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MINUTES OF THE 26TH LI COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT SHREWSBURY ON 19TH JUNE 2016

Present	Lt Gen T P Evans CB CBE DSO Brig C M G Elcomb OBE Col D H R Stephenson CBE 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 Asst Sec Fin and Member LI Reunion Coordinator Secretary LI Committee	Chairman Treasurer Secretary
Apologies	Col B Denney TD DL Col J H Bowron DSO OBE Lt Col P J Wykeham Mr S Harris	Member Member Member Member	
In Attendance			

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1	Welcome and Opening Remarks	The Chairman welcomed the Committee members to his first meeting. He asked that a vote of thanks to Lt Gen Brims be recorded, in the light of his 16 years of sterling service and wise counsel. He also thanked Capt Gittings for an excellent Reunion.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Points Arising	<p>1. The Minutes of the 25th LI Committee Meeting were accepted as a true record. Points arising were:</p> <p>2. Item 5.4. The date of the 2018 Reunion could not be on 6th/7th July (closest weekend to 50th anniversary of LI Vesting Day) because of stadium availability. It is planned that it will take place on 15th/16th June 2018.</p> <p>3. Item 10.2. The links between the LI Website and the Reunion Facebook page had been improved and would be further improved before 2017 when the website will be the main source of Draw Tickets.</p>	<p>Capt Gittings</p> <p>Capt Gittings Maj Kennedy</p>
3	Membership Changes	The Secretary will draft a letter for the Chairman to send to Mr Sean Harris asking him if he wishes to stand down as a member but continue to provide IT expertise. Capt Foster suggested somebody with corporate fundraising experience might be invited to become a member, whilst Brig Elcomb suggested that TA/Reservist experience would also be useful to the Committee.	Secretary
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 31 st March 2016. The cost of the 2016 Reunion was around £23K. At that rate, there are sufficient funds (around £80K in investments and cash) to support three more Reunions. However, if other funding streams can be identified, the Reunions can continue for longer. The Chairman directed the Treasurer to brief him separately on antecedent regiment funds, whilst he directed the Secretary to explore corporate and local sponsorship options. Other sources of funding could be donations from Association Branches or a nominal "entry fee" levied on all attending. The Chairman undertook to discuss Rifles funding streams with the Colonel Commandant and the Regimental Secretary	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Chairman</p>
5	LI and Rifles Reunion	<p>1. The Chairman asked Capt Gittings to draft letters of thanks as appropriate.</p> <p>2. Capt Gittings asked the Chairman to contact CO 6 RIFLES to request support in 2017. The Secretary will liaise with PSAO E Coy nearer the time. A working party of a section for the Friday and Saturday would be ideal.</p> <p>3. The Friday night event (bar and curry) will be retained for the 2017 Reunion. The possibility of a minibus service and a subsidised curry will be investigated.</p> <p>4. In his 2017 Reunion address the Chairman will thank the wives and families for their support.</p> <p>5. Planning for the 2018 Reunion, to which a Royal visitor will be invited, will take place in earnest from Spring 2017, when a Project Officer will be appointed.</p>	<p>Capt Gittings</p> <p>Chairman Secretary</p> <p>Capt Gittings</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p>

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6	LI Regimental Association	The Chairman summarised the relationship between the LI Committee and the LI Regimental Association, stating that the main role of the former was to act as custodians of the funds of the latter, using those funds primarily for the annual Reunion. The LI Committee's responsibility also extends to memorials, obituaries and coordination with other groups such as the LI Club and the Buglers' Association.	
7	Website	Major Kennedy explained that his role is as "link man" rather than "consultant". He proposed that the Website Manager, Andy Foster, be paid £350 per year (up from £140) and this was agreed.	Maj Kennedy
8	LI Officers' Club	<p>1. Brig Elcomb informed the meeting that 87 members had so far signed up for the Salisbury lunch on 17th July 2016.</p> <p>2. There was the usual discussion on the future format of the LI Club dinner, to be held in London on 13th October 2016. A minimum of around 30 diners is required for viability and this was exceeded comfortably in 2015, with several "younger" officers attending. However, it usually requires a lot of effort on the part of the organisers to chase LI Club members up in the last few weeks before the Dinner. The future of a London dinner without partners must be kept under review.</p> <p>3. There are currently 531 officers on the LI Club mailing list.</p>	
9	Obituaries	Nothing to report. Regional/County offices will continue to submit copy to Lt Col Wykeham for inclusion in the Bugle and the Rifles Chronicle. The Secretary will provide input at future LI Committee Meetings.	Secretary
10	AOB	<p>1. The Treasurer briefed the meeting on the matter of the Ballygawley Memorial at Sir John Moore Barracks, Winchester. Although the Winchester Branch of the RGJ and Rifles Association have agreed to take responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the memorial, as it has for the other Light Division memorials at that barracks, it seems that the Ballygawley Memorial may have been overlooked. The Treasurer will remind the local association of its responsibility and try to identify a local ex- LI member to take the lead.</p> <p>2. Col Stephenson updated the meeting on the activity of the Buglers' Association of the Light Division and Rifles and thanked the Committee and the regional/county offices for their support.</p>	Treasurer
11	Future Meetings	<p>1. The 2016 Autumn Meeting will be held at Davies Street, London at 1400hrs on Thursday 13th October 2016. The 2017 Spring Meeting will be at Winchester on Wednesday 15th March 2017 and the 2017 Summer Meeting at Shrewsbury on Sunday 18th June 2017.</p> <p>2. The 2017 Reunion will take place on 16th/17th June 2017 and the 2018 Reunion will take place on 15/16 June 2018, at Shrewsbury.</p> <p>3. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1130hrs.</p>	

A R Trelawny
Lt Col (Retd)



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