainder of the sub-committee and also to those who had contributed to the journal.
13. R. Hedgecoe stated that he felt that the current "Ricochet" was a great advance on the first two numbers - a sentiment widely echoed by members.
14. Capt. Jennings added his personal thanks and appealed to all members to find the time to write an article or alternatively to contact acquaintances who might be able to produce something suitable for "Ricochet".
15. Shooting Sub-Committee Report. A.F. Banham referred the meeting to page 9 of "Ricochet" where he ~~has~~ had written most of what he had to say.
- a) He explained that rifles and ~~ammo~~ were borrowed from the Contingent. In due course the CRA would make its own purchases.
 - b) Shooting is held at Mill Hill, a charge of 2/6d being made to assist in the acquisition of capital. It is hoped to arrange a full-days shoot at Rainham or Purfleet for which the charge might be about 5/-.
16. F.J. Lane asked whether it might not be possible to issue warrants to cover rail journeys. A.F. Banham advised him to take the matter up with the Contingent's Adjutant.

- a) Capt Jennings, as the sub-committee's chairman, suggested/no progress had been made, it might be best to substitute a discussion in lieu of a report.
- b) The views of members were urgently needed.
- c) Some indication of support was also necessary. At least thirty active and financially investing members would be needed to make the section a feasible proposition.
- d) As a matter of policy a choice between dinghy and sea cruising would have to be made.

A discussion followed and many suggestions were made to help overcome the financial and organisational problems.

- i) F.J. Lane wondered whether an approach to the Sea Cadets might not be made?
- ii) A.F. Benham suggested it might be better to start by hiring a craft in order to gain experience and test genuine enthusiasm.
- iii) As expense was a major problem, F.J. Lane thought the CRA might look into the possibilities of collectively joining an existing club.
- iv) C.R. Cockerton pointed out that most boats were privately owned and hence were not available on a sharing basis.
- v) G.M. Wilson mentioned K.V. Eldred as an O.F. who was fairly knowledgeable on the pros and cons of sailing in the Aldenham/Elstree district. He might be able to help.
- vi) B.W. Fuller suggested that a money making activity could well be organised in an effort to raise at least some of exceedingly high initial outlay.
- vii) C.R. Cockerton mentioned that a dinghy, costing at least £140, would only take two members at a time. There was therefore no real choice between cruising and dinghy sailing. If a large number of members were to be able to participate at any one time, the CRA would have to opt for a cruiser at the outset, despite the greater cost.
- viii) As an alternative nautical activity, F.J. Lane referred to the Devizes - Westminster canoe race and wondered whether the Association might not take up canoeing, an activity which could be associated with adventure training.

Capt Jennings thanked members for their views which had been duly noted. The Sub-Committee would look into the matter and report when more factual information was available.

3. The 1961 - 1962 Executive Committee.

- a) The Election of Officers ~~followed~~ and ordinary members followed.
- b) Details of results can be found in Appendix 'A'.

9. F.J. Lane and J.W. Richardson-Hill asked about co-options to the Executive Committee and were informed that these were made in committee and not by the A.G.M.

10. The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

P. Green
Hon. Secretary.

Appendix 'A'

Election of Officers and Ordinary Committee members.

1. E.P.Jennings proposed and P.W.Green seconded that the President and vice-Presidents be re-elected. The Meeting unanimously agreed.

President. Lt. Col H.W.Turl B.A., LL.B., B.Sc(Econ).

Vice-Presidents. K.W. James Esq. B.Sc

Brig. B.B. Kennett C.B.E.

H.B.Pegrum Esq., M.C., T.D., M.A.

D. Thatcher Esq., M.B.E.

D. Watterson M.B.E., B.A. (Major)

Lt. Col. F.R. Wright.

2. Other elections.

Chairman. Capt. E.P.Jennings

Vice - chairman. Capt. J. Hereford.

Hon.Secretary. P.W. Green Esq.

Hon.Treasurer. Capt. D.R. Blackmore.

Hon.Vice-treasurer. J.H. Lee Esq.

Hon. Social Secretary. A.F. Banham Esq.

Hon. Journal Secretary. B.W. Fuller Esq.

Ordinary Committee Members. P.R. Hope Esq.

F.J. Lane Esq.

J.W. Richardson - Hill Esq.

J.H.R. Stout Esq.

M.B. Taylor Esq.

Appendix 'B' 1961/62 Co-options.

L.W. Frerk Esq., G.J. Potter Esq., C.S. Chandler Esq., R. Hedgecoe Esq., B.E. Wisbey Esq.

Appendix 'C'.

Committee Meeting Attendances. 1961 - 62.

<u>Officers.</u>		<u>Ordinary Members.</u>		<u>Co-Opted Members.</u>
E.P.Jennings	7/7	P.R. Hope	2/7	L.C.W. Frerk 2/6
J. Hereford	4/7	F.J. Lane	2/7	G.J.Potter 2/5
P.W. Green	6/7	J.W. Richardson-Hill	3/7	C.S. Chandler 2/3
D.R.Blackmore	0/7	J.H.R. Stout	6/7	R. Hedgecoe 3/3
J.R. Lee	2/7	M.B. Taylor	5/7	B.E.Wisbey 2/3
A.F. Banham	3/7			
B.W. Fuller	6/7			