



FRIENDS OF THE BLACK WATCH CASTLE AND MUSEUM
Annual General Meeting
Monday 21st October 2013

Present:

Lieutenant General Sir Alistair Irwin, President, KCB CBE (SAI)
Sarah Riddell-Webster, Trustee, Chairwoman (SRW)
James Watt, Trustee, Treasurer (JW)
Leonor Blackhall, Secretary (LB)
Brigadier (Retd) Garry Barnett OBE, (GB)
Lt Col (Retd) Willie Coupar, Events Committee Member (WC)
Major (Retd) Derek Mowatt, Events Committee Member (DM)
Rosemary Pitcaithly, Events Committee Chairwoman (RP)
Norma Fenton, Events Committee Member (NF)
Dr John Hulbert (JH)
Barbara Lyall (BL)
Major (Retd) David Noble DL, (DN)
Colonel (Retd) David Arbuthnot MBE (DA)
Sonia Arbuthnot (SA))
Alfie Iannetta, (AI)
Harry Bate (HB)
Moirá Bate (MB)
Laurie Crisp (LC)
David Thomson (DT)
William Winton (WW)

Apologies:

Major (Retd) Ronnie Proctor (MRP)
Emma Halford-Forbes, Committee Member (EHF)
Lawrence Read
Alex Baille-Hamilton
Ann Halford-MacLeod
Ann Cowan
Joe Hubble
Brigadier (Retd) Gurdon
Councillor Liz Grant
Alex Murdoch
Steve Connelly
Chris Bernáth
Anne Gellatly

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

1. Approval of Minutes of last AGM

Minutes of AGM held on 19th September 2012 were approved unanimously.

Proposed: AI

Seconded: DN

2. Review of Reports and Accounts

JW reviewed the Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year end 31st March 2013. These have already been approved by the Management Committee but Friends were invited to comment and ask any questions.

JW outlined the income and expenditure for the financial year including income from subscriptions, events, administration expenditure and amount repaid to the loan acquired for setting up the Friends in 2010.

JW explained that, after much deliberation, the Friends will not claim gift aid on membership subscriptions. He outlined the rationale for this to attendees.

As the Museum has now changed accountants it seemed prudent for Friends to also adopt the same firm.

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

Proposed: DM

Seconded: RP

3. Appointment of Independent Examiner

JW explained that Messrs Morris and Young are no longer accountants for the Museum. JW acknowledged the great support that the firm had provided in the early years of the Friends. A new firm called Bell & Company are now in place. The Friends have requested this firm to act as Independent Examiners going forward and they have accepted.

This appointment was confirmed by the Meeting

Proposed: GB

Seconded: RP

4. Appointment of Management Committee

SRW explained that Lt Col (Retd) Philip Halford MacLeod has stood down from his position on the committee and that Alfie Iannetta had resigned as Chief Executive of the Black Watch Museum and was therefore no longer an ex officio member of the Committee; she thanked them for their valuable support in developing the Friends organisation. Rosemary Pitcaithly, Events Committee Chairwoman had been co-opted onto the Committee during the year.

All existing Committee members were up for re-election. LB reported that no additional nominations had been received. All Committee members were re-elected unanimously:

Chairwoman	SRW	Proposed: JW Seconded: NF
Treasurer	JW	Proposed: SRW Seconded: DA
Secretary	LB	Proposed: AI Seconded: DT
Committee	RP	Proposed: AI Seconded: DN
Committee	MRP	Proposed: AI Seconded: DT
Committee	EHF	Proposed: NF Seconded: RP

5. Report by Chairwoman

SRW discussed the period of redevelopment and the impact this had on Friends events moving on to discuss events since the reopening. She expressed disappointment at the low level of Black Watch Association member uptake of the reduced Friends subscription fee, hoping this would improve going forward. Considering the reason for retaining the surplus of income at the end of the financial year being SRW explained this was to fund the Museum guidebook translation; of which the French translation is currently underway, to update and reprint the Friends leaflet and to sponsor temporary exhibitions.

6. A.O.B:

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

7. Post-Meeting Events

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.

The AGM was followed by a Brigadier (Retd) Jameson who gave an illustrated talk about his experiences organising the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.