

**MINUTE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BATTALION COUNCIL HELD AT
Battalion Headquarters, Clifford Street, Glasgow, G51 1QL
On Wednesday 14 June 2017, at 7.30 pm**

1 Opening Devotions

Jim McVean, Battalion Secretary, led the opening devotions.

2 Present & Welcome

John Kelly, Battalion President welcomed all to the meeting;
24 Leaders, 4 Reserve Officers from 18 Companies were represented.
15 members of Council had tendered their apologies (representing 7 Companies)

3 Minutes of Meeting held 15 March 2017

Approved

4 President's Report

The President reported on a successful year of events within the Battalion including:-

- The Queen's Badge Ceremony at Glasgow Cathedral earlier in June, where the Very Rev. Dr Lorna Hood had given an inspiring address to the Queen's Men.
- The Battalion's representation of 20 members at the Guard of Honour event for the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly in May.
- Regional & National Competitions hosted by the Battalion with team medal winners at the Scottish Cross Country event in March.

Thanks were noted to our Honorary Vice-President, Dr Laurence Whitley who retires as Minister at Glasgow Cathedral in July.

5 Accounts

The Treasurer spoke to the independently examined accounts, copies of which had been circulated, and drew attention to the following:

- Income is approximately £30k higher than last year, General donation income has increased by 4.7%. Legacy income was £26k as a result of a welcome legacy of £25k
- Core costs have been kept under control.
- Despite this a deficit of £9.68k was reported.
- Investments have increased in level by £96k, ahead of inflation. Broker predictions forecast a bumpy ride for the UK economy over the next couple of years and we are concentrating on building a portfolio of good quality stocks. This has, however, resulted in a small reduction in dividend income.
- We continue to have a strong balance sheet with £630k of funds at the year end.

Council approved the recommendation that the Battalion levy for session 2017/2018 be set at zero.

The Accounts were received by Council

6 Board of Trustees Report

John Armour referred to the Trustees Report within the Annual Accounts and the work of the Board since the last Council meeting, the following points are noted:-

- Organisation of a Junior Section event to recognise the Centenary of the formation of the Boy Reserves in Battalion HQ on 30th September 2017.
- The current opportunity for Companies to participate in voting for the election of 2 Boys' Brigade members to the Scottish Youth Parliament.

7 Activity Committee Reports

A report on all Sections was provided with the following points highlighted:-

Anchor Boys Section

- All participants in the colouring competitions had received a certificate
- The Lego event in March was well attended and very well received

Junior Section

- 164 Boys took part in the Indoor Athletics at the Emirates Arena in April
- Figure Marching & Bible Knowledge competitions had been held.

Company Section

- The Inter District Quiz was held in March
- All Drill Competitions had now been completed
- The Interests competition is at the judging stage

Senior Section

- The Seniors 7 a Side team took 3rd place at the Scottish Sevens Football event held in Stirling.
- A proposed Seniors Uganda trip has been put back to 2019

The Pipe Band assisted at the Eastwood District Parade and at the Queen's Badge Ceremony. They are participating in a number of RSPBA events over the summer. 19 Teams had participated in the Kilbryde Hike over the weekend of 10/11th June. Senior winners were the 2nd East Kilbride. 5 Glasgow Companies entered along with teams from the BB in Inverness, Wishaw, Dunbar, Bearsden and Vale of Leven with an additional group from the Girls' Brigade who used the event as a Duke of Edinburgh Practice at Bronze level.

Discussion took place on the cost of the recent Brigade Scotland Cumbrae Camp following a question from Jim McGowan, 119th Glasgow.

An update on the ongoing role and funding for the Sports Development posts was provided following a question from Stuart MacOnie, 44th Glasgow

8 Training Team Report (Appendix 1)

Council noted the report.

9 Scotland Report

Ronnie Campbell provided a report for Council. The following points are noted.

- A recent survey on a sample of Queen's Badge Books had shown the value of volunteer time to be the equivalent of £500k of funded delivery.
- The Junior Section Sleepover has been confirmed for Friday 3rd November 2017.
- The 2018 Bands Contest will again be held in Glasgow
- The proposed Malawi trip for 2018 has been cancelled.
- Proposed changes to Annual Fees for 2018/2019 will see the removal of the Company fee.
- Lengthy discussion had taken place on a proposed motion to Battalion Council 2017 to reduce the size of the Brigade Executive and change the format of the voting process. (All Company Captains/Correspondents should have received papers with the recent Gazette) Concerns had been raised that this could mean that no one from Scotland might be elected. Reference was made to a proposed amendment that, if passed, would remedy the situation.
- All Companies have the right to participate in voting for the proposed motions either by attending, by post or passing a proxy to someone attending the meeting. Final papers will be published in the next issue of the Gazette.

10 Appointments for Session 2017/2018:

The following appointments were confirmed:

Honorary President

Sir Alex Ferguson CBE

Honorary Vice-Presidents

The Minister of Glasgow Cathedral
 Professor Anton Muscatteli
 Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden
 Lady Ann Calman
 Rev. Ian Galloway, Moderator Elect of the Presbytery of Glasgow

President Col John Kelly MBE

Vice-President Ross Stewart, Lt. 182nd Glasgow

Board of Trustees

Chaplain Rev Neil Galbraith
Company Maureen McKillop, RO

Committee Chair Posts

- **Anchor Boys Section Committee**
 - **Junior Section Activities Committee** Margaret Gilchrist, Lt 95th Glw
 - **Company Section Activities Committee** Stephen Dott, Lt. 94th Glasgow
 - **Seniors Activities Committee** Stephen Dott, Lt 94th Glasgow
- Chairman of Training Committee** Alan Murray, Capt. 25th Glasgow
- Appointment of Independent Examiner** Alan Young FCCA of Cook & Co Ltd

11 Any Other Business

R MacLay, 9th Glasgow commented on the clash of dates for Youth Leader Training & Founders Day parades and asked that the Training Team consider this when planning sessions in the future.

12 Closing Comments & Date of next meeting:

The President thanked all who had assisted with work for the Battalion during the past session. Thanks were expressed in advance for the hospitality provided by the 163rd Glasgow. The next meeting is scheduled for 24th October 2017 at 7:30pm

13 Closing Devotions

Rev Neil Galbraith closed the meeting with prayer.