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**MINUTES OF THE 37<sup>TH</sup> LI COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON LINE ON 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

Present	Brig M R Goldsack CBE Brig E J R Chamberlain Brig C M G Elcomb OBE Col D H R Stephenson CBE Capt R W Gittings Mr W Bearham CSjt D Winter Lt Col A R Trelawny	Chairman LI Committee Member/Serving RIFLES Member/Chairman LI Club Member/President Buglers Association Member/LI Reunion Coordinator Member/1LI Representative Member/2LI Representative Member/Secretary LI Committee	Chairman       Secretary
Apologies	Lt Col P J Wykeham Capt I I Foster Mr C Edwards Mr S Wilkinson	Member Member/Treasurer Member/3LI Representative Member/Chairman Buglers Association	
In Attendance	Mrs H Morgan	Rifles Office Midlands	

Item (a)	Subject (b)	Discussion and Decisions (c)	Action (d)
1	Welcome and Opening Remarks	The Chairman welcomed members present. He expressed the hope that the next meeting would be face-to-face. Apologies were received as shown above.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Points Arising	The Minutes of the 36 <sup>th</sup> LI Committee Meeting were accepted as a true record. There were no points arising.	
3	Membership Changes	Mr Stan Wilkinson has taken over from Mr Alan Tamblyn as a member In the capacity of Chairman of the Buglers Association.	
4	Structure and Responsibilities of the LI Committee	The Chairman undertook to discuss some of the proposals put forward by Col Stephenson regarding structure and responsibilities in a separate meeting, which will probably take place face-to-face in Wiltshire.	Chairman Col Stephenson
5	Finances	The Treasurer had circulated the accounts before the meeting. On 30 Sep 21, LI funds stood at £128,800.41. Support to the Reunion will remain the primary expenditure of the funds in the future. There has been no outlay on the Reunion in 2020 or 2021. The LI Committee remains responsible for the management of the LI funds held within the Rifles Regimental Trust. As regards the LI Club, on 28 Oct 21 funds stood at £38,844.11. Brig Elcomb predicted that the Officers' Lunch and Officers' Dinner would be able to continue, with the current level of subsidy, for around 20 years. See Item 9 below.	
6	LI and Rifles Reunion	<p>Capt Gittings reported that planning is ongoing for the Reunion on 18 Jun 22 with the programme along the lines of 2019 (the last Reunion held). Lt Gen Tim Evans has agreed to take the salute. The Chairman will encourage other senior officers to attend.</p> <p>Col Stephenson undertook to explore the possibility of a Veterans' Band concert contribution like that in 2019.</p> <p>A Parade Commander has yet to be identified. Lt Col Trelawny undertook to sound out former officers of 1LI, whose turn it is to provide.</p> <p>Payment for attendance at the 2022 Reunion will be available through Swift. Cheque and BACS payment routes will also be available, but not PayPal.</p> <p>The reunion sub-committee will meet in late Feb/early Mar 22.</p>	<p>Capt Gittings Chairman</p> <p>Col Stephenson</p> <p>Lt Col Trelawny</p>
7	Associations	<p>Col Stephenson reported on the activities of the Buglers Association and expressed concern about factionalism. He informed the meeting that he has written to RHQ RIFLES and the RGJ Association proposing remedial action. The Chairman confirmed that this matter will be discussed by all interested parties soon, probably in Winchester. It is important that as many veteran buglers as possible are given the opportunity to take part in the RIFLES Sounding of Retreat on Horse Guards in Jun 22.</p> <p>Brig Chamberlain expressed the view that a Buglers' Branch of the Rifleman's Association was probably the best way ahead.</p> <p>Mr Bearham and CSjt Winter reported on 1LI and 2LI activities.</p>	<p>Chairman Col Stephenson All</p>

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8	Swift/Websites	Lt Col Trelawny urged all to continue promoting registration on Swift. He undertook to encourage an improved linkage between Swift and other regimental websites and social media platforms.	Lt Col Trelawny
9	LI Officers' Club	<p>Brig Elcomb reported that the 2021 Lunch at Salisbury had been cancelled with much regret. It will take place in 2022, but there is some doubt about the availability of the venue in future years. Moreover, unless younger members attend, the numbers at the lunch will fall and the subsidy required will rise accordingly.</p> <p>The Dinner took place in London on 14 Oct 21 with around 85 officers in attendance.</p> <p>Brig Elcomb expressed his reluctant intention to retire as Club Chairman and asked for a volunteer to replace him. The Chairman and Brig Chamberlain undertook to find volunteers to take over from Brig Elcomb as Club Chairman and Maj Topham as the organiser of the Club Lunch.</p>	Chairman Brig Chamberlain
10	AOB/Reports	<p><u>NIVA Service.</u> The NIVA service and Light Division lunch on 12 Sep 21 were cancelled. It is intended to hold both events in 2022. Lt Col Trelawny has taken over from Maj Kennedy as LI lead.</p> <p><u>LI Plot at the Westminster Field of Remembrance.</u> The LI Plot at the Field of Remembrance will be laid out on Thu 11 Nov 21. Brig Chamberlain has kindly agreed to "front" it.</p>	Lt Col Trelawny  Brig Chamberlain
11	Future Meetings	<p>The date and location of the next meeting of the LI Committee, probably in Mar/Apr 22, will be announced in due course</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1615hrs.</p>	All

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