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MINUTES OF THE 27TH LI COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT DAVIES STREET, LONDON ON THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2016

Present	Lt Gen T P Evans CB CBE DSO Brig C M G Elcomb OBE Col D H R Stephenson CBE Col J H Bowron DSO OBE Lt Col P J Wykeham Maj H L Kennedy MBE Capt I I Foster Capt R W Gittings Lt Col A R Trelawny	Chairman LI Committee Chairman LI Club and Member President Buglers Assoc and Member Member Member Member Asst Sec Fin and Member LI Reunion Coordinator Secretary LI Committee	Chairman Treasurer Secretary
Apologies	Col B Denney TD DL Mr S Harris	Member Member	
In Attendance			

Item (a)	Subject (b)	Discussion and Decisions (c)	Action (d)
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1	Welcome and Opening Remarks	The Chairman welcomed the Committee members to the meeting.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Points Arising	The Minutes of the 26th LI Committee Meeting were accepted as a true record. Points arising were covered under other agenda items (below).	
3	Membership Changes	<p>1. The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Mr Harris, who has asked to step down as a Member, and has taken his advice that Mr Ian McGregor, formerly of 2LI, should be invited to replace Mr Harris as a Member. The Chairman will invite Mr McGregor to the next meeting.</p> <p>2. The Chairman explained that Col Bowron's imminent overseas posting would make it difficult for him to carry out his duties as a Member, at least for the next year. In order to ensure that the Committee continues to have access to the insights of a serving Rifleman, the Chairman will invite Brig E G R Chamberlain to stand in for Col Bowron during his absence.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p>
4	Finances	The Treasurer summarised the finances of the Light Infantry Reg Charity and handed out to members a summary of income and expenditure for the LI Club as at 30 th September 2016. There are sufficient funds (around £90K in investments and cash) to support four more Reunions if the cost remains broadly the same and no other sources of funding are tapped.	
5	LI and Rifles Reunion	<p>1. The 2017 Reunion will take place on 16th/17th June 2017 and the 2018 Reunion on 15th/16th June 2018.</p> <p>2. A Project Officer for the 2018 Reunion, which will include a commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Light Infantry and possible attendance by a Royal Colonel, will be appointed shortly.</p> <p>3. Capt Gittings reported that he had examined the possibility of subsidising coach or minibus travel and the curry on the Friday night of the Reunion but had concluded that such a subsidy would not increase the numbers attending.</p> <p>4. Capt Gittings and Capt Foster will liaise over the completion of the application for the licence required for the 2017 Reunion Draw.</p> <p>5. The Chairman asked Members for their views on additional funding sources which might ensure that the Reunion could continue in its present form beyond the date at which existing Light Infantry Reg Charity funds would run out. The Chairman sees the sources of such additional funding falling into three categories, namely The Rifles and antecedent regiments (through annual grants), local and national businesses (through sponsorship) and individuals attending the Reunion (through an admission charge).</p> <p>6. As regards The Rifles and antecedent regiments, the Chairman is in discussion with The Rifles Regimental Secretary and the Chairmen of antecedent regimental trusts and will report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Capt Gittings</p> <p>Chairman Secretary</p> <p>Capt Gittings</p> <p>Capt Gittings Capt Foster</p> <p>Chairman</p>

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		<p>7. As regards sponsorship by businesses, some discussion had already taken place. Maj Kennedy has identified an experienced marketing consultant who is able to undertake a search for potential sponsors and, if required, to follow up by making direct contact. However, because the Reunion is a private event, and because RHQ Rifles has laid down rules about the sponsorship of regimental events by breweries and other suppliers of alcohol, the range of potential sponsors may be limited. Maj Kennedy undertook to speak to Mr McGregor and the consultant to identify a possible way forward and keep the Chairman and Members briefed about his ongoing discussions. No payment to the marketing consultant was agreed at this stage.</p> <p>8. As regards the payment of an admission charge, several Members reported that their own informal discussions with Association branches and other interested individuals indicated that the introduction of such a charge would be broadly supported if it meant that the Reunion could continue further into the future. However, it would need to be demonstrated clearly to those paying the charge that the income was going directly to the Reunion and not into some other fund over which they had little or no control.</p> <p>9. The Chairman tasked the Secretary to investigate the Implications of admission charges, particularly those relating to insurance, band and bugles costs etc and for Capt Gittings to consider any additional staff requirements.</p> <p>10. The Chairman stated that whilst there would not be an admission charge for the 2017 Reunion, it may well have to be introduced in 2018, and it is therefore important to understand the implications and to listen to the views of the Association members. More details will be given in the Annual Newsletter which will go out immediately after the next meeting.</p> <p>11. The Chairman asked Members to consider ways, other than the invitation of a Royal Colonel, to make the 50th Anniversary Reunion in 2018 an even more special event.</p>	<p>Maj Kennedy</p> <p>Secretary Capt Gittings</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>All</p>
6	LI Regimental Association	The Chairman reminded the Members of the importance of the LI and Rifles Association and emphasised the importance of ensuring that its views are taken into consideration when decisions are made about spending Regimental funds. Whilst communication through the Association Branches remains an excellent way to do this, the fact that many members of the Association do not attend branch meetings means that it is important that the various websites, Facebook pages and other social media channels are fully utilised.	All
7	Website	The LI and The Rifles websites are functioning well and are widely used by the Regimental community. Capt Gittings will provide the 2017 Reunion proforma directly to Capt Foster for inclusion in the next website update.	Capt Gittings Capt Foster
8	LI Officers' Club	<p>1. Brig Elcomb informed the meeting that 98 members had enjoyed the Salisbury lunch on 17th July 2016. The next lunch will take place in the usual venue on 9th July 2017.</p> <p>2. There are 75 members expected at the LI Club dinner in London on 13th October 2016</p>	
9	Obituaries	Nothing to report.	Secretary
10	AOB	Col Stephenson updated the meeting on the activity of the	

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		Buglers' Association of the Light Division and Rifles and thanked the Committee and the regional/county offices for their support. He asked the Chairman for support in retaining the silver bugles currently in use.	Lt Col Stephenson
11	Future Meetings	<p>1. The 2017 Spring Meeting will be held in Winchester at 1030hrs on Thursday 9th March 2017. The 2017 Summer Meeting will be at Shrewsbury at 0930hrs on Sunday 18th June 2017.</p> <p>2. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1600hrs.</p>	

A R Trelawny




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
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