



The Royal Green Jackets Association
Suffolk Branch.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL GREEN JACKET ASSOCIATION

HELD AT THE ARMY CADET DRILL HALL ON FRIDAY THE 3rd APRIL 1992

1. Those present:
 - Alf Arnold
 - John Bevan
 - Mick Burtenshaw
 - Mick Cozze
 - Fred Edwards
 - Pete Goggins
 - Barrie Gilmore
 - Dave Hazel
 - Curley Hooper
 - Joe Lakeman
 - Larry Lamb
 - Joe Mills
 - Frank Moss
 - Gordon Pilcher
 - Mick Read
 - Frank Rimmer
 - Vic Steedman
 - Craig Thomas
2. Apologies:
 - Alfie Adams
 - Mick Downey
 - Del Hemsley
 - Jim Hitches
 - Ian McCarthy
3. The meeting was opened at 2000hrs by Joe Mills with a warm welcome to Craig Thomas.
4. The minutes of the past meeting were read out, proposed by John Bevan and seconded by Frank Moss that the minutes as read be passed.
5. Correspondance: Nil
6. Finance: As attached.
7. Benevolence Report: John Bevan submitted the account which shows, costs of £48.28 leaving £51.72 which for the time being is sufficient, John will have an automatic top up as required.
8. Chairmans Report: Joe reported that since having the idea of starting a local association some five years ago, 1991 was the best year so far. The year started with the Ladies Dinner Night, and it was great to see to name a few, Dave and Dianna Waldron, Taffy Thomas and Dick Dikomite join us for what was one of the best dinners yet. The AGM followed in April and on the Saturday night following we had a supper evening where we invited members of the RAF Regiment Association and their wives to join us, it was a great evening the raffle prizes were of the highest quality with as you know no expense spared. A couple of supper evenings were held through the year to boost our funds.

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On Remembrance weekend we were very pleased to have our Regimental March played at the Festival on the Saturday night, which can be considered as proof of our acceptance by the Town. Sunday parade which we had got Felixstowe to bring forward to 1100hrs was a disaster, starting too early with Parade Marshalls and Town Clerks not knowing where they were or how to get their minds out of neutral, but in true Green Jacket fashion this was soon forgot as we entered the Marlborough Hotel for our Annual Lunch, and again it was great to have 13 couples from the RAF join us.

The R.G.J. Weekend at Winchester was the main reason for holding supper evenings as the funds raised paid for a coach to take us all down to Winchester in July. We had a terrific weekend although a little dry and I don't mean during the thunderstorm. Leaving the Winchester trip to last allows me to bring in this years trip which is all set for the 12 - 14th June. The coach has been ordered and all rooms confirmed. Col Manners Smith has put his head on the line with a guarantee of better bar service than last year, and food will also be laid on, so I'm sure that this years reunion will be better than last and a great weekend will be had by all.

9. Festival Committee Report: John Bevan advised that at the last meeting the profits from last years Festival were being allocated to all Felixstowe service associations and charities, the amount of £115.00 being given to each. John on our behalf declined the amount set aside for us, stating that as we were financially sound for the moment, it would be far better to split it between those charities/associations that were not so well off, this was warmly received and again its a first as we are the only beneficiary to give money back. This years Festival will be on Saturday the 7th November and we will be asking for 15 tickets which especially now that our March is being played will we are sure not be too hard to get rid of.
10. Membership: Joe Mills suggested that this years membership fee, as we had built up a sizeable savings account should be reduced to £12.00. This was put forward and proposed by Curley Hooper and seconded by Frank Moss that yearly subscriptions should be reduced to £12.00 and be put into the general account, this will give us sufficient funds to look at various ideas and allow us to subsidize functions for the maximum benefit of members. The current amount in our savings account to remain adding interest on a monthly basis and not to be used except as an emergency relief fund. This was passed unanimously.

With the above proposal being passed membership fees of £12.00 are now due for 1992/93 cheques should be made payable to the Royal Green Jacket Association.

11. Any other business:
 - a. Barrie Gilmore suggested that we should look at purchasing more equipment for the association, table decorations, mats, cutlery etc. Joe thought that hopefully we would be able to get something from the regiment following the reformation of the Battalions, and that for present it would be better to wait and see.
 - b. Ladies Dinner Night 1992/93 During a discussion on the next dinner it was agreed that we should keep the same format as in the past as the whole evening was something special and laid on for our ladies. We would have to cut out the waffle and it was felt that to give maximum time for dancing afterwards it would be better to have a 7 for 7.30 start. We learn by our mistakes and next years dinner will be a culmination of all that we know is good and has been successful in the past which should be a template for years to come.
 - c. Pub Card Winner: this months winner was Curley Hooper who for the first time in his life had a Bells in his hand, well done Curley.

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d. Supper Evening: Due to a problem with the Cadets Saturdays supper evening will have to be cancelled, so our belated apologies are given for any one who turned up and found the place deserted. This will now take place on the Saturday after the May meeting 2.5.92

We have had a meeting the the Commanding Office responsible to the Drill Hall and have been promised a new key and permission to carry on as we have in the past. Curley Hooper will be getting some new curtains for the Bar and Joe will be chasing Ron for something else to hang on the walls.

We will be back to normal on our next meeting.

e. Date of next meeting: this will be on Friday the 1st May 1992 1930-2000hrs in the Drill Hall.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 2040hrs.

JOE MILLS
CHAIRMAN

GORDON PILCHER
SECRETARY



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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

GENERAL ACCOUNT

	£	£
Bank Statement No. 38 dated 19.3.92	225.23	
Float	42.00	
Cash in Hand Hotel Deposits	130.00	
March Bar Takings (inc £50.00 Benevolence)	70.11	
Total:	<u>467.34</u>	467.34

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Bank Statement No. 28 dated 19.3.92	1798.85	
Cash in Hand (Membership Fees)	48.00	
Less £50.00 Benevolence Transfer to GA	50.00	
Total:	<u>1796.85</u>	1796.85


STOCK: Approx 170.00 170.00

BENEVOLENCE FUND: 100.00 100.00

£ 2534.19

OUTSTANDINGS:

REMEMBRANCE DAY WREATH:	<u>11.00</u>	
Total:	11.00	


G. P. CARTER.