

HIGHLAND BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 14 JULY 2011 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

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1.	The Chairman wellcomed al 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 the Chairman reading the Regimental Toast and a minute’s silence.</p> <p>The following have sadly passed away since the Dinner at Fort George:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Ian Clark</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Donald MacKinnon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brian Matuszczyk</td> <td>George MacKenzie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stewart (Geordie) Anderson</td> <td>Ewen Scobie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Green</td> <td>Florance Millar</td> </tr> </table>	Ian Clark	Donald MacKinnon	Brian Matuszczyk	George MacKenzie	Stewart (Geordie) Anderson	Ewen Scobie	John Green	Florance Millar	All																		
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3.	<p>There were 24 members and a guest of the Chairman in attendance as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Bob Towns (Chairman)</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Steven McIntosh (Secretary)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Finlayson</td> <td>Jim Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gordon McKenzie</td> <td>Ross Fraser</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Schneider</td> <td>David Grant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jim Mutch</td> <td>Eric Munro</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seoras McIntosh</td> <td>John Bailey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eric Duguid</td> <td>Laurence Young</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cliff Thorpe</td> <td>Hamish MacPherson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ronnie Sinclair</td> <td>Andy Venters</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sandy Finnie</td> <td>Tommy Crosbie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ian MacKenzie</td> <td>Frank Blincow (Treasurer)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sheddie Carr</td> <td>Robert Shanks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roddy Wood</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Apologies were received from:</p>	Bob Towns (Chairman)	Steven McIntosh (Secretary)	Peter Finlayson	Jim Campbell	Gordon McKenzie	Ross Fraser	John Schneider	David Grant	Jim Mutch	Eric Munro	Seoras McIntosh	John Bailey	Eric Duguid	Laurence Young	Cliff Thorpe	Hamish MacPherson	Ronnie Sinclair	Andy Venters	Sandy Finnie	Tommy Crosbie	Ian MacKenzie	Frank Blincow (Treasurer)	Sheddie Carr	Robert Shanks	Roddy Wood		
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4.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting were passed around for all to read and there were no matters arising from these minutes.</p> <p>Proposed By: Gordon McKenzie Seconded by: Ian MacKenzie</p>		All
5.	<p>The Chairman spoke at length about the Gathering Weekend and was extremely pleased by the response he had received by letter and e-mail from people who had attended, in particular he was heartened to receive correspondence from all ranks and not just Officers.</p> <p>The only downside to the weekend was the actions of Landmarc and the Chairman has written to the Prime Minister quoting the Armed Forces Covenant, a reply is awaited.</p>		All
6.	<p>The Treasurers report was read out by the treasurer with the balance of cash for the Branch as at 31 December 2010 being £2057.00.</p> <p>Proposed By: Seoras McIntosh Seconded by: Sandy Finnie</p>		All
7.	<p>There are no changes to the current committee and no further volunteers to join the committee from those in attendance, anyone wishing to volunteer in the future should identify themselves to a current committee member.</p>		All
8.	<p>Branch Events 2011-2012:</p> <p><u>Sat 23 July 11 Armed Forces Day in Inverness:</u></p> <p>All participants should form up at the Eastgate Centre at 1230 hours and will march as a group to the Highland Games. Robbie MacKintosh will be carrying the Branch Standard.</p>		All

	<p><u>Fri 5 and Sat 6 August 2011 Moy Games:</u></p> <p>The Association will set up a Meet and Greet tent at the games and David Grant is looking for volunteers to man the tent on both days, the Museum will also be present in the tent. The Pipes and Drums will be playing at the games on both days..</p> <p><u>Mon 8 – Sat 13 August 2011 Inverness Tattoo:</u></p> <p>Roddy Wood spoke to the meeting requesting volunteers to help with the Stewarding at the tattoo as per last year; any volunteers should identify themselves to Roddy as soon as possible. This year is the 60th anniversary of the Inverness Tattoo. The Pipes and Drums will be playing at the tattoo on Saturday 13 August 11.</p> <p><u>Sun 25 Sep 11 – Cookhouse Lunch, Cameron Barracks:</u></p> <p>The date for this function will have to remain flexible at the moment as it can only be arranged when the Barracks is free. It was discussed and agreed at the meeting that the timings for this lunch be extended to finish at 1600 hrs to make the day more worthwhile for those attending from distance.</p> <p><u>Fri 28 Oct 11 Moray Loons:</u></p> <p>The annual Moray Loons evening has been organised at the Seaforth Club in Elgin on 28 Oct 11 at 1900 hrs. This is not a Branch Sponsored Event and further details with booking forms can be accessed through the website at http://www.cabarfeidh.com.</p> <p><u>Sat 19th Nov 11 Buffet Dinner With Partners - Forres:</u></p> <p>This function was discussed at length and Peter Finlayson agreed to take on the organisation with the event being held in Forres on 19 Nov 11, further details to follow in the very near future.</p> <p><u>Sat 3 Dec 11- Highlanders Presentation of Colours:</u></p> <p>This is a provisional date for the diary at present as no further details have been confirmed.</p> <p><u>Sat 5 Feb 12 Amalgamation Dinner (Stag Night):</u></p> <p>Details to be confirmed although it was noted that Fort George may not be possible as the Battalion are likely to be in Afghanistan.</p>	<p>David Grant</p> <p>Roddy Wood</p> <p>Committee</p> <p>Seoras McIntosh</p> <p>Peter Finlayson</p> <p>All</p> <p>Committee</p>
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9	<p>Museum – A discussion was held regarding stock at the museum shop and in particular Staff Badges. John Bailey, the Secretary of the Museum Committee spoke to all present about the cash flow of the museum and the difficulties it would face in having to lay out expenditure at present. There was no further news on the Museum refurbishment but John said that news would follow soon.</p>	All
10	<p>The Chairman presented the following with Bars to Medals for loyal service as Highland Branch Committee Members:</p> <p>Maj (Retd) Frank Blincow Larry Young Cliff Thorpe</p>	All
11.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>The Secretary proposed on behalf of Dusty Millar that Jim Munro be voted in as an Honorary Member, this proposal was seconded by Gordon McKenzie and passed for approval by the Association Trustees.</p> <p>Hamish MacPherson proposed and was seconded by Ian MacKenzie that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Chairman, Committee Members and Pipes and Drums for a very successful Gathering.</p> <p>The Chairman finished the meeting by reminding all present of the aims of the Association and Branch.</p>	<p>Secretary/Treasurer</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>

SG MCINTOSH
Secretary