

AGENDA

Annual General Meeting –Dickie Fritz Shellhole

5th March 2016 at 12.00pm

Welcome and Apologies

Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Report

- *The Last year [2015] in Review
- *Current and Ongoing Projects
- *Welfare

Financial Report

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- *Balance Sheet
- *Merchandise

Secretaries Report

- *Correspondence, Resolutions , and Meetings .
- *Membership
- *Honorary Legacy Membership

Regional Representatives Reports

[also refer to E Cheetah Magazine RLIRA Web Page]

Gauteng –Neil Swart

Eastern Cape –Mark Taunton

KwaZulu Natal –Skippy Skipworth –Michel

Cape Province –Maurice Gabriel

Awards

Any Other Business

Election Of Office Bearers 2016/2017

- *Treasurer

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DICKIE FRITZ SHELLHOLE EDENVALE ON 5TH MARCH 2016.02.14

WELCOME

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, Welcome to the RLIRA Africa Committee Annual General Meeting.

Thank you for taking the time out today to be with us, your support is appreciated .

ATTENDANCE

35 members were in attendance for the AGM .

APOLOGIES RECEIVED:

Maurice Gabriel –Cape Rep, Edie Kaschula, Billy Wiggill, Gerry Cilliers, Skippy Michel Rep.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING .

The Chairman referred to the Minutes of the 2015 AGM held on the 2nd May 2015.

As there were no matters arising, the Minutes to be adopted :

Proposed. S. Grover

Seconded. B.Upton

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Last Year in Review 2015

2015 was a busy , challenging and successful year for the Africa Association. The Associations success was due 'The Tremendous Spirit and Support' from you our Members Friends and Supporters.

It was also as a result of the hard work and dedication put in by the Committee members .

Most of our work is done unseen and unheard, often after hours –this is the nature of some of the work we have to do.

One could call it a Labour of Love, and they would not be wrong.

In Particular I acknowledge and make special mention of the dedication and hard work given by,

Alan Strachan, Len Beechey and Rob Marsh.

Another even more important measure of our success this year has been as a result of the 'Spirit, Generosity and Camaraderie' of our members , YOU GUYS - who have supported our Fund Raising Initiatives by pitching up and by donating generously.

Thank You.

I am on record as saying that without the support and generosity of our members and supporters - 'WE WILL NOT EXIST AS AN ASSOCIATION IN AFRICA. It is as simple as that.

During 2015 The Committee and Members attended various memorial services and laid wreaths on behalf of the Association.

*The SADF Commemoration Service at Voortrekker Monument

*The Delville Wood Parade and Memorial

*The Rhodesian Forces Memorial Service at Dickie Fritz

*The Rhodesian Pioneer Parade at Dickie Fritz.

*It is heartening to note that many more members are attending these parades in Full Association Dress Code, and I must say it does look very smart indeed when we Parade as a unit in the same dress code.

The Committee introduced the **'Fireside Chat' Evening** , which was well attended and raised in excess of R5000.

As a result of the response it has been decided to make this an annual event on the Associations Calendar.

One of the Associations Milestones this year has been the introduction of the **'Honourary Legacy Membership Drive'**: The secretary will give details of this in his report later.

We are Proud of the Young Men who have paraded and Marched with us, and assisted in the many tasks that go to make a success of the functions and events we have held during the year.

We will continue with this Membership Drive, and urge all Sons and Daughters of RLI members to consider joining the Ranks of our Legacy Members.

There is a School of Thought that Legacy Members are not required , The RLIRA should cease to exist after the last members has passed on .

There is however a Bigger School of thought that as long as there are Sons and Daughters alive and willing to Keep the Name Alive –the RLIRA shall continue to 'Fly The Flag'.

We note with pride that the Australian Branch has also introduced Honourary Legacy membership into their Ranks.

We believe this is the way to go.

After a quick Poll during 2015, you the members agreed that the **Prayer Meetings Functions** in the current format should continue once a month on Saturdays.

They are an enjoyable and a popular get-together and have been well supported by all.

It is very pleasing to note, there has also been a increase in attendance from the 'Old Soldiers' , including a number of Officers , this is encouraging .

Patrons Day in July 2015 was another of our initiatives and will become an annual event on the Africa Association Calendar.

Patrons Day 2015 was held at the Cottesloe MOTH Complex at the Last Post Shellhole and was an enjoyable occasion which raised some R6500 for the Welfare Fund.

It is planned to have Patrons Day 2016 in Durban, this will however depend on attendance numbers and other logistics, details will be published nearer the time.

The Trooper Statuette Project introduced by Charlie Norris and his Team in early 2015, came to a successful conclusion when the Statuette was commissioned, and this limited edition [100] went on Sale in early 2016.

After a few initial problems with postage the project raised some serious money for the Welfare Fund.

To date 62 out of 100 statuettes have been sold resulting in a net surplus to the Welfare Fund of R36000.

Charlie and his team are to be congratulated for a great Initiative. Rob Marsh spent numerous hours /days ensuring everyone who placed an order received his statuette in good order.

We Thank Rob for this fine effort and his hard work.

The **Gerry Cilliers Knife Raffles** have been well supported and have raised some good money during the latter part of 2015. Gerry Cilliers initiated and managed a Face Book Group Auction for a specially commissioned Knife .

This auction raised a FANTASTIC SUM of money R56000 for the Welfare Fund, which was handed over at the 55th Luncheon on Saturday 6th March this year. We Thank Gerry and the Two Successful Bidders on the Auction –Nick Fergus and Rod Hager for their respective generous bids.

Donations to **The Trooper Statue Fund** came in at R R12000. The final cost is still to be finalised but it is expected to be R20000.00

The Committee recently approved an additional Bonus of R5000 to be paid to the caster and sculptor Jaco Van Niekerk, whom we believe has done an exceptional job on The Troopie Memorial .

The Monthly Raffles and 50/50 draw. Continue to be well supported, and we have had some excellent response to various initiatives that have benefited the Welfare Fund in Africa such as :

RLI Glassware - made by Bruce Upton

Gerry Cilliers Knives

Cheetah and Handler Statuette –The Committee

I am happy to report that **Kit Hire Wardrobe** Initiative has been a success, and was fully subscribed to on the day of the Parade, with all blazers booked out.

The Wardrobe now has 6 Full sets of RLIRA Dress Code, consisting a Blazer and Badge, RLIRA Tie, Beret and Badge, and will be managed by the QM.

Our Thanks to the members who donated funds to purchase 3 full sets of Kit.

We acknowledge donations received for the purchase of RLIRA Dress Code from: Jack Cohen, Jannie Van Wyk, Tiny Jansen Van Vuuren, and Louis Figuredo.

We also acknowledge with grateful thanks the donations for our Raffles .We have received a number of items this year from our Friends and Supporters who continue to support us , please know these are a valuable source of income to us and we are always grateful to receive suitable items for our popular raffles, and for our various functions .

The **RLIRA –Face Book Page** initiative was launched during the last few months, and despite initial concerns has proved to be a well managed and popular and well supported public media site for matters related to the RLIRA –Africa Branch .

The Highlight and a Significant Milestone for the Africa Branch was without doubt the Unveiling of The Trooper Statue in South Africa at Dickie Fritz Memorial Gardens, which coincided with the Battalions 55th Anniversary Regimental Day.

Some 109 Men Marched on to the Parade Gardens, and together with some 120 guests, including the caster and Sculptor, Jaco Van Niekerk, witnessed the Unveiling of The Trooper.

Some 330 people thoroughly enjoyed a Luncheon followed by the afternoons entertainment, and despite a few ‘curved balls’ the Committee consider the whole event to be resounding success.

We wish to record our grateful appreciation to the many members, friends and supporters who travelled across seas and borders to be with us on the day, and for the generous support we received from many others.

We acknowledge with sincere appreciation the support given by the Old Bill and MOTH at Dickie Fritz.

Special mention must be made of the ‘Spirit and Camaraderie’ from all present on the day, it was second to none , and a privilege to witness .

*It gives me great pleasure to announce that The MOTH Committee at Dickie Fritz have agreed to allow us to keep ‘The Troopie Memorial’ in the MOTH Memorial gardens at DF.

They have kindly allocated a small section of the garden to enable us to build a concrete base on which to mount The Troopie Statue Memorial.

Our sincere thanks to Alan Strachan for initiating the request to the DF MOTH Committee and To the Old Bill and members of the MOTH Committee for their approval.

A Sub Committee will be appointed shortly to manage this project.

Projects for 2016 are :

The Focus this year will be on Welfare Fund Raising.

***Troopie Statue Memorial at DF**

We will need to raise funds for the concrete base and suitable cover for the Troopie Statue, plus ongoing maintenance.

Once negotiations have been finalised details will be published.

***A Storage Shed /Room**

RLIRA Committee urgently require a safe place of storage for the various items of RLI memorabilia, and possibly QM Stock .

A request has been lodged with The DF MOTH to consider allowing us to erect a small shed, or the MOTH to provide a small storeroom.

Once negotiations have been completed and only after approval, a Project will be launched.

***Historic RLI Photographic Memorabilia.** Old Photos to be restored and put on display. These photos will be duplicated and put on Sale via the RLIRA .Details to follow.

Methods of preservation will also be explored.

***Year End Function and ‘Christmas Lotto/Draw –plus Kiddies Christmas Party’**

For Members friends and supporters, their Children and Grandchildren .

We will put together a sub committee to plan a **Children’s Christmas Party** [for kids and grand kids of members /friends and supporters]

This will be followed by a Christmas Draw/Lotto for the adults.

Details will announced soon .

QM Stocks

Very Little in the way of stock will be purchased given the Healthy Stock Levels held by the QMS.

Obviously the committee will meet to discuss the Memorabilia/Stock requirements from time to time.

The RLIRA Face Book Page

This FB page will be used to advertise QM Stocks, and Photos of Products with prices and contact details will be advertised monthly .

This project will be managed by the QMS, until such time as the RLIRA Webpage QM Function has been upgraded.

Welfare

Our Welfare Officer Charlie Norris has had a relatively quiet year in respect of appeals for assistance.

In the past year RLIRA Africa has paid out R51250 in funds to assist our RLI Veterans In Need.

We currently have four members whom we are providing funds for assistance with medical Bills, Food and Rentals.

We are however expecting the Appeal for assistance to increase in the coming years as the economy and members' age and health take toll on their ability to support themselves.

Payments are made on simple Criteria:

Members Financial Abilities and his Support System.

Merit and Circumstances.

We all need to be reminded to treat our RLI Veterans in need with respect, humility and the appreciation they deserve.

We need to be ever mindful to care for those who need care, those with visible and invisible wounds of war.

Remember they too fought by our side with Pride and Honour.

AS we receive more and more reports of one of our own needing some form of assistance or a helping handI am reminded of the words to a well known song '**He ain't heavy he is my Brother**'.

The RLIRA Association is more than Parades , Ceremonies and Functions .

While Parades and Functions are important for maintaining Camaraderie and Bonds of friendship and support , we need to ask ourselves 'What More Can We do – What more Can I do – together we have the Power -The Obligation to do more for our RLI Veterans , We Must – it is the Honourable thing to do .

I urge all members to continue to support our efforts to raise Funds, and I strongly appeal to members who can afford it - to pay their annual **Membership Fees**.

One of the easiest ways of doing this is to arrange with your bank to have a monthly debit order made out in favour of the Africa Association, an amount of R50 a month may be a small sum to most of us, but makes a significant contribution on an annual basis, and because it is automatic it affords the Association some peace of mind knowing that funds are always coming in to meet the various needs.

*Thank You -Those who have taken time out to ensure a stop order is made out in favour of the RLIRA –Africa, and continue to do so, ensuring monthly sums are guaranteed for the foreseeable future.

In conclusion it would be remiss of me if I were not to record our grateful appreciation to those members who have generously donated to both the 'The Troopie Fund' and to The Welfare Fund.

Donations amounted to some R56567 during 2015.

Those who have donated to **The Troopie Statue Fund**- your effort has enabled the Committee to commission the casting and sculptor of the Troopie Statue which we all agree is a most splendid replica of the original and has made us all extremely Proud .

It has ignited the RLI Spirit in us all , and we are rightfully proud that those residing in South Africa have a tangible Monument , a War Memorial at which to gather every year to Honour the Heroes of Our time –Our men who fell in Battle .

For this we proudly acknowledge and commend the splendid efforts of Jaco Van Niekerk, the sculptor and caster of our Troopie Statue.

Thank You – I will now take any questions from the floor.

The Floor

*Tiny Clemo rose to record a vote of Thanks to the Committee for the Organisation and Planning of the 55th.

He stated that the Camaraderie and Spirit was excellent, and that he enjoyed meeting up with guys who were on recruit course with him in 1961.

Neil Swart asked if the committee had a set Target/Budget for Welfare Funds.

B.Lewis replied that no specific Target had been set for Welfare .However an amount of R150k had been set aside for Welfare Fund, and that all monies raised are to benefit the Welfare Fund.

Treasurers Report

It is my pleasure to hand over to our Treasurer Rob Marsh to present his final Annual Financial Report to us.

[See end of this report for the Treasurers report]

Secretary Report

I ask Bucks Theron to present the Secretary's Report.

[See end of this report for Secretary's report]

Regional Representatives Reports

[See these reports at the end of this report]

- Gauteng :As for Chairman's Report
- Eastern Cape.
- KwaZulu Natal.
- Cape Town.

Awards

Len Beechey received the Stalwarts award for his outstanding contribution to the Africa Branch during 2015.

The Committee will meet later this year to review and recommend awards for the Africa Branch, for approval by ExCo.

Other Business

The Committee and I are saddened to record that our long suffering Goldfinger has decided to call it a day.

Rob Marsh has executed his role as Treasurer in a manner that has been a credit to himself and especially to the RLIRA Association.

Rob has always put up his hand to assist the committee with various projects, other than looking after our funds.

Taking on other projects may have been the straw that broke the camels back for Rob, who has always said that 'the day he stops enjoying his role as Treasurer, will be the day he calls it Quits':

Well Rob that day has come, and despite the projects you took on I sincerely hope and believe you enjoyed your time with us.

I have appreciated all the advise and assistance you have given the Committee and myself, in the period of your time as Treasurer.

We are equally sad to say Farewell to Len Beechey our hard working QMS. His sterling efforts in selling our memorabilia over the years has brought in a significant amount of money to the Welfare Fund.

Len has almost single handed packed and unpacked the many trunks of RLI Memorabilia at almost every Prayer Meeting, and has represented the Association at most other functions.

Len was recognised for his sterling contribution to the Africa Association earlier this year, and was Awarded the Stalwart Award.

To Both Gents Thank You –Well Done – Our Best Wishes and our Thanks go to you and your family.

Election of Office Bearers

Treasurer

Secretary

Nominations Received

Mark Taunton – Regional Representative- Eastern Cape: Nominated and Proposed by Charlie Norris

Bucks Theron stated he was prepared to continue for a further 12 months as the Secretary.

There were no additional Nominations from the Floor for either the Treasurer or the Secretary.

The chairman announced the appointments of:

Mark Taunton : Treasurer. Mark indicated his willingness to continue as EC Rep.

Bucks Theron : Secretary

Proposer.

Seconded.

The Chairman announced that the Committee had voted Debbie Huxham' to the post of QMS, and that she had accepted.

The Chairman Thanked and Welcomed Debbie Huxham.

Ladies and Gentlemen your RLIRA-Africa Branch Committee for 2016/2017:

Chairman : B.Lewis

Secretary: Peter 'Bucks' Theron.

Treasurer : Mark Taunton

QMS : Debbie Huxham

Welfare Officer : Charlie Norris

Events Organiser : Alan Strachan

Gauteng Rep : Neil 'Swarty' Swart .

KZN Rep : 'Skippy' Skipworth Mitchell.

Eastern Cape : Mark Taunton

Western Cape/Cape town : Maurice Gabrielle.

This concludes the business for the AGM

Thank You.

SECRETARY RLIRA REPORT FOR AGM 05-03-2016
HELD DICKIE FRITZ EDENVALE

1. CORRESPONDENCE.

CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN OF A GENERAL NATURE SUCH AS INVITES TO MEMORIAL SERVICES. AND INTER BRANCH COMS. INVITES WERE ALSO SENT OUT TO THE VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS TO ATTEND OUR 55TH REUNION. WHICH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

LETTERS OF THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM SIMON CARPENTER AND NEILL STOREY WHO WERE THE ENSIGNS TO THE COLOURS.

THANKS WERE ALSO RECEIVED FROM GRAHAM WILSON SAS, AND JOHN REDFERN OF THE FLAME LILLY FOUNDATION.

2. MEETINGS

12 COMMITTEE MEETINGS WERE HELD THROUGH THE YEAR AS WELL AS NUMEROUS PLANNING MEETINGS FOR THE 55TH.

THANKS MUST GO OUT TO MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE TRAVELLING TO CHECK ON THE TROOPERS PROGRESS AND FOR ALL THE HARD WORK DONE TO PUT THE 55TH TOGETHER.

2. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THE LAST AGM FOR THE CHANGING OF CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

3. MEMBERSHIP

AT THE BEGINNING OF 2015 WE HAD 171 ACTIVE MEMBERS. THIS NUMBER HAS GROWN THROUGH THE YEAR. UNFORTUNATELY AN ACCURATE NUMBER CANT BE GIVEN AS THE WEB PAGE IS BEING UPDATED.

I KNOW OF 12 NEW MEMBERS THAT HAVE JOINED AND PAID THEIR SUBS SO FAR.

THE LEGACY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HAS GONE WELL AND WE NOW HAVE NINE MEMBERS IN THIS CATAGORY. THEY ARE ALL PAID UP. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN AN INCREASE IN ASSOCIATED MEMBER WHO HAS ALL PAID THE R100 ANNUAL FEE.

5. REGIONAL REPORTS

RECEIVED FROM SKIPPY MITCHELL KZN- MAURICE GABRIEL CAPE- MARK TAUNTON E/CAPE- .

NEIL SWART TOOK UP THE GUATENG REP LATE IN THE YEAR AND HAS DONE A GREAT JOB KEEPING THE PRAYER MEETINGS GOING

6. CONCLUSION.

IT'S BEEN A GREAT YEAR AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE REGULARS AT OUR MEETINGS.
I ASK THAT IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2016 SUBS THAT YOU DO SO ASAP.

REGIONAL REPORTS

CAPE TOWN-Maurice Gabriel:2016

Good Evening Brian

2015 was an improvement on 2014 with the attendance at the cenotaph from four to fifteen.

I am looking at doubling it this year, with a full 'All Forces' attending. We have discussed this at a luncheon hosted by Leon Jacobs, with positive support. [Op visibility]

Further more we are having an annual getaway which will involve an Arnhem participation with the RLI jumping on the 17th September.

JUMPERS TRAINING will be conducted on Friday the 16th September.

We hope to have at least four RLI jumpers, and the parade will be held on the Saturday, with the RLI laying a wreath.

The RLI Ouens will be wearing the green berets for the full two days, with maroon t-shirts with the RLI logo on the front of the shirt. [this is the dress code, and how all the participants will march on the parade].

This event is going to be massive, please get a team together from all over the country so that we can make a big impression.

I will keep you updated on this one.

The RLI 55TH IN Cape Town was a great success with nine of us attending [we have 13 members].

We did the roll of honour and John van Zyl played the last post on his harmonica and then we sang the RLI lament.

A couple of our Ouens who shall remain nameless could not drive home so they were forced to stay over, in other words a great time was had by all.

QM report R600 stock and R1200 in the kitty

Just remember Arnhem Day will be held in Cape Town and not Normandy, and we urge you to get as many RLIRA members to join us for this.

Regards

Maurice

RLI RA (KwaZulu Natal Region) AGM Report 2016.

We continue to hold our Monthly prayer meetings at the NMR Officers mess, but have recently changed the day from the first Friday evening to the first Saturday

afternoon of the Month, which is more favourable and has encouraged greater attendance.

FUNCTIONS.

The GFL (Get Fired Lunch) took place at Stokers Arms, Kloof on Friday 27th November, and continued into Saturday 28th with a Golf game at Kloof Country Club.

A few die-hards even made it to the RASA Annual Golf day on the Sunday – sighted were Mick Walters, Neill Storey, Brian McKibbin and Trevor Des Fountain.

Durban plays host to a number of social events annually at which the RLI is always involved with in some way or another, namely: RASA Rhodes and Founders weekend Braai. (Which includes the infamous• vellies drinking competition!) RASA Annual Golf Day – Amanzimtoti on 29th November 2015. • SAS RA Annual Remembrance Parade – Flame Lily Park, Queensburgh on 31st• October 2015, wreath laid by RSM Robin Tarr.

For the first time this last year I was invited to lay a wreath on behalf of RLI RA at NMR for the El Alamein Remembrance on 6th October 2015.

The 55th celebrations were attended by a few Natal members but I fear the current economic climate prevented a lot of members who would have liked to have been there.

As a footnote I offer my services (for the 8th year running) to represent KZN for another year, should it be acceptable to the Committee.

Yours Sincerely

Skippy Michell.

RLIRA: Eastern Cape Branch

Annual Report 2015

Membership in Port Elizabeth is improving with a number of new members coming to our prayer meetings. We hold our prayer meetings at a local pub called the South Ender.

In discussing the most suitable date to hold our prayer meeting various options were raised but the one that met with universal acceptance was to meet on the 28th of each month.

As Ian Scott says in his book *The Captains Story* "Each unit has certain events which will reflect as defining moments in their history. For 1 Commando, RLI it was The Battle of Chibara Hills. That battle was on the 28th and we felt it appropriate to have our prayer meeting on that date each month.

Our monthly prayer meetings are becoming more popular and we now have 10-12 attending including SAS, 32 BN, RAF and one Recce becoming regular attendees.

In November we dedicated an area of the South Ender Pub and it will be now called the 28th by the Eastern Cape branch of the RLIRA. We also hung the RLI plaque on the wall at the request of the publican.

At each meeting we make sure that part of the evening is spent in reflection and dedication with the reading of the Roll of Honor of those that died that month.

Steve Rowley unfortunately lost his younger brother in December in the UK. He flew over there to be with him and took the opportunity to hook up with Rob Elliott for a drink. Rob says hi to his mates in SA.

Functions

Pete Gombart, Steve Rowley and I with our partners attended the PAG 10/10 formal dinner. It was a great evening and lovely to still do the formal army dinner evening. Sunday the 8th November saw us parading at the Remembrance Day Civic Parade in Port Elizabeth where we laid the new RLI wreath.

On the 11th November I was invited to lay a wreath at the Grey High School Armistice Day Parade. This is always an awesome event with the school band as well as a fly past with two WW2 planes.

November saw us holding the Rhodesian All Forces Parade on the 29th November. We are delighted that Jimmy Jameson and his wife attended and requested he lay the RLIRA wreath on our behalf. With Brian's help Jimmy was up in his green RLIRA blazer looking very proud. We have also managed to uncover Martin Nel ex 1 Cdo who is a minister in Port Alfred. Finally we uncovered Bob Howard ex 1 Cdo and Base Group CSM. He lives locally and is keen attending our prayer meetings and parades.

We raffled the RLI Gerry Cilliers knife and raised R2500. Bob Howard was the lucky winner of the lovely knife

My wife made 37 poppy broaches for the women. 20 were sent to the RLIRA and 17 were donated to the local MOTH Old Pharts and those all sold immediately.

The Eastern Cape is doing well and growing steadily.

**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	Year Ended 2015	Year Ended 2014
INCOME		
Membership fees	15 490	15 933
Profit on Sale of Memorabilia	80 797	53 245
Donations	56 467	132 009
Other Income	<u>45 550</u>	<u>6 136</u>
	<u>198 304</u>	<u>207 323</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Administration Expenses	13 802	9 008
Regimental Day Expenses	9 702	8 984
Welfare	<u>51 250</u>	<u>73 388</u>
	<u>74 754</u>	<u>91 380</u>
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>R123550</u></u>	<u><u>R115943</u></u>

Profit on sale of Memorabilia

Sales	221 353	101 293
Deduct: Cost of Sales	140 556	48 048
Opening Stock	72 656	55 930
Purchases	<u>225 847</u>	<u>64 774</u>
	298 503	120 704
Deduct: Closing Stock	<u>157 947</u>	<u>72 656</u>
Profit on sale of Memorabilia	<u><u>80 797</u></u>	<u><u>53 245</u></u>

**RLIRA SA REGIMENTAL
ASSOCIATION**

**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Debtors		2 696
Stock on Hand	157 947	72 656
Cash on Hand and in the Bank	<u>310 559</u>	<u>262 580</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>R468506</u>	<u>R337932</u>
 EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and Reserves		
Surplus available for Welfare etc	461 482	337 932
Current Liabilities		
Payments in advance 55th	5 494	-
Membership fees in advance	<u>1 530</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>7 024</u>	<u>0</u>
 TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES	 <u>R468506</u>	 <u>R337932</u>

Notes

Cash on Hand and in the Bank

Notice Account	205 574	152 769
Current Account	103 542	107 061
Memorial Account	<u>1 443</u>	<u>2 750</u>
	<u>310 559</u>	<u>262 580</u>

Income statement

Income

Income for the year to December 2015 was R198 304. This was made up of membership fees R15 450; profit on sales of merchandise R80 797, donations R56 467 and other income of R45 550. Other income totalled included proceeds from raffles, interest earned from the notice account, the fireside chat and auctions.

Expenditure

The annual birthday reunion costs amounted to R9 702.

Administration costs came to a total of R13 802.

A total of R51 250 was paid out to welfare cases.

This left a surplus of R123 550.

Rob requested that fund raising efforts , and the payment of membership subs be given high priority ,as welfare cases are

expected to increase in 2016.

Rob thanked Len Beechey for the tremendous effort he puts into the sale of memorabilia and asked for a round of applause from the floor for his commitment.

Balance sheet

Stock on hand amounted to R158 000

Cash Resources totalled R310 000 comprising the Notice account R205 000, Current account R103 000 and a Memorial Account – R1 400

The Financial Report was accepted.

Proposed by Bucks Theron and Seconded by Gary Huxham.

In closing, Rob thanked Brian Lewis, Bucks Theron, Charlie Norris, Alan Strachan and Len Beechey for an enjoyable and productive four years working on the Committee together.