

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION**
(incorporating the Regimental associations of the Seaforth Highlanders and The
Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders)

Held at Fort George
FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2013.

In attendance:

General AP Grant Peterkin CB OBE	President
Brigadier N J Ridley OBE	Chairman & Trustee
Colonel M White	Trustee
Lieutenant Colonel C E Gilmour MBE DL	Trustee
Lieutenant Colonel A Fairrie	Trustee
Lieutenant Colonel I J Murray DL	Trustee
Major D F Maclauchlan	Trustee
Capt JCCE Russell of Aden OBE	Trustee
Mr P Finlayson	Trustee
Major D Grant	Treasurer

Ser (a)	Item (b)	Action (c)
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The Chairman, Brigadier Nick Ridley, welcomed everyone to the Meeting. There were apologies from Mr D Loftus and Lt Col RJ Towns</p>	Nil
2.	<p>Obituaries</p> <p>The Chairman invited those present to stand and the names of those who had died in the previous 12 months, or were related to Seaforths, Camerons or Queen's Own Highlanders were read out:</p> <p><u>Seaforth Highlanders</u></p> <p>Maj AF Blincow Mrs SPW Carson Capt A Charters Mr W Gardner Mrs M Garner-Smith Mrs S Higgins Mrs E Jackman Mr GL McCallum Mr A MacGillivray James Macnab of Macnab Mrs L Messina Mr A Munro Sir P Nairne Mr A Reid Mr D Ross Mr DE Sedgewick Mr R Speed Mr AG Sutherland Mr T Winters</p>	

	<p><u>Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</u> Mr IM bee Mr JWC Blackie Mr E Carruthers Mr D Darling Maj AJS de Barton-Watson Mr J Fraser Mr J Gillespie Mr JB Gordon Mr A Ord Mr N McCombe MR K Maclean Rev MJ MacLellan Mr FSG Pearson Mrs JB Tait Mr GS Neill</p> <p><u>Queen's Own Highlanders</u> Mr R Burt Mr JA Cameron Mr T Crosby Mr M Duffus Mr A Duguid Mr D Jackson Mr J Joyce Mr C Kelman Mr S MacDonald Mr C MacLeod Mr DJ Spence</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held on 11th June 2012 had been circulated. These were presented to the Meeting for acceptance. Proposed by Mr R Munro and seconded by Mr V Nicol.</p>	Nil
5.	<p>Matters Arising from the previous minutes</p> <p>Any suggestions for locations regarding venues for meeting would be welcome.</p>	
6.	<p>Financial Accounts</p> <p>a. The Chairman invited the Treasurer to explain the Annual Accounts, including the additional funds from the amalgamation of The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders Association with the Queen's Own Highlanders Association. The Annual Accounts are submitted annually to OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator).</p> <p>b. Copies of the Annual Accounts were available and those present were encouraged to refer them back to their Branches so members</p>	

	<p>could see how the resources were utilised on their behalf.</p> <p>c. Lt Col Genville Johnston had audited the accounts. Thanks were expressed to him for undertaking this responsibility.</p> <p>d. The Trustees have agreed to increase the Association Welfare Grant from £9,000.00 to £18,000.00; to commence this financial year.</p>	
7.	<p>Branch Reports</p> <p>All reports had been circulated and were taken as read. Further copies are available from Branches.</p>	
8.	<p>Award of Medallions and Bars to Medallions</p> <p>Gold Medallions Mr AJ Paterson Mr CS Mackenzie Mr D MacLeod</p> <p>Gold Bars Mr G Macdonald Mr J Romanes</p> <p>Silver Medallion Mr N Robertson Mr J Meechan</p> <p>Caithness Branch Western Isles Branch Western Isles Branch</p> <p>Caithness Branch Strathclyde Branch</p> <p>Edinburgh Branch Edinburgh Branch</p>	
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>a. The Chairman informed the meeting that he was relinquishing the appointment of Association Chairman. He hoped that Branches would continue to flourish and Lt Col James Murray has agreed to take over as Chairman.</p> <p>b. David Loftus has also relinquished his appointment of Association Secretary. Lt Col Bob Towns has agreed to take over this appointment.</p> <p>c. The Chairman explained how monies were spent, in particular on welfare through RHQ RRS. Each case is submitted to SSAFA and RHQ RRS allocate funds on their advice. An additional £8000.00 is expended on Branch Grants, Xmas Gifts, Wreaths, Newsletter, Stationery, Postage, AGM Travel and Condolence Cards</p> <p>There is a further amount of capital in the Portfolio which is allocated to the Regimental Trust not to the Association. It is available to fund matters other than welfare.</p> <p>d. Maj G Givens suggested that the Association should provide an</p>	<p>Lt Col IJ Murray</p> <p>Lt Col Towns</p>

	<p>annual summary of welfare cases for the AGM.</p> <p>e. Maj G Givens proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his enormous contribution towards the Association. A tremendous amount of work had been achieved during his tenure. This was fully supported by the President.</p> <p>f. The President suggested that the Trustees be asked to consider, funding in line with Association objectives for opportunities in the future such as comradeship. Possibly some funding could be allocated for other purposes which could be to the benefit of Members. He asked that there should be a response to this suggestion and other ideas at the 2014 Association AGM.</p> <p>g. Maj D Shepherd invited more officers to attend National Armed Forces Day parades.</p> <p>h. Mr S McIntosh mentioned the Association website and encouraged Members to make more use of it. They could submit reports of activities and other worthwhile events of interest to Members.</p>	Treasurer
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The next AGM would be on Friday 4th July 2014 at Fort George.</p>	Info: All Action: Secretary