

**FRIENDS OF THE BLACK WATCH CASTLE AND MUSEUM**  
**Annual General Meeting**



**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Present:**

Lt General Sir Alistair Irwin, President, KCB CBE (SAI)  
Sarah Riddell-Webster, Trustee, Chairwoman (SRW)  
Alfie Iannetta, Trustee, Ex Officio (AI)  
James Watt, Trustee, Treasurer (JW)  
Leonor Blackhall, Secretary (LB)  
Lt Col (Retd) and Mrs Philip Halford-MacLeod, Trustee (PHM & AHM)  
Emma Halford-Forbes, Committee Member (EHF)  
Brigadier Garry Barnett OBE, (GB)  
Lt Col (Retd) Willie Coupar, Events Committee Member(WC)  
Major (Retd) Derek Mowatt (DM) Events Committee Member  
Mrs Rosemary Pitcaithly (RP) Events Committee Member  
Alex Murdoch (AM)  
Linda Campbell (LC)  
George Bannerman (GB)  
Dr and Mrs John Hulbert  
Miss Barbara Lyall (BL)  
Major (Retd) David Noble DL, (DN)  
Colonel (Retd) David and Mrs Arbuthnot MBE, (DA & SA))  
Peter Gorrie (PG)  
Norman Crocker-Tough (NCT)

**Apologises:**

Major (Retd) Ronnie Proctor  
Brigadier (Retd) Gurdon  
William Kilcullen  
The Earl of Airlie  
Sir David Landale  
Colonel (Retd) Stroyan

SRW welcomed attendees to the meeting. LB read out recorded apologies

**1. Previous Minutes**

Minutes of AGM held on 19th November 2011 were approved unanimously.

Proposed: JW

Seconded: EHF

## **2. Reports and Accounts**

JW ran through the annual report and financial statement for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. These have already been approved by the Management Committee but Friends were invited to comment and ask any questions. JW explained that gift aid has yet to be claimed. He made note of the repayment of £1,000 towards the start up loan from The Regimental Trust Fund of The Black Watch and the £1,000 donation to The Black Watch Heritage Appeal for sponsorship of a display case.

There were no comments or questions. The Report and Accounts were formally received by the meeting.

Proposed: PHM

Seconded: DN

## **3. Independent Examiner**

JW explained that Messrs Morris and Young have been Independent Examiner for Friends accounts for the past two years. During this time they have waived their fee. For the year of 2013 a charge of £500 plus VAT will be levied for this service. JW expressed his support for the continued use of their service and said he considered the fee requested is reasonable. JW proposed the continued use of Messrs Morris and Young. The motion was carried unanimously.

Proposed: PHM

Seconded: LB

## **4. Appointment of Management Committee**

LB reported that no additional nominations had been received. All existing Committee members were therefore up for re-election except AI who continues on an ex-officio basis.

Committee positions:

SRW	Proposed: JW Seconded: DN
JW	Proposed: PHM Seconded: AM
LB	Proposed: PHM Seconded: DA
PHM	Proposed: PG Seconded: RP
RP	Proposed: PHM Seconded: AI
EHF	Proposed: AI Seconded: JW

Each of these proposals was carried unanimously

At a short Management Committee meeting held immediately after the close of the AGM SRW was re-elected as Chairwoman, JW as Treasurer and LB as Secretary.

## **5. Proposed Alteration to the Constitution**

JW invited attendees to consider and vote upon the following resolutions:

That clause 10 (Membership subscription) of the Constitution of the Friends of The Black Watch Castle and Museum adopted on 9 September 2010 is amended by the addition of a new clause 10.1.5 to read:

*“A current paid-up member of any Branch of The Black Watch Association shall receive a 50% reduction on the Single subscription rate.”*

JW explained that it is hoped the discounted rate will encourage Association members to join the Friends.

That clause 60 (Notices) of the Constitution of the Friends of The Black Watch Castle and Museum adopted on 9 September 2010 be amended to read:

*“Any notice which is required to be given to a member under this constitution shall be given by using electronic communication or in writing; such notice may either be given personally to the member or be sent by electronic means to the email address last intimated by him/her to the association or be sent by post in a pre-paid envelope addressed to the member at the address last intimated by him/her to the association.”*

JW explained that the current clause means the Friends have to pay for postage of the AGM notice which is money that could be saved if the AGM notice was mailed electronically to those with email addresses.

The motion to approve the two changes to the Constitution was put to the meeting and approved unanimously.

Proposed: EHF

Seconded: DN

## **6. Report by Chairwoman**

SWR reviewed the activities of the past year; the success of the cocktail party and lecture and looked the future of the new Museum. She stated her hope for continued growth in membership and thanked all involved with the Friends for their part in success of the organisation.

## **7. A.O.B:**

Friends President, Sir Alistair Irwin thanked SRW for her efforts and dedication to the Friends organisation.

The AGM was followed by an informal talk by Museum Manager, Emma Halford-Forbes, on the redevelopment project and where we are now. *Minutes taken by Leonor Blackhall, Friends secretary*