

**ROYAL
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ASSOCIATION**



THE SAPPER CHARITY

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MINUTES OF THE 55th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE THE ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE VICTORY SERVICES CLUB 7th OCT 2023

ITEM 1 – PRESIDENTS INTRODUCTION

1. The Annual General Meeting was opened at 13:30hrs by the President of the Association Maj Gen (Retd) A Dickinson CBE who welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending; he made special mention of those who had travelled long distances.

ITEM 2 – CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 54TH AGM

2. The CEO confirmed that HQ REA had not received any comments or proposed amendments. The minutes had been online for the past 6 months. There were no comments from the floor.

Proposal: That the minutes of the 54th AGM be accepted
Proposer: Mr P Luscombe
Seconder: Mr S Nugent

ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 54TH AGM

3. There were no matters arising from the 54th AGM.

ITEM 4 – TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE REA FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JANUARY – 31ST DECEMBER 2022

4. [Honorary Treasurers Report](#)

5. [Signed Financial Statements](#)

ITEM 5 - TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF KRESTON REEVES LLP (FORMERLY REEVES LLP), AS THE AUDITORS OF THE ASSOCIATION

6. The Chair advised those assembled that the responsibility for appointing auditors to the Corps charities rests with the Chief Royal's Committee. At the last Chief Royal's Committee meeting, Kreston Reeves LLP were approved as auditors of the Corps' charities and the REA Board of Trustees.

ITEM 6 – REA UPDATE

7. **Fundraising.** The CEO explained to the attendees the purpose behind fundraising and "The Sapper Charity". The reasons were twofold:

- a. Maintain the REA's service level
 - b. Generate worthwhile activity for participants to take part in
8. **Yordex Cards.** The CEO provided an update on the use of Yordex cards. The YORDEX cards will be phased out and Group funds will be held in REA HQ.
9. **REA HQ Booking Keeping Services.** The CEO outlined the purpose and thinking behind the provision of book keeping services in REA HQ. Several branches have transferred their funds and will no longer have to complete an annual financial summary. The CEO reiterated that the scheme is voluntary and branches will not be forced to sign up to the scheme.
10. **Membership.** The CEO stated membership is strong, the reality is that branches close and branches open. The following types of membership will be reviewed with potential to be included in the REA rules at the next Management Committee meeting:
- a. All Arms membership
 - b. Widow & Widowers membership
 - c. Friends and Family membership
 - d. Associate Membership
11. **Branches.** The CEO stated that the detail and formal acknowledgement of Social Branches are to be proposed to the Management Committee.
12. **Events & Activities 2022.** The CEO provided an overview of the previous 12 months events.
13. **Events & Outreach Activities 2023.** The Ops Director provided an overview of activities scheduled for next 12 months, as well as the focus for 2023, including collaboration with the Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club.

ITEM 7 – BENEVOLENCE

14. **Benevolence Report.** The Ops Director provided an overview of benevolence in 2023 and referred the attendees to the annual report which detailed the benevolence for 2022. .
15. **Sappercom.** The Ops Director reminded attendees to use Sappercom to keep up to date.

ITEM 9 – AOB

16. National Memorial Arboretum is a good venue for commemorations. **Mr P Luscombe**
17. There will be a Corps Rugby Team v a Cornish Rugby Team. **Maj T Harnett RE**
18. The Sapper Charity Logo will become more widely used. **President**
19. There will be a dinner in London the evening before Sapper Sunday. **Ops Director**

ITEM 10 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Corps Memorial Weekend 14th September 2024 to be held in the Auditorium in Brompton Barracks 2024.

Ken Kirk
Chief Executive Officer
7th October 2023

Maj Gen (Retd) Alastair Dickinson CBE
President
7th October 2023

Annex A – Attendees

Attendees of the 55th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Engineers Association

Serial	Name	Branch / Representing
1.	Alastair Dickinson	President
2.	Ken Kirk	CEO
3.	Nick Gunnell	Ops Director
4.	Spencer Eardley	Corps RSM
5.	Sean Nugent	Peterborough (DELEGATE)
6.	Jim Speckman	Peterborough
7.	Terry Wall	Peterborough
8.	Andrew Eastman	Peterborough
9.	Mick Harness	Dundee (DELEGATE)
10.	Peter Keiller	Northern Ireland (DELEGATE)
11.	Brian Simm	Cambridge & Cycling (DELEGATE)
12.	Sue Simm	Cambridge & Cycling
13.	Rick Tootle	Glasgow (DELEGATE)
14.	John Ettles	Highlands and Islands (DELEGATE)
15.	Allan Calvert	Newcastle
16.	Bill Halloran	Ripon (DELEGATE)
17.	Chris Woodford	Maidstone (DELEGATE)
18.	Peter Luscombe	Derby
19.	John Boulton	Chesterfield
20.	Gareth Richards	Glasgow
21.	Gordon Evers	Medway
22.	Ken Trevor	Gravesend
23.	David Ormsby	Lowestoft (DELEGATE)
24.	Ray Ellis	Gravesend (DELEGATE)
25.	David Welsh	Junior Leaders
26.	Jimmy Hall	Newcastle (DELEGATE)
27.	Mike Payne	Central & Southern Gp
28.	Phil McBride	Central & Southern Gp
29.	Chris Price	Central & Southern Gp
30.	Tim Harnett	South Western Gp
31.	Ian Slack	Cycling & Triathlon (DELEGATE)
32.	Bob Prosser	Airborne

Those listed as delegates booked in advance as representing their branch.