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A.C.W.S. CONTACTS

Directors & Army Commanders

Mr Michael Smart, Chairman

Mrs Linda Reed, Secretary

Ian Morris, Treasurer

Mr Peter Holt, Events

Miss Claire Morris, Membership

Mr Martin Cross, Health & Safety

Mrs Val Holt, Communications

Mr Mike Bussey, Webmaster

Mr Tim Davies, Federal Commander

Mr Glenn Gibson, Confederate Commander

Mrs Viv Corbishley, Without Portfolio

**Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting of
The American Civil War Society Ltd
Held at The White Hart Hotel, 49 Lord Street,
Gainsborough, DN21 2DD.
On Saturday 2nd December 2017**

PRESENT :

Directors:

Mr Tim Davies	Chairman/Federal Army Commander	TD
Mrs Linda Reed	Secretary	LR
Mrs Val Holt	Communications	VH
Miss Claire Morris	Membership	CM
Mr Peter Holt	Events	PH
Mr Martin Cross	Health & Safety	MC
Mr Mike Bussey	Webmaster	MB
Mr Glenn Gibson	Confederate Army Commander	GG
Mrs Viv Corbishley	No Portfolio	VC

Society Officers:

Mr Roger WG	Marketing/Horsemaster	RWG
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Together with members in the hall making a total of 29 members present 2 of which were junior members and 5 had already voted by proxy.

The meeting started at 1.35pm.

TD welcomed everyone to the 2017 AGM and thanked them for attending.

1. Apologies were received from the following:

Ian Morris, Paul Edensor, Dave Parkin, Carena Parkin, James Reed, Leigh Wardley, Stuart Wardley & Mike Corbishley.

Stephen Griffins apologies were also received later this day.

2. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2016 AGM

held at the United Services Club, 136 Bridge Street, Gainsborough, DN21 1LP on Saturday 3rd December 2016.

This was proposed by Gary Holman and seconded by Andrew Parrott, and duly voted upon:

For	22	Proxy votes were:	For	41
Against	0		Against	0
Abstentions	0		Abstentions	3

This motion was duly approved, and the minutes signed by TD.

3. Motion to receive the reports of the Directors for the 2017 season as published and issued to members in November 2017.

3.1 Secretary : Mrs Linda Reed

LR had nothing to add to her report published, and there were no questions from the floor.

3.2 Webmaster : Mr Mike Bussey

MB had nothing to add to his report published, and there were no questions from the floor.

3.3 Events : Mr Peter Holt

PH had nothing further to add to his report as published and there were no questions from the floor.

3.4 Treasurer : Mr Ian Morris

IM was absent and RWG asked via a mobile phone why there were 2 sundries listed in the accounts and what were they for? It was confirmed by IM the first sundry (£545) was for the band at the International and the second (£253.98) was for the hire of the PA System.

MB noted that although the band costs and the PA system hire came out of the sundry listings they didn't cost those amounts.

It was also noted that we had a debtor from the Kelham Event and the Directors were dealing with this and it will hopefully be resolved in January 2018.

3.5 Membership : Miss Claire Morris

CM had nothing further to add to her report, and there were no questions from the floor.

3.6 Confederate Army Commander : Mr Glenn Gibson

GG expressed his sadness at the passing of Paul and advised members present of the funeral arrangements.

3.7 Federal Army Commander : Mr Tim Davies

TD had nothing further to add, and there were no questions from the floor.

3.8 Communications : Mrs Val Holt

VH had nothing further to add to her report, and there were no questions from the floor.

3.9 Health & Safety : Mr Martin Cross

MC noted that we had a season without any incidents. Could regimental commanders please make sure all FSPC's are up to date and handed to Martin.

3.10 Chairman : Mr Tim Davies

TD stated it had been a great year for himself as Chairman and members alike.

Motion to receive the reports of the Directors for the 2017 season as published and issued to members in November 2017.

This was proposed by Helen Gibson and seconded by Callum Sheldon, and duly voted upon.

For	22	Proxy votes were :	For	41
Against	0		Against	0
Abstentions	0		Abstentions	3

Motion duly approved.

4. Motion to receive the Audited Accounts as published in November

This was proposed by Phil Clark, seconded by Gary Holman, and duly voted upon.

For	21	Proxy votes were :	For	40
Against	0		Against	0
Abstentions	1		Abstentions	4

Motion duly approved.

5. Motion to Reappoint M S Twist & Co Ltd as Auditors and to authorise the Directors to settle their remuneration

This was proposed by Phil Clark, seconded by Roger Willison-Gray, and duly voted upon.

For	22	Proxy votes were:	For	41
Against	0		Against	1
Abstentions	0		Against	2

Motion duly approved.

6. Membership & Registration fees for the 2018 season

The proposal was that membership and registration fees stay at the same level for the 2018 season, but reserving the right to adjust registration fees as per ACWS Bye-Law B.9.

Helen Gibson asked whether there was a maximum amount for registration fees. MB replied advising the directors only set the fees according to the event and will keep them as low as possible.

This was proposed by Martin Cross, seconded by Claire Morris, and duly voted upon.

For	21	Proxy votes were :	For	38
Against	0		Against	3
Abstentions	1		Abstentions	3

Motion duly approved.

7. Election of Board of Directors

LR clarified that all the directors will be standing for the 2018 season and TD was stepping down as chairman having been co-opted on to the board during the 2017 season. LR thanked TD for stepping in on behalf of the membership and the board of directors.

Mr Michael Smart stood for the position as chairman and no other candidates had been proposed.

Phil Clark proposed that the directors be voted en bloc. MB advised as it was a secret ballot hands shown in the room would not make it as such and voting sheets had already been printed.

NB.The agenda an “en bloc” refers to item 7 through 10, not just item 10.

TD introduced the tellers who were Gary Holman, Helen Gibson and Caz Davies.

LR explained how the secret ballot works and showed the ballot box to be empty.

There was a short break for a secret ballot to take place.

The meeting resumed and the chairman welcomed everyone back.

The raffle was drawn and raised £67.

TD proposed the money raised should be given to Paul Draper's wife and daughter for a pamper day or such like.

Martyn Clarke seconded the proposal and the vote in the room was unanimous.

Andrew Parrott proposed the society made that figure up to £100.

Helen Gibson seconded the proposal and the vote by a show of hands was unanimous.

The results of the voting for the Board of Directors were as follows:

	PRESENT VOTES	PROXY VOTES					
		FOR	AG	AB	FOR	AG	AB
SECRETARY	Linda Reed	21	1	0	43	1	0
TREASURER	Ian Morris	20	1	1	43	0	1
EVENTS	Peter Holt	19	2	1	37	5	2
MEMBERSHIP	Claire Morris	22	0	0	43	0	1

	PRESENT VOTES			PROXY VOTES		
	FOR	AG	AB	FOR	AG	AB
H & SAFETY Martin Cross	21	1	0	38	5	0
WEBMASTER Mike Bussey	22	0	0	44	0	0
COMMUNICATIONS Val Holt	21	1	0	39	5	0
NO PORTFOLIO Viv Corbishley	18	3	1	33	6	5

The above Directors were thus re-elected for the 2018 season.

8. Election of Michael Smart to the position of Chairman and as a Director

For	18	Proxy votes were:	For	43
Against	1		Against	0
Abstentions	3		Abstentions	1

Mr Michael Smart was therefore duly elected as Chairman and a Director.

Mr M Smart therefore directed the meeting from here on as Chairman.

9. Re-election of Mr Tim Davies to be Federal Commander for the 2018 season by members of the Federal Army

For	21	Proxy votes were:	For	23
Against	1		Against	0
Abstentions	0		Abstentions	0

Mr Tim Davies was therefore duly re-elected as the Federal Commanding Officer for the 2018 season.

10. Re-election of Mr Glenn Gibson as Confederate Commander for the 2018 season by members of the Confederate forces.

For	7	Proxy votes were :	For	12
Against	0		Against	1
Abstentions	1		Abstentions	3

Mr Glenn Gibson was therefore duly re-elected as Confederate Commanding Officer for the 2018 season.

11 Open Forum

Michael Smart thanked everyone.

Joseph Reed (JR) asked about a Union and Confederate representative for Health and Safety. TD noted that each regiment has a rep for health and safety on the Union.

JR put his name forward as Confederate health and safety representative and was commended for his action by Phil Clarke and thanked by GG.

JR also noted about using a bell for a fire and a whistle for an injury.

TD stated that on Union camp they use the whistle followed by "medic" or "fire".

On Confederate camp a bell will be used for a fire and a whistle for an injury.

JR also noted that a fire drill should take place at least once a year and he will arrange this for the Confederacy.

RWG stated there were a few misunderstandings this last season with the cavalry and it was all due to communication. Can all directors and officers let the cavalry know if the agreed timings of an event are changed as it can become very embarrassing?

Martin Clarke thanked MB for agreeing to reinstate the 2nd South Carolina webpage.

Martin Cross noted that after a conversation with firearms and online payment, all regions are hoping to commence with online forms for registrations and renewals with drop down menus in the not too distant future.

12. Events Announcements

PH reported that there are two events booked to present for the 2018 season.

Bloxham, Oxfordshire

23rd – 24th June 2018

Full society event for the 50th anniversary of Banbury Steam Fair.

Skirmishes Saturday and Sunday.

Spetchley, Worcestershire

11th – 12th August 2018

Full society event.

No dogs allowed.

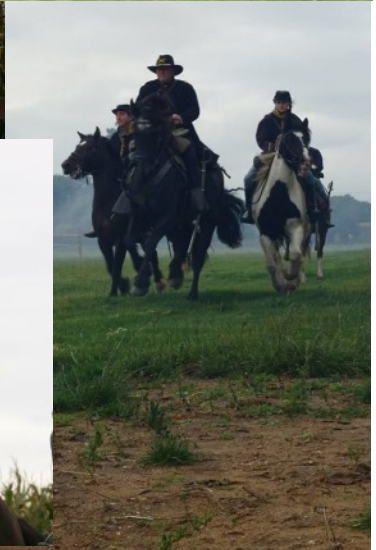
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Thank you to those who provided the excellent photographs. Of the event at Kelham Hall

13. Any Other Business

MB explained about the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) as changes are being implemented in May 2018.

This means we can only store data for a legitimate purpose.

MB stated that we as a company only use your data when needed and he believes have nothing to worry about as he thinks we are doing everything correctly.

MB also noted that we need to make our policy documents more available to members.

LR explained the Press and Social Media code of conduct is not a rule, they are just guidelines to move with the times, these will be available to members soon.

Correction to Health and Safety Guidelines

Adopted May 2005

9a – A large yellow flag with a blue H on it indicates the field hospital.

This should read a “Green H” and will be amended accordingly as it is a typing error.

MS noted that there had been a few deaths during the 2017 of present and previous members.

Andrew Nettleship, died on the 3rd October 2017. 24th Michigan and 2nd Artillery Battery B.

Paul Draper, died on the 26th November 2017. 1st Tennessee and ACWS Fife and Drum Corps.

Sam Smethurst died in November 2017 2nd Wisconsin.

Also noted was two Tennessee babies, namely Ruaridh Edward Warren born on 9th September 2017 weighing 8lb 8 – Private Shaun Warren and partner Lindsey. Finn Steven Brooks-Richards born on 5th November 2017 weighing 7lb 15 – Private Steven Brooks and Carrie.

LR thanked everyone for the 2017 season this included Griff (Minutes Secretary), James Reed (Principal Musician), Ben St John (ACWS Transport), Phil & Jen Clark for their legal advice early in the season, Officers of the society including RWG (Horse-master and Marketing), Kevin Holden (Explosives), Brian Mitchell (Pyrotechnics), Jen & Leigh Holden (Signing-in), all the pyro team, the horse suppliers, all Officers and NCO's and anyone else who helped in any role during the 2017 season.

MS thanked TD for stepping up to Chairman in the hour of need, the board for carrying on and LR for persuading him to return as Chairman.

MS stated his intention to stay and apologised for his absence on the field during the 2017 season.

Kelham proved what a great society we really are and how well we can work with other societies.

MS thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting closed at 3.22pm.

The next AGM will be held in December 2018 and a date and venue is yet to be confirmed.

Principal Musician Notice

The ACWS's Principal Musician, James Reed, had decided to step down from this position in order to have more time at events for his family, the Confederates, and himself. There have been times at some events where James never had a time off from his duties.

The ACWS Board and Members would like to thank James for the outstanding achievements he has made whilst resurrecting the ACWS Fife and Drum Corps to a very high standard.

James has confirmed that he is willing to help any current or prospective musician who might need help on a one-to-one basis if necessary. He is not going away and will continue as a musician in the Society.

This means that there is a vacancy for Principal Musician to take over from James. If anyone feels they could fulfil the role of Principal Musician, can they please contact the Chairman, Mick Smart, in the first instance.



EVENTS REPORT

This will be a very short report this time as most of the content is already known to most of you who use Facebook and the official ACWS web page.

I have been working hard, on your behalf, to find events for 2018. Somehow this year it has been more difficult than previous years. 2018 marks 100 years since the end of the Great War and there is a lot of interest been shown towards that. I am unsure as to whether 'Brexit' is having an effect but some sponsors are reluctant to commit themselves until the new financial new begins in the Spring with regards to budgets. Also, the Winter sickness bug and the flu have definitely had an effect as sponsors have had to put back meetings because committee members have been ill.

We don't usually release details of events until they are confirmed, but I do understand members need to book time off work, so we are publishing dates and some details of events which are probable but are yet to be confirmed.

April 28-29 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PROBABLE Full Society Event Members camping from Friday to Monday. Details to be confirmed later. Preparation for season, Living history, and skirmish.

May 26-28 WATFORD, HERTS PROBABLE Full Society Event The ACWS have been invited to SoSkAn's event at Watford, Hertfordshire. The event is on private land which includes woodland and no public are allowed. You can camp in an A frame or a pup tent in the woods, as well as modern camping. Further details to follow

June 16-17 SEDGEFIELD, CO DURHAM PROBABLE Full Society Event Full society event at Frontline Sedgefield held at Hardwick Hall East Park, Sedgefield, Co Durham, TS21 2DN. Living History and Infantry skirmish on SATURDAY & SUNDAY.

June 23-24 BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE CONFIRMED(*) Full Society Event Full Society event at 50th Anniversary Banbury Steam Fair, held at Smiths Field, Milton Road, Bloxham, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX15 4HD. Members camping from Friday afternoon to Monday morning. Living History plus infantry and artillery skirmish on SATURDAY & SUNDAY.

August 11-12 SPETCHLEY CONFIRMED(*) Full Society Event M5 Multi-period event at Spetchley Park Gardens, Spetchley, Worcester, WR5 1RS, organised by the Worcester Re-enactors. Members camping from Friday afternoon to Monday morning. Full society event. Living History and Skirmish on SATURDAY & SUNDAY. Unfortunately, there are **NO DOGS ALLOWED** at this event.

August 18-19 LINCOLNSHIRE POSSIBLE Small Society Event Possible Small Living History event at prestigious historic site in Lincolnshire. Living History on SATURDAY & SUNDAY. Further details to follow if event confirmed.

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September 8-9 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PROBABLE Full Society Event Possible Full Society event in Nottinghamshire. Members camping from Friday to Monday. Details to be confirmed later. Living history and battles SATURDAY & Sunday.

December 1st ACWS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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Peter Holt
Events Director



Extract from Mike Bussey's Memorial to Paul Draper.

"Paul had been a member of the 1st Tennessee since 2014 and attended most of the events.

He was such a kind and generous man and was willing and able to learn new skills and experiences whilst with us and the Drum Corps.

Paul will be missed by many in ACWS as he was such a likeable character.

Not long before he passed, Paul wished to pass on his thanks to everyone in ACWS who had made his time with us so enjoyable, and for all the cards, flowers and best wishes received during his recent illnesses.

Our thoughts are with his wife Margaret, Essie and family at this very sad time."

Mike Bussey
First Sergeant, Co.E, First Tennessee (Maney's) Volunteer
Infantry
Sunday 26th November 2017



It is always sad to announce the loss of an old friend and comrade but that's just what we have had to do over the winter months. I am sure we all loved Bounty, Gaynor Willison-Gray's beloved horse and well loved member of the Cavalry. Who passed on in December.

Now for a happier announcement.

Lydia Pauline Cawley made her appearance on 23rd December 2018 just in time for Christmas, weighing in at 7lbs 6oz. Congratulations to Sonya and Stuart.





Boy's 1860s Fashions

by Joanne Haug

The 1860's offered a variety of outfits designed for the growing boy. Each style had its purpose and a specific age requirement. During the nineteenth century, both boys and girls wore dresses for the first few years. Before toddler boys graduated to tunics or trousers they wore full skirted frocks over-starched petticoats and drawers until they were about three years old. To differentiate a boy from a girl, often a front buttoned fastening rather than the usual back closing was designated for boys in addition to diagonal trimming and pleats. In the summer, materials such poplin or challis in large patterns were used. Boys in winter wore dresses of velvet and woollen materials. Boys continued to wear dresses and skirts up to their third or fourth year. During the 1860's bolero suits consisting of a jacket and skirt were in vogue for little boys up to the age of five. The short jacket, falling open from a single fastening at the neck was worn over a box pleated skirt. Applied twisted braid was popular for embellishing the ensemble. Typically the trim edged the collar and cuffs of the jacket with a matching design following the hemline of the skirt. For boys too mature to wear toddler dresses yet too young for suits, a transitional play costume was a front buttoned blouse and



loose trousers. Variations of this outfit were worn for everyday wear in rural areas and cities during the mid-nineteenth century. Both women's and men's fashions were reflected in this apparel. The blouse had the same drop shoulder found in women's dresses while the trousers were loose and ankle length like men's. Practical fabrics such as calico or gingham were used for summer. A winter version would be made of wool. The shirt often had buttons sewn along the waistband to attach to the trousers. The buttons were lowered as the young boy grew. The trousers would have either the old-fashioned side button panel or the new front button fly. By the 1860s, older boys were sporting a new style of trousers just for boys called knickerbockers. These wide leg pants fastened below the knee and oftentimes were worn with a matching vest and jacket. The jacket had a cutaway front with a single fastening at the neck, exposing the buttoned vest beneath. When this outfit was trimmed with contrasting braid and buttons it was described as a "Zouave" suit. This form of military embellishment was influenced by the Algerian volunteer regimental uniforms used on the side of the French in the Crimean War in the mid-1850's and later adopted by the American militia during the Civil War. This form of military embellishment remained in fashion until the mid-1880's. Ultimately the growing boy would enter into the masculine world wearing a vested suit and frock coat resembling his father's. A costume suitable for a boy of ten or eleven years of age would consist of long trousers and a jacket open at the waist to show a vest.

A Plea From Your Editor.

Do you have a story or something to say? Why not put it in an mail and send it to me to share with your fellow members.

It can be a historical event or an update on research or what about a memory of an event you enjoyed in the past. We all enjoy sitting around the campfire reliving past glories or retelling a funny story, well why not enlarge your audience and share it with all of us. If you have photos to illustrate your article so much the better.

All I ask is that you send it via an email to me at

editor@acws.co.uk

Before the 10th April, 10th July, 10th October so that it can be included in that issue of the newsletter.

May I also thank those of you who sent me photographs of the Kelham International last September. I really could have filled the entire newsletter with pictures. Unfortunately, this edition is the 'business' end of ACWS and is given up to the Minutes of the AGM which took place in Gainsborough last December.

Another season will soon be here (thank goodness as I for one am beginning to get cabin Fever) and look forward to seeing you all on the field again this year.

Until then..... Keep your powder dry and keeping watching for updates on the Members page of FB.

Val Holt

Editor.



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