

# HIGHLAND BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 31 MAY 2012 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – NAIRN

President	Maj Gen AP Grant Peterkin CB, OBE
Chairman	Lt Col (Retd) RJ Towns MBE
Secretary	Mr SG McIntosh
Treasurer	Maj (Retd) AF Blincow MBE

Serial	Item	Action/Info																						
1.	The Chairman welcomed all to the AGM and thanked Mr Frank Michie Chairman of the RBL Nairn for the use of the Lounge Bar.	All																						
2.	<p>Fallen Comrades – All in attendance stood as a list of fallen comrades was read out by the Secretary which was followed by a minute's silence.</p> <p>The following have sadly passed away since the last AGM in July 2012:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Roddy Martin</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Davie Nicoll</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tommy Hamilton</td> <td>Col John Aird</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brian Christie</td> <td>Andy Anderson 66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Catto</td> <td>Henry Marshall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Davie Black</td> <td>Brian Kay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willie Wilkie</td> <td>Jock Rattray</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jimmy Clark</td> <td>Frank Morrison</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jimmy Cumming</td> <td>Alasdair Gillies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bob Hoddinott</td> <td>David Oag</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jane Penman</td> <td>Lorraine White</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anne Bashford</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Roddy Martin	Davie Nicoll	Tommy Hamilton	Col John Aird	Brian Christie	Andy Anderson 66	John Catto	Henry Marshall	Davie Black	Brian Kay	Willie Wilkie	Jock Rattray	Jimmy Clark	Frank Morrison	Jimmy Cumming	Alasdair Gillies	Bob Hoddinott	David Oag	Jane Penman	Lorraine White	Anne Bashford		All
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8.	<p><b><u>FUTURE EVENTS 2012-2013</u></b></p> <p>Sat 30 Jun 12 - Various locations – AFD participation as necessary.</p> <p>Fri 6 Jul 12 – Association AGM at the Seaforth Club in Nairn.</p> <p>Sat 21 Jul 12 - Armed Forces Day in Inverness, step off at 1215 hrs from the Eastgate Centre, there will be no free access to the Northern Meeting Park but those participating in the march can purchase half price tickets (£4) from the British Legion in Inverness.</p> <p>28 Jul 12 – Gen Grant Peterkin spoke about the invitation for Highland Branch Members to attend Grange Hall.</p> <p>Fri 3 and Sat 4 Aug – The association will have a tent at the Moy games again this year and the Association Pipes and Drums will play on both days.</p> <p>Sun – Late Sep 12 Cookhouse lunch at Cameron Barracks, date will remain flexible until the use of Cameron Barracks is known.</p> <p>Fri 2 Nov 12 – Moray Loons Night at the Seaforth Club in Elgin and places can be booked on the website at <a href="http://www.cabarfeidh.com">www.cabarfeidh.com</a>.</p> <p>Sat 1 Dec 12 – Dinner Dance with partners, location to be confirmed.</p> <p>Sat Early Feb 13 – Amalgamation Stag Dinner at Fort George.</p>	All
9	<p>Museum Update</p> <p>Upgrade - The annex is to be handed over to Mansells (The Contractor) on Mon 4 Jun for a 6 week refurbishment with a proposed date around 12 Jul 12 for moving the library and archives to the annex. The main building will then be handed over to the contractor for a scheduled 24 week refurbishment. The Museum should then be taken back around the 24 Nov 12. Then the task of setting up the museum takes place with a scheduled reopening of Easter 2013.</p> <p>Gen Peter spoke about the sale of items from the museum which had so far raised £50k and it was hoped the another £50k is expected to be raised at Bonhams.</p> <p>Gen Peter also spoke at length about the naming of the Museum and the reasoning behind this.</p>	All

	<p>The following stock is available from the museum as at date of the meeting:</p> <p>Hackles – 52  Badges – 68  Glengarry's Size 57 – 12  Size 58 – 9  Size 59 - 6</p>	
10.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>A Queen's Own Highlanders memorial was spoken about at length and suggestion for how a proposed memorial would look was requested with the Chairman volunteering to take this project forward in the future. All at the meeting agreed that this wasn't going to be an easy task to achieve and there were still many questions to be answered before it comes to fruition including funding and where any such memorial would be placed.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested that a Battlefield Tour be run in 2013 for members and their partners with the main part of this tour being to visit war graves where Seaforths and Camerons seen action. A volunteer is required to take this forward.</p> <p>David Grant requested volunteers for an initiative that was being done at Fort George for kids, any volunteers contact David</p> <p>Maurice Gibson is looking for volunteers to assist with the tent at the Moy Games, volunteers direct to Maurice.</p> <p>It was requested by those in attendance that soft drinks be made available on the table at dinners, this was agreed and will be put on returns for future functions where relevant.</p> <p>Gen Peter suggested that CO 3 SCOTS also be invited to the Amalgamation Dinner at Fort George in 2013.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>All</p> <p>David Grant</p> <p>Maurice Gibson</p> <p>Chairman/Secretary</p> <p>Chairman</p>

SG MCINTOSH  
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