



**THE QUEEN'S OWN WORCESTERSHIRE HUSSARS AND
THE WORCESTERSHIRE YEOMANRY REGIMENTAL CHARITABLE TRUST**

AND

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE YEOMANRY MUSEUM TRUST
(REGISTRATION NO. 509447)**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Trustees, held at the Worcester Museum and Art Gallery on Saturday 13th April 2019:

Present: Col S J Cartwright, MBE, TD
Maj S Keilty MBE (OC 54 Sqn 37 Sig Regt)
Maj W Mawby (OC B Sqn RY)
Capt J Astley Chairman
Lt R Reece (Tp Ldr B Sqn)
WOII (SSM) C Smith
Mrs Philippa Tinsley
Mr Tim Bridges
Mr Andy Morgan
Mr Mike Smith
Mr Andy Head Secretary

Apologies: Col P Secombe TD
Lt Col R G D Showell, TD
Maj K Metcalfe, TD
Capt A Peters Treasurer

ITEM 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st April 2018 were read by Capt Jonathan Astley and agreed by the Trustees as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. It was agreed to pick up matters arising as the meeting progressed.

ITEM 2 REPORTS

2a. The Museum Report

Headline points:

- a. Accreditation is on track and progressing.
- b. The Worcestershire Soldiers exhibition has been a success. This exhibition will continue during 2019 to encompass the D-Day commemorations.
- c. Friends of the Museum, chaired by Maj Karen Metcalfe, is continuing with dates for future meetings to be finalised for the 2nd half of 2019. The talk on Prisoners of War from WW1 which was held in October was well received. The event

coincided with the Museum's launch of the WW1 watercolours by Major Lord Hampton.

- d. The Museum Facebook page remains popular, especially with relatives of past soldiers of the Regiment.
- e. Working parties - one museum archive working party was completed in July 2018. The plan for 2019 is to hold at least two and all Trustees are invited to assist. Dates to be circulated as soon as possible. The subject of using Troopers and/or Cadets from the squadrons to assist with working parties was discussed.
- f. The Curator continues to assist relatives with research on a regular basis, charging £15-£25 depending on complexity, as a donation to the Museum, or free if they donate photos/memorabilia. Interest is growing and people generally donate as well.
- g. There are still copies of the books The Mountains of Moab, Road to Yozgad, Pyramids and Fleshpots, Diary of Maj Wiggin and the Booklet regarding the Charge at Huj available. A website has now been created to sell copies of The Mountains of Moab. Last year the museum also had a stall at a Worcester 100 event which sold books to the value of £90.
- h. Students from Worcester University have assisted with research work during the year. This prompted the question about introducing interested young people to the current Regiments with a view to improving recruitment. It was agreed that the Museum should look at specific displays for the two successor Regiments. A budget should be available to create a modern static display, together with improved information boards. Mr Mike Smith stated that he had a contact for producing new information boards.

2b. Financial Statement

- a. Mr Andy Head passed out the Financial Statement from the Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report, as at 31st March 2019, was presented, adopted and approved. A signed copy is retained on file.
- b. The Trust has £50,743.68 as a current Fund Value. There are no outstanding invoices.
- c. The main reason for the increase in the overall fund value was the receipt of £40,000 from the RA funds closure. There was discussion on whether some of the funds should be invested. Col Cartwright explained that there was a possibility of utilising the investment fund used by the Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum and this would be explored further.
- d. A question was raised regarding the drop in insurance costs. It was explained that this was due to the insurance now being taken out with a different provider, together with some part funding from Worcester Council and the fact that some items had been removed from the cover specified.
- e. The Chairman stated his thanks to Capt Andy Peters for looking after the Trust accounts.

ITEM 3 NEW AQUISITIONS

Since the last meeting the following items have been acquired by the Museum, (all items are donations):

- i. Photographs and documents relating to the Butler brothers.
- ii. KD bush shirt circa 1944.
- iii. Andy Head transcript of the diaries of Lt Marsh (captured at Qatia) and Tpr Kirk (1916-1919).
- iv. 1940's army housewife kit.
- v. Hardback book regarding Brian Hatton, who died at Qatia.
- vi. Novel – Testament by Dr Guy State
- vii. ID bracelet to Tpr H Rudge 1915-1919.

ITEM 4 MUSEUM UPDATE

- a. As a general instruction Worcester museums have been asked to review costs with view to saving money where possible. To this end the Worcestershire Museum no longer has a permanent member of staff at the reception of the Yeomanry Museum. Instead there is a “walking” member of staff and it was felt that this had improved visitor contact with questions being answered as visitors toured the displays. The shop at the entrance to the Yeomanry Museum has been removed but it was felt that this generated a very limited income. There was a suggestion that “one-off” sales days would be a better option and this is to be discussed further.
- b. Overall the museum continues to do well. The main reception area is the next area for refurbishment.

ITEM 5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Medal Cabinets – three quotes had been requested but only one company (Polstore) had responded, with Access Displays and Luminati failing to provide anything as of today's date. After discussion on the style of the cabinets it was agreed to proceed with Polstore and that three quotes were no longer a requirement. The new cabinets will be of a drawer system from Polstore's Scaffell range. They have quoted £4,383.00 + VAT. Mrs Philippa Tinsley commented that it was very unlikely that we would find a substantially cheaper option.
- b. New Display – John Paddock (Worcester Regt curator) has proposed a new display cabinet to replace the POW display in the museum. (Budget circa £20k, budget bidding is ongoing). WYMT to offer a contribution in the region of £2k.
- c. National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas. The CO Royal Yeomanry has requested that we look at updating the RY plaque on Yeomanry Avenue. In addition, this is a good opportunity to add a more permanent memorial and it was suggested that that a pair of black pear trees would be appropriate, together with

a new plaque/sign. There are also discussions taking place with the QOWWY for a joint plaque. The chairman will report back in due course with regard to costs and the possibility of a small ceremony to mark the change.

- d. The large painting of Colonel Clive currently in the drill hall. It has been suggested that this is a valuable item of significant historical importance and that it really needs to be re-located. It may well be currently built into the internal structure of the drill hall, this to be investigated further and reported back to the Trustees.
- e. New Letterhead – there is a requirement to re-draw and digitise the current cap badge letterhead.
- f. On a sad note, Mr Tim Bridges brought to the attention of the Trustees the fact that Mr Brian Owen had recently passed way. Col Cartwright volunteered to arrange a letter of condolence on behalf of the Trustees.
- g. It had been anticipated that this years Qatia Day service may well be the last one held at the Cathedral. However, the Cathedral has expressed a desire that the service be continued in its current format. This will be discussed further with the Comrades Association who oversee the current arrangements.
- h. The next meeting date is anticipated to be in April 2020, exact date and time to be established.
- i. The Chairman welcomed Lt Richard Reece as a new Trustee. Further Trustees are welcome, these don't need to be people with direct links with the Yeomanry, but need to be keen and interested to be involved. All Trustees are requested to put forward ideas to the Chairman.
- j. The Chairman thanked all Trustees for their attendance and with no further business the meeting was closed.

ITEM 6 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- a. The date for the next meeting is to be **Saturday 18 April 2020** with time and place to be confirmed.

J ASTLEY
Chairman of the Trustees

Date

THE QUEEN'S OWN WORCESTERSHIRE YEOMANRY MUSEUM TRUST
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019

12 Months to 31 Mar 2018

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INCOME

Donations	£605.00
AIM Refund (Overpayment)	£132.00
Shop Sales	£241.54
Book Sales	£80.00
Research Payments	£180.00

TOTAL INCOME £1,238.54

EXPENDITURE

AIM Membership	£105.00
Insurance	£200.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £305.00

Excess of income **£933.54**

Cash at Bank:

Barclays	£10,426.08
TOTAL	£10,426.08

Working Capital **£10,426.08**

Total Fund Value: £10,426.08

INCOME

Donations	£80.00
Research Donations	£115.00
Shop Sales	£0.00
Book Sales	£120.60
RA Funds Closure	£40,000.00

TOTAL INCOME £40,315.60

EXPENDITURE

AIM Membership	£0.00
Insurance	£68.00
Yo Yo News	£200.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £268.00

Excess of income **£40,047.60**

Cash at Bank:

Barclays	£50,743.68
TOTAL	£50,743.68

Working Capital **£50,743.68**

Total Fund Value: £50,743.68

Account & Bank Balances Checked and
verified for accuracy at year ending 31 March 19:

A Peters
Accountant

Date:

JP Astley
Chairman to the Trustees

Notes: The above accounts do not include the value of any shop items held on stock.

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Registration number: 509447

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity provisions.

The financial statements were approved by the Chairman of Trustees and the Trustees present and signed on 13th April 2019.

J P Astley – Chairman of Trustees