

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREEN HOWARDS ASSOCIATION (GHA)
72nd POST WAR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM), HELD AT THE ARMY RESERVE
CENTRE, STOCKTON ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH AT 1830HRS ON SAT 12 OCT 19

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| Present Committee | Col (Retd) R C Mantell MBE Maj (Retd) A Warriner MBE | Representative Colonel & Chairman GHA Secretary |
| Present Members | Association Members x 73 | |
| Apologies | Maj (Retd) P Ralph MM Maj (Retd) R Helmn BEM | Treasurer & Assistant Regt Sec YR (North) Assistant Regt Sec YR (South) |

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| ITEM 1 – PRELIMINARIES | |
| 1. The Chairman welcomed those attending and thanked members for their continued support. | |
| 2. The Chairman thanked 4 YORKS, especially Brian Durlik and his team, the Company Commander Maj Mick Lynch, WO2s Archer and Freeman for their support to the GHA Reunion. | |
| ITEM 2 – OLD COMRADES – ABSENT FRIENDS | |
| 3. The Chairman read out the names of 51 members of the Association whose death had been notified to RHQ since the last AGM in Oct 18. After the Exhortation members observed a period of silence. The Chairman made a special mention of Brigadier Maurice Atherton for his very generous financial donations made to the Association and Museum. | |
| ITEM 3 – CONVENING NOTICE OF MEETING | |
| 4. A copy of the Convening Notice was distributed to members and formally read out by the Chairman. | |
| ITEM 4 – CHAIRMAN’S INTRODUCTION, REVIEW AND MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING | |
| 5. The Chairman introduced the meeting giving a review of the major events of the past year. He mentioned the following: | All |
| a. The Stan Hollis VC Film. The film was made by Jonathan Bell and members were asked, “Who had seen the film?” The response was disappointing and it was explained, because of copyright it could not be circulated on the internet or other social media networks. If it were to be released in this way the BBC and others would charge the GHA for breaking the copyright. It is used by recruiting organizations and within the army. | |
| b. Follow-up Action. The Chairman was reluctant to circulate by email because of copyright concerns. The Secretary informed members that it was setup in the TV room and would be shown during the evening. | |
| c. Green Howards Sunday 12 May 18. A very good and well attended event that is becoming more popular. Unfortunately, it cannot be extended as accommodation is limited and possibly too expensive for many over a full weekend. | |

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| <p>d. Normandy 75th Anniversary. The Chairman thanked all those who supported the Commemoration at Crepon, new Normandy Memorial opening and the Battlefield Tour. The weekend was attended by about 80 members, family and friends.</p> <p>e. Funds Donated for the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA). Members were thanked for their attendance and donations towards the NMA Stone and in total the fund raised £35K. The Dedication on Thu 19 Sep 19 was attended by 288 Green Howards, family and friends and was a splendid occasion. Some of the funds were used to support other Green Howards projects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1900.00 towards the new Normandy British Memorial. The Memorial is again under construction and will be open in Sep 20, the Anniversary of the end of the Normandy campaign. • Two memorial stones to the Portsmouth D-Day Museum where many troops sailed from. There is the Green Howards cap badge on the wall and an individual stone for Stan Hollis VC – the only one to have a medal designation on the stone. • In the city of Armagh, a Memorial Wall has been built to commemorate all the soldiers, police, prison officers and UDR members who were killed in the county. Green Howards lost Major Peter Willis; whose name appears on the wall. <p>6. The Minutes of the Last Meeting held on Sat 13 Oct 18 were reviewed. There were no issues raised.</p> <p>7. Minutes Accepted. Proposed by Mr Marty Williams, Seconded by Mr Bill Bowes and CARRIED by all members attending the meeting.</p> | |
| <p>ITEM 5 – GREEN HOWARDS ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS</p> | |
| <p>8. Copies of the Association Balance Sheet for the year ending 31 Dec 18, were made available to members. The balance sheet was presented and explained by the Secretary, Maj (Retd) Tony Warriner. The Accounts had been adopted at the GHA Executive Meeting held at Richmond on Sat 6 Apr 19. The Secretary highlighted the following entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income. £20,258.00. • Expenditure. £11,770.00. • Profit for the Year. £8,488.00. • Accumulated Fund. £53,112.00. <p>9. The up to date bank figure in the interest account as at 30 Sep 19 was £45,437.80. This figure is an increase on holdings as the investments have been drawn down.</p> | |
| <p>ITEM 6 – YORKSHIRE REGIMENT BENEVOLENT FUND (YBF)</p> | |
| <p>10. After Note: After the meeting, Maj (Retd) Charlie Helmn reported: “This financial year there had been 216 cases requesting assistance from the YBF, with an outlay of £113,000.00.” A number of these cases were Green Howards.</p> | |

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| <p>ITEM 7 – YORKSHIRE REGIMENT MATTERS</p> <p>11. After Note: After the meeting, Maj (Retd) Charlie Helmn sent the following report:</p> <p>a. 1 YORKS – Warminster. Completing courses and in barracks training. They will move to Catterick in 2020 but remain in the Armoured Infantry role until at least 2024.</p> <p>b. 2 YORKS – Somme Barracks, Catterick. Deployed on Op Toral to Kabul in Oct 19 until Mar 20. On return to Catterick they immediately prepare to Arms Plot to Episkopi, Cyprus for a two year posting.</p> <p>c. 4 YORKS – RHQ in York. Recently returned from a successful exercise in Denmark and is now looking forward to a third overseas exercise next year in the United States.</p> <p>d. Yorkshire Regiment Association. Still looking to attract those Yorkshire Regiment soldiers that have left and not yet joined the Association. There is a need to locate them to join Branches or the antecedent Associations, which a number have in the Richmond area for example.</p> <p>e. Recruiting. Recruiting remains slow and members are encouraged to sell the Yorkshire Regiment to any possible recruit. Especially if they wish to join a Sporting Regiment.</p> | <p>All</p> |
| <p>ITEM 8 – FRIENDS OF THE GREEN HOWARDS REGIMENTAL MUSEUM (FGHM)</p> <p>12. Handover of Editor. On behalf of members the Secretary gave thanks to Col Nick Rynn for his period as Editor. He will hand over after Issue 27 to Brig John King, whose first edition will be Apr 20.</p> <p>13. Articles. The Chairman encouraged members to write articles as most have interesting stories. In particular those who served with the Regiment and enlisted in the Reserves on discharge or had interesting civilian jobs.</p> | <p>All</p> |
| <p>ITEM 9 – MAJOR GREEN HOWARDS EVENTS FOR 2019/20</p> <p>14. Copies of the Diary Dates were made available to members, with the Secretary highlighting the following major events for 2019/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Remembrance Weekend 8 -10 Nov 19, with arrangements made by Ian Hodgson, London Branch. • Officers' London Lunch – Leathersellers Company Fri 20 Mar 20. • GHA Executive Meeting Sat 4 Apr 20. • Green Howards Sunday 10 May 20. • Crepon Commemoration Sunday 7 Jun 20. • GHA Reunion proposed for 9/10/11 or 16/17/18 Oct 20 at Army Reserve Centre, Stockton Road. TBC and members advised not to book accommodation until confirmed. • Officers' Annual Dinner for 2020 TBC. • Remembrance Sunday 8 Nov 20 and the aspiration is to have 50-100 marching in London. A programme of social events will also be advertised. • Diary Dates have been circulated. | <p>Officers Chair/Sec/ All</p> |

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| <p>15. Barnsley Commemorative Walkway. The Barnsley Council have created an initiative to open a Barnsley HM Armed Forces Commemorative Walkway on Wed 27 Nov 19 at 1230hrs. The Walkway will be laid with Memorial Paving Stones from different Regiments and in memory of individuals from that area. The GHA has paid for a Stone to be laid and it will be engraved with the Green Howards, a badge, 1688 - 2006 and the words; "In Honour of All Who Served".</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>ITEM 10 – ANNUAL JACKPOT DRAW OF THE 600 CLUB</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>16. The seven prizes were drawn at the meeting and winners were as follows:</p> | Secretary | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>ITEM 11 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>17. Meeting Input. The Chairman said, "He understands that people may not feel comfortable raising issues at the AGM, but the idea of the NMA Stone was put forward by Scarborough Branch at the Executive Meeting. If members are not comfortable speaking at a meeting, then please put your thoughts on email and send to the Secretary."</p> | All | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>18. Reunion Sunday Drumhead Service. Members were informed that we do not have a Padre for next year's Reunion but RHQ will approach 4 YORKS or the Cleveland Cadet Force. The Chairman spoke on the attendance at the Drumhead Service, which was poor with only a faithful few attending.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>19. Question and Response to Drumhead Service. The Chairman said, "The curry lunch would continue, but who would like to continue the Drumhead Service?" Response. There were no hands raised to acknowledge a continuance. He then asked, "Who would like to drop the Drumhead Service?" Response. Only five members raised their hands.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>20. Decision. The response to the questions was not exactly clear and the Chairman declared it undecided. He said, "He does not wish to drop the service too easily but the attendance is starting to wane and it requires further consideration. Whatever is considered, the Sunday gathering will remain with the curry lunch.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>21. GHA Golf Society. Capt (Retd) Tom Wharton informed members that the GHA Golf Society played their annual game at Saltburn on Fri 11 Oct 19. A good day was had by all those attending; of which 33 played and the overall Green Howards Champion for 2019 was Steve Lawrence.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>22. After Note: Attendance and raffle ticket sales for the Reunion 2019 were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Tickets. Friday – 83 and Saturday – 194. Figures for the weekend were well down on last year. This may be because the GHA has had a very busy year! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffle Tickets. Sale of raffle tickets and blind cards on Saturday raised £497.00 towards the GHA funds. • Donation. Thank you to Mr Dave Smith for donating £50.00 to the GHA fund. | |
| <p>ITEM 12 – ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING</p> | |
| <p>23. Arrangements for Next Meeting. The next meeting to be held at the Army Reserve Centre, Stockton Road at 1830hrs on Sat 12 or Sat 19 Oct 20. To be confirmed at a later date once 4 YORKS training programme is published. Members were informed not to book accommodation until confirmed.</p> | <p>All</p> |

(Original Signed)

R C MANTELL MBE
Colonel
Chairman

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