

	<p>attended by a number of Association members and was followed by a reception in the Royal Oak Pub next door to Holy Trinity, where Colonel Toby's memory was honoured.</p> <p>c. The Chairman noted that the Queen's Regimental Riders Association had yet again put on a fantastic three day fundraising event which broke all the records for attendance and raised £7,600 for the Benevolent Fund. This had not been an event attended by the biking community; it was also open to everyone and the Chairman urged everyone to go to the next one being held over the weekend of 29 June-1 July 2018.</p> <p>d. The Chairman reported that the Drums have been performing during the year and have raised over £1,500 this year. They are beginning to get quite a reputation and were congratulated for the efforts they have made to spread the name of the Regiment. This was particularly noteworthy as four of them have been suffering from cancer over the period and been having treatment. He explained that Tony Philpott had put off having another operation until Monday following the AGM so that he could attend the AGM. Special thanks were given to Amy Holden for all her support to the Drums.</p> <p>e. The Association has increased its overall numbers with more registering with the Association than are falling off the end so the Association now stand at 2,536 members - over 100 up on last year. It is hoped that another branch will open in the Midlands which may be known as the Midland Branch, the Dunstable Branch or the 'North of the Watford Gap' Branch. Details will be promulgated in due course.</p> <p>f. Members were asked to encourage anyone they knew who was not registered to do so in order that the Association can keep in touch.</p> <p>g. The website continues to be developed with the support of Lindsay Parsons. Grateful thanks go to her.</p> <p>h. The Association Database has been completely revamped to comply with the new regulations regarding data protection. A note was sent out with the Journal and a Consolidated GDPR Policy has been placed on the website for anyone interested.</p> <p>i. A number of trips have been made to commemorate our forebear comrades who fell during the First World War.</p> <p>j. The Chairman informed the meeting that it had been agreed in the Executive Committee that a headstone would be funded to honour Cpl Spencer MM at a cost of £1,000. The Secretary will make the arrangements and post details in due course.</p> <p>k. The Chairman was not aware of anyone receiving a mention in either the Birthday Honours or the New Year's Honours Lists but requested that if any member heard of an ex-Queensmen awarded for whatever reason in either list to inform the Secretary. That way a note of congratulations can be sent out to the recipient.</p>	
4	<p>Finance and Benevolence</p> <p>The Secretary provided a detailed brief on the tabled and attached copy of the Queen's Benevolent Fund Income and Expenditure Account. The Association had a total income of £62,680. This was in the main from investment income and donations. Total expenditure for the year was £106,230. The main elements of this were for our share of Benevolence</p>	

	<p>payments, Journal costs, Association Secretary’s salary and office running costs. Therefore, in the day to day running costs, there was an excess of expenditure over income of £43,550 for the year. However, the investments increased in value by £94,317. As at 31 December 2017 the total fund stands at £1,448,561 an increase in value of £159,021 over 2016. The President expressed satisfaction with the current state of the fund. A question was yet again raised as to what would happen to the Association funds once the Association closed. The Chairman reiterated that all funds of the Queen’s Regiment resided in the corporate funds of the PWRR to be administered by the Trustees of which he is one. The funds are ring-fenced although not restricted and will be managed by the QRA until such time as the balance of dependency weighs more in respect of those who have also served with or are serving with the PWRR. He was confident that there will be sufficient funds to support all members should they require assistance.</p> <p>Benevolence</p> <p>During the year a total of 86 cases were submitted and 80 individual grants were approved covering requests totalling £98,614. The 6 cases not receiving grants were declined because; other service charities had already met the required need, service was not verified or they did not meet the benevolence criteria such as the qualifying length of service. The majority of cases received grants for household items (22) and rent arrears (13). Financial assistance was also provided for 8 funerals and 8 individuals with deposits and initial rent payments. 7 cases received a grant for basic needs, 6 for priority debts and 3 for hostel fees. The Benevolent Fund also provided grants for 4 individuals to undertake training courses and to assist 2 people with business start-up expenses. 2 riser/recliner chairs were purchased along with 1 electrically powered vehicle (EPV) and a pair of spectacles. 1 individual was also granted assistance recommended by Combat Stress to help cope with PTSD. The final grants were made for removal fees and a balloon flight for a terminally ill wife’s wish.</p> <p>The Benevolent Fund paid out £31,937 although it will be seen the accounts state that £29,722 was paid out. The reason for this is that £2,215 had been returned from recipients last year as not being required.</p>	
5	<p>The Journal</p> <p>The theme for the 2018 Journal is “Loan Service”. The Secretary has already contacted various people to provide the main articles but he needs more material. <i>The Journal</i> is now recognised as-a prime source of our history, comprehensively supporting the official Regimental History produced by Jonathan Riley. In the future it will form part of primary research for anyone looking into the history of our Regiment. To that end it is important that we record people’s memories now. Members were requested that if at any time between the period 1966-92 they served on Loan Service they write about it. All members were requested to support the Secretary/Editor and provide any amusing stories about their time in the various places the Regiment served. He also suggested that there be a broad spectrum of contributors representing all</p>	

	<p>battalions including the reserves, those at ERE, attached personnel and the wives of the Regiment who, tongue-in –cheek, had also been on loan service..</p> <p>The meeting was informed that the Trustees had expressed concern about the cost of <i>The Journal</i> – £19.5K. The Chairman’s view was that it is an important part of keeping the Association vibrant, is fundamental to communication within the Association, contributed overall to the moral component and thereby served benevolence and was complementary to more formal histories of the Regiment. He welcomed views that he could pass on the Trustees. Positive feedback was provided by the meeting with the desire that the Journal continue to be produced and remain free to all members with the hope that those who could donated money towards the costs. The Chairman advised that next year’s Journal was likely to be the last of its kind and would concentrate on Northern Ireland covering the 36 tours that the Regiment carried out especially as it will be the 50th anniversary of the 1st and 2nd Battalions being deployed. It was noted that the Secretary is exploring ways in which the Association can consolidate all the Journals into a book in effect producing Soldiers of The Queen Volume II – The Personal Stories. Ideas were requested as to how the Journal should develop after the 2019 edition</p>	All
6	<p>Dover Castle Museum</p> <p>The complete renewal of the Queen’s and PWRR Museum in Dover Castle is continuing. As reported last year it is intended that one third of the museum will be devoted to the Queen’s Regiment, a significant improvement on the current situation, with the remainder of the museum being devoted to forebear regiments and the PWRR. However, without artefacts there will be no museum and no amount of creative thinking will make up for a lack of items. It was requested that Branches encourage their members to go back to their homes and dig out their lofts and collections and donate those items that they possess that illustrate the life of our Regiment. It was emphasised that if we don’t do this and support the Heritage Committee, of which the Secretary is a member, the Regiment will not have a museum worth its name.</p>	All
7	<p>Amendment to The Association Rules and Regulations</p> <p>The adoption of the following amendment to the Association Rules and Regulations was discussed:</p> <p>‘8.5.3 The President of the Association, for the time being, is empowered to remove Branch status from any Branch that fails to uphold the Rules and Regulations of the Association. This can be appealed by the Branch at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association.’</p> <p>There was much discussion with concern being expressed that individuals would be disenfranchised by having their Branch excluded. Although it was explained that this amendment was being made following legal advice and the President’s assurance that no hasty action against a Branch would be made there was a requirement for a vote. The amendment was proposed by Richard Thornton , seconded by Peter Hitchcock and passed by 47 votes to 10.</p>	

	<p>The Chairman agreed that the issue should be further debated at the subsequent AGM where, again, the decision to promulgate the amendment was passed.</p> <p>The amendment will be recorded and a new copy of the Rules and Regulations will be made available on the website</p>	Secretary
8	<p>Branch Reports</p> <p>Each of the Branches provided a report of the activity that had taken place during the year and provided a forecast of events.</p>	
9	<p>The Chairman gave an update on PWRR Activities</p>	
10	<p>Diary of Events 2018</p> <p>The Diary of Events 2018 was detailed at the back of the Journal. Contact should be made directly with the organisers of the event.</p>	All
11	<p>Date of Next Reunion</p> <p>9 March 2019 at London UOTC subject to confirmation</p>	Secretary
12	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>a. The question of charging for attendance at the AGM was raised as to whether it was legal so to do. It was explained that the charge raised was for the cost of the meal and hire of the location. It was agreed that the position would be investigated.</p> <p><i>NB: Although it is not statutorily correct that there may not be attendant costs accruing to membership for attendance at a charitable organisation's AGM, it is agreed that a levy will only be made against catering and extraneous costs. Accordingly, should any member who has paid for attendance in either 2017 or 2018 and not been fed wish to reclaim, personal details should be addressed to the Secretary.</i></p> <p>b. It was requested that the AGM restricts its time to that allocated in the programme. The Chairman pointed out that had there not been a healthy, prolonged, democratic debate, the meeting would have been expedited more swiftly.</p> <p>c. There being no additional business raised the meeting closed at 12.50pm</p>	Secretary

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Income and Expenditure Account Year End 31 Dec 17

QUEENS REGIMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		£
Donations	13,331	21,822
Drums Donations	1,500	0
QRS Charities - Grant Tigers 25	4,000	
DCMS Memorial Grant	0	4,496
Investments Dividends	40,584	49,247
Deposit Acct Interest	4	0
Reunion Income	2,992	2,686
NAM Memorial Tickets	0	3,455
Stock Sales Cartoon Books	269	752
	62,680	82,458
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Investment Management Fees	2,192	8,026
Just Giving Fees	161	780
Welfare Grants	29,722	26,645
Grant - Farnham Branch	0	250
Grant - Middlesex Branch	964	977
Grant - Chichester Branch	600	695
Grant - Horsham Branch	1,325	1,050
Grant - 3 PWRR Adv Trg	600	0
Grants - misc	275	131
Remembrance	695	381
Presentation Costs	76	78
Journal and Postage	19,514	19,779
Association Website Improvements	0	-
Association Website Hosting	185	937
Queens Reunion Functions	3,024	2,752
Digitise Archives	0	540
Memorial	0	27,696
Memorial Event	0	8,167
Gen Reynolds Plaque Dedication	0	587
Stock Purchases Cartoon Books	0	239
Corps of Drums Uniforms	1,200	-
Tigers 25	10,895	0
Database	6,733	
Travel Expenses	122	86
Association President Expenses	284	568
Association Secretary	24,340	26,275
Association Office Running Expenses	2,952	3,737
Insurance	131	114
Accountancy Fees	240	1,138
	106,230	131,628
NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	-43,550	-49,171
Gain/Loss on Revaluation of Investments	94,317	149,856
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	50,767	100,685

QUEENS REGIMENT BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£	£
<u>Assets</u>		
Investments	1,446,394	1,281,721
Stock - Paddy Ryan Books	542	-
Bank	1,549	7,931
Debtors	76	347
Prepayments	0	274
Accrued Income	0	2,755
Total	1,448,561	1,293,028
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Creditors	0	3,488
Total	0	3,488
Net Worth of Fund	1,448,561	1,289,540
<u>Investment Reconciliation</u>		
Value at start of year	1,281,721	
Investment Sales	-30,000	
Investment Gain	94,317	
Value at end of year	1,346,038	

Benevolence Summary

86 cases were submitted of which 80 were successful
£98,614 was paid out of which £31,937 came from the Benevolent Fund
£2,215 was returned from the previous year.