



The Society for Army Historical Research

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Minutes of the 92nd Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Tuesday April 2019 at 5.00 pm at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London SW3 4HT.

MINUTES

1. There were seventy-one members present and there had been one apology.
2. a. Dr John Peaty presented a Report on the 2018 Templer Medal. There had been an impressive list of over fifty books submitted. The winner who was to be announced at the Reception that evening in the presence of HRH The Duke of Kent, our Royal Patron, was:

Winner: Prof Helen Parr with Our Boys: The Story of a Paratrooper. (Allen Lane/Penguin)

Runner-up (Second Place): Prof Douglas Delaney with The Imperial Army Project: Britain and the Land Forces of the Dominions and India, 1902-1945. (OUP)

Commended (Third Place): Prof Ian Beckett with A British Profession of Arms: The Politics of Command in the Late Victorian Army. (Oklahoma UP)

b. Dr Peaty then presented a Report on the 2018 First Book Award. Again, the winner was be announced that evening:

Winner: Dr Aimée Fox with Learning to Fight: Military Innovation and Change in the British Army 1914-18. (CUP)

Runner-up (Second Place): Lt. Gen Sir Cedric Delves with Across an Angry Sea: The SAS in the Falklands War. (Hurst)

Commended (Third Place): Col Dr Alison Hine with Refilling Haig's Armies: The Replacement of British Infantry Casualties on the Western Front. (Helion)

c. Mr P. McCarty then presented a Report on the 2019 Essay Prizes. Unlike 2018 when no

entry had been adjudged to be of sufficiently high level for an award to be made, this year had seen a good standard of entry. As with the Templer the announcement of the winners was to be made at the Reception. The winners were:

(i) University Undergraduate Competition.

First Prize: Jake Gasson (King's College, London) with 'Learning Lessons? Fifth Army Tank Operations, 1916-1917.'

Runner-up: Benjamin Sharkey (University of Birmingham) with 'What was the role of British military costume in creating a visual empire?'

(ii) School VIth Form Competition.

First Prize: Zeb Micic (Dulwich School) with 'The Victoria Cross: Its formation and evolution.'

Runner-up: Adam Down (home schooled) with 'The Scots Greys at the Battle of Waterloo.'

3. Appointment of the Templer Medal Sub-committee chairman.

Dr John Peaty FRGS FRHistS was proposed by council and agreed enthusiastically by the meeting.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the 91st Annual General Meeting held on 24 April 2018.

The Minutes of the 91st Annual General Meeting were proposed for acceptance by Council and agreed without comment by the meeting.

5. Adoption of the Honorary Officers' Reports & the Accounts for 1 January to 31 December 2018.

The Honorary Officers' Reports and Accounts were proposed by for acceptance by Council and agreed without comment by the meeting.

6. Thanks to the contributors to the Society's Journal.

Mr M. Crumplin proposed a vote of thanks to the contributors to the Society' Journal. It was endorsed by the meeting.

7. Election of Council.

(a) Having been proposed by Council and agreed by the meeting the following was elected to the Council having previously been a co-opted member:

William Fletcher

(b) Having been proposed by Council and agreed by the meeting the following was elected to the Council:

Christopher Phillips.

- (c) The following members of Council who are eligible to continue for a further year were proposed by Council and agreed by the meeting:

Ashley Truluck CB CBE (who is serving as Chair)
John Peaty FRGS FRHistS
Philip McCarty
Andrew Bamford
Eamonn O’Keeffe
Carole Divall

8. Election of Honorary Officers.

The following were nominated by Council for election for the year 2019-20 and approved by the meeting:

Andrew E Cormack, FSA FRHistS (Editor)
Charles Street FCCA (Treasurer)
Christopher Palmer (Membership Secretary)
Peter J. Howson FCMI FRHistS (Hon Sec)

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner.

To Council proposed the appointment, seconded by M. Meech of:

Haydn Wood (Partner), SRG LLP, of 28 Ely Place, London, EC1N 6AA as Independent Examiner.

The meeting accepted the proposal.

10. To adopt the following Constitutional Amendment.

On behalf of Council Mr A. Cormack proposed and the Rev Dr P. Howson seconded the following amendment to the Constitution. It was designed to allow the Officers to respond more quickly when subscriptions were not renewed and thus save the Society money.

Amend Section 4c so that the period of grace for members renewing their subscriptions be changed from 30th June, as presently stated, to 31st March.

A show of hands from the members attending indicated a unanimous acceptance of the proposal.

11. Reports on the activities of the Society

The following spoke of the activities of the Society over the past year and the plans for the coming year. Drs I. Pells and A. Storrington, had not wished to be re-elected to Council were thanked for their considerable contributions to overseeing Research Grants and Events respectively.

- a. Chair's Report
- b. Secretary's Report
- c. Treasurer's Report
- d. Editor's Report
- e. Membership Secretary's Report
- f. Report on Research Grants.
- g. Report on Future Events
- h. Report on Social Media

12. Any Other Business.

No items of Any Other Business had been notified to the Secretary for inclusion in the Agenda.

A question from the floor referred to the need for the Journal and Newsletter to avoid reference to events that had already taken place. The speaker knew of two occasions on which this had occurred. Officers agreed to look at this to attempt to ensure that it did not happen again. All events are notified through the Society's website. It was now the preferred method to book to attend an event. Other methods would remain for those without access to the internet.

13. The date of the 2020 Annual General Meeting to be in April 2020 on a date and at a venue to be selected by the Society's Council.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

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