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Committee Meeting				
Date:	29 th May 2016	Time:	12.30	Location: Kingston Army Reserve Centre
Attendees:	Peter Nightingale, Warren Alexander-Pye, Peter Hart, Geoff Fairfax, Peter Foss, Graham Thackeray			
Apologies:	None.			
Circulation:	Above only			
Meeting Aim:	Routine Committee business			

DISCUSSION POINTS				
No.	Item	Action	Owner	By
1.	Finances			
1.1	WAP stated that based on year end accounts for the last three years the Society should have a surplus of around £200 if all subscriptions are collected and routine bills are paid.	Note.		
1.2	Overseas and organisation membership lists to be reviewed for payment arrears.	WAP to review based on lists as issued to GT.	WAP/GT	06.08.16
1.3	WAP proposed that Paypal could be used to allow members to provide instant electronic payments including from overseas. It was noted that a Paypal account would require the administrator to have sole access and authority over the amount of Society funds held in that account short term. Those present did not see this as a major obstacle.	WAP to obtain Paypal T&Cs and circulate for committee review.	WAP	With minutes
1.4	Actions for the AGM would include: a. Adopting 3 years of accounts.	Note.		



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	<p>b. Change to Society constitution regarding auditing.</p> <p>c. Voting in the new Treasurer.</p>			
1.5	<p>It was noted that the contribution PH makes through advertising fees in Dmrs Call was an essential component of Society finance at present.</p>	Note.		
1.6	<p>WAP advised that as costs were rising it would be prudent to implement a raise in subscription fees within 2 years, suggested at £5 increase in each category.</p> <p>In 40 years subs have been raised only 4 times (£2, £5, £7 then £10 for individual members) which is exceptional.</p>	To be reviewed further at next meeting.	All	06.08.16
2.	Swiss Guild Exchange Visit – Attendees.			
2.1	<p>WAP will be taking the Society place due to non-availability of others.</p> <p>Snr DMaj Army is unable to attend due to course commitments and Household Div Drum Majors are all committed over that period.</p> <p>DMaj Royal Marines HMS Collingwood is seeking funding and hopes to attend with 2 of his Drummers.</p>	Note.		
2.2	<p>PN stated that the Society would assist with heavy baggage costs if WAP takes supporting materials for free issue to the Guild.</p>	Note.		



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3.	Storage Issues: Sales & archiving to clear the need for physical storage.			
3.1	Now resolved in terms of finance, Cinque Ports having taken the unit on at their cost and stored Society items having been passed on to WAP.	Note.		
3.2	<p>Sale of Society merchandise to be pushed to clear the storage requirement. Members to be offered items to end of year, then it is proposed to sell remainder via Ebay auction.</p> <p>It was noted that the original cost of the items is irrelevant due to time lapsed since purchased and sale of items should be a priority.</p>	<p>WAP to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Create inventory of items. Propose pricing of items. 	WAP	Issued 1 st June.
3.3	<p>Archiving Drummer's Call. The proposal to have sets of Dmrs Call bound was discussed. It was agreed that Kneller Hall was not a suitable place to lodge copies as they had minimal interest in Corps of Drums. The cost of binding could be prohibitive. PH handed over 20 editions in soft copy on a CD rom.</p>	<p>WAP to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain binding quotes. Make enquiries with the British Library to accept a set either bound or soft copy. Review quantities from store once handed over from GF. 	WAP	06.08.16
3.4	Archiving is to be treated as a discrete side project. WAP will commence scanning hard copy records & documents and create an electronic archive.		WAP	Ongoing.
4.	Hearing protection update			
4.1	It was agreed that following recent work by WAP to brief the committee this would be placed on hold pending further review.	Note.		
5.	40th Anniversary Logo			



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5.1	Logo tabled by WAP was reviewed. Black and white plus Colour versions have been created.	Note.		
5.2	Initial comments were: 1. Should include Society logo. 2. Wording explaining the event to be added.	WAP to update and reissue.	WAP	06.08.16
6.	Brigadier Holmes award nominations			
6.1	No nominations received to date. Request for nominations has been included in June newsletter.	Note.		
6.2	WAP suggested nominating [REDACTED]	WAP to confirm membership status.	WAP	06.08.16
7.	2018 Event Planning			
7.1	It was suggested that the profile of any proposals for 2018 should be issued ASAP to allow a build up to be made. PN stated his intent to keep this as a side project for now.	Note.		
7.2	Key features would be: a. Society to play "The Poppy" as LMS marchpast. b. Dan Snow would be invited to get involved from a historical perspective. c. Members would be wearing poppies (LMS is day before armistice day in 2018) d. Members would wear replica medals of their forebears.	PN to send outline details to WAP for production of a draft event flyer. PF to review Poppy trio and look for stripped down version for beginners to join in with (stripped down part from Cinque Ports handed over.)	PN PF	30.06.16 06.08.16



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8.	Forecast of Events			
8.1	Next two events are: 25 th June – Flute Repair workshop at HAC. 06 th Aug – Music Meeting, Kingston.	Note.		
8.2	WAP to request alternate dates for the LMS rehearsal from early Oct to end of Oct.	WAP to enquire with 156 Det (Sgt Nawaz)	WAP	06.08.16
8.3	Drum Major's Workshop is unlikely to go ahead due to commitments in London District in the September period.	Note.		
9.	Any other business			
9.1	PF raised the issue of the Facebook page being open to misinterpretation.	Caution to be observed by any Committee members posting on there.	All	Ongoing.
9.2	GF raised the issue of non-members posting repeatedly on the FB page and gaining benefit without paying membership fees.	WAP to review. p.m.n – cautionary note has been issued to the page reminding those on the page that we reserve the right to remove posts at our discretion if they do not support our aims.	WAP	Done.
9.3	GF reminded the need to observe rules for Society members attending The Gathering, especially to avoid members sending in a return and not attending, leaving Snr DMaj with a bill to pay.	WAP to contact Snr DMaj and confirm ground rules/concerns before further dissemination of info.	WAP	06.08.16

NEXT MEETING

Date: 06th August **Time:** 12.30 **Location:** Kingston

Meeting Aim: Routine Committee meeting.