

Highland & Lowland Brigades Club
Annual General Meeting
27 May 2026 at RHQ SCOTS, Edinburgh Castle
Minutes / RODs of the AGM

In attendance

Bruce Russell (Chair)
Jonathan Tink (Vice Chair)
Guy Richardson
Charlie Wallace
Bryan Johnston
Jamie Erskine

Jim Blythe
Marcus Braitwaite-Exley
Al Campbell
Greville Ramsey
Roddy Riddell
Maurice Gibson (Secretary/ Treasurer)

Agenda Item	Record of Comments and Decisions	Action
1. Opening Remarks	The Chair opened the Meeting at 11.00hrs and welcomed everyone that had been able to attend. He thanked RHQ SCOTS for making their Meeting Room available and the Vice Chair and Secretary for their work over the last year. He then asked The Secretary to read out the following message from the President of the Club, Brig Paul Harkness MBE who was working in the Middle East; <i>“Welcome to the AGM of the Highland and Lowland Brigades’ Club.</i> <i>I would like to extend our collective thanks to RHQ SCOTS for allowing us to use their Conference Room for our meeting. On behalf of the Committee and all our members, I would like to thank our Chairman and Club Secretary for all their hard work in managing and running the Club for everyone’s benefit.</i> <i>The Club is run for the benefit of its members. Any suggestions for how the Club can continue to fulfil its Constitution and play a part in the lives of both serving and retired officers will be warmly received by the Committee.</i> <i>I wish you well in the year ahead.”</i>	
2. Silence	All stood to respect a Minutes Silence to remember former H&LBC members who had died in 2025 / 26.	
3. Apologies	The Secretary said he had received apologies from 26 members and their names are recorded at Appendix 1.	Secretary
4. Matter arising from the 2025 AGM Minutes	The Secretary stated that there were no matters arising / outstanding from the 2025 Minutes / ROD’s that would not be covered in today’s meeting, members agreed.	Secretary
5. Secretary’s Report	The Chairman asked the Secretary to deliver his Report 2025/26. The Secretary stated; 1. Club memberships currently stands at 475 paying members bring in £6941. Most members who have pulled out in the last year, by stopping their DDs are serving or former officers with the SCOTS. I will return to this point shortly. 2. Investments. Our money was invested with Interactive Investment (li) who we paid £11.99 per month to, to manage our 6 funds. These funds generated £2474.54 of investment income which went into our RBS Business Reserve account. I was informed in September 25 that li would as of 25 Oct 25 not allow ‘Clubs’ to	

	invest with them as they only wanted individual investors going forward. I worked with RBS and Holts Banks to set up a 95 Day Notice Account and then transferred £92,000 from li to RBS HLBC Business Reserve A/c and then in mid-March 26 the sum of £85,000 into the Holts 95 Day Notice Account. This was completed before our YE. 3. Grants. The Grants Committee agreed to provide the following grants in 2025 / 26; a. Curling - £2200. b. Shooting - £480. c. Cricket - £525. d. Royal Guard - £1700. e. HLBC Edinburgh Lunch - £1620. Total £6525.00 Other expenditure. a. Honorarium - £2500. b. SCOTS - HLBC Webpage(s) - £750. c. AGM Lunch Perth - £80.55 Total £3330.55 4. HLBC Webpage(s) on the SCOTS Website under the Association Header. Jodi Beard (who works in RHQ SCOTS) kindly keeps the Webpage up to date with information provided by me as appropriate. The page has been tweaked recently to show the Fixture List as a drop-down menu with each sport having its own page. This will enable RHQ to upload sports reports, results and photos more easily. The Constitution. Short Histories of Highland and Lowland Brigade Clubs. Grant Application Form, Membership Application Form, Website Disclaimer. AGM Minutes and Sports Reports are all available on the page. 5. I mentioned at Club membership that folk were pulling out / stopping their annual DDs. (Some may have only set the DD up to run for one year by mistake!). RHQ are obviously briefing new Subalterns on the benefits to be had by being a member of the Club, but this is not being taken up by them all. (£20 = 4 Costa coffees a year). Over the last 2 years several YO (particularly those posted to Balaklava Coy and undertaking Royal Guard) have signed up to the Club only to stop their DDs within 6 months. These YO's have received our HLBC Royal Guard grant - £250 each. Formerly you had to have been a Club member for 2 years before you were eligible for a Grant, but that policy has lapsed. There are several things we could consider; a. Stop providing a Grant to Balaklava Coy. b. Only provide a Grant to HLBC members who serve in Balaklava Coy. c. Insist that anyone receiving a substantial Grant must remain a member of the HLBC for a minimum of 10, 7 or 5 years, but I am not sure we could legally enforce that. d. Change the rules and only provide the Royal Guard with £500 toward hospitality/mental wellbeing. The meeting went on to discuss the last point in detail. They were disappointed that members who had received a grant then stopped their DDs and were therefore no longer members of HLBC. They agreed that whilst it would be appropriate for members receiving grants to remain as members for an extended period there was no way of enforcing that, so this option was discarded.	Secretary
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Result: Draw with two win, two draws and two loses.

Against The Guards at The Berkshire – 27 April. Match manager Stephen Cartwright who writes: The annual match against the Guards was played in beautiful weather, after a stunning lunch in the new Clubhouse. As the average HLBGS handicap continues to reduce for this fixture, it is pleasing to report that we drew the 2025 match, thanks to a 40ft putt on the 17th by our star player Robbie Lewis. We are very much hoping we can record our first win for many years in this fixture next year.



L to R: Stephen Cartwright, Peter Cartwright, Kevin Mathers, Robbie Lewis, Scott Henderson, Al Reid, Grant McBain, James Collinge.

Against The Royal Company of Archers (KBGS) at Prestwick - 28 May. Match manager Jamie Farquhar. After another fine Prestwick lunch we played ten aside 4 ball better ball in glorious conditions, and after some very close matches The Archers won $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$. One notable battle was the Osborne father v son game, but as young Simon plays off 4 and had an excellent HLBGS partner due to a late Archer withdrawal, father had to concede. As usual with The Archers as company, everyone had a hugely enjoyable time. This match was originally played at Muirfield, but we will return to Prestwick again in 2026.

Against Edzell Golf Club at Edzell – 3 June. Match manager Bruce Osborne reports: In early June the Society enjoyed a most enjoyable match on a beautiful day at Edzell against the Monday Angus Golfing Society (MAGS). A match instituted by the late Roddy Kinghorn. 5 pairs shaped up after an excellent lunch but unfortunately HLBGS were found wanting and succumbed to a 5-0 thrashing. Local knowledge might have had a hand in the result, but questions were also asked of the handicapping system applied by the Edzell members! Despite the result the fixture was much enjoyed, and we will try to do better next year, won't we.

Against Frogs & Moths at Fortrose & Rosemarkie - 23 June. (I kid you not, and if you were wondering - FROGS = Fortrose and Rosemarkie Old Guys; MOTHS = Mondays and Thursdays) Match manager Crawford

McMaster who writes: Golf has been played on the links at Fortrose since 1795, the club is recorded as the 15th oldest in the world. James Braid, on one of his forays North (1932) tweaked nature to lay out the course in its current configuration. Few clubs can equal Fortrose's location - a paddle across the Moray Firth from Fort George, the Sutherland coast stretches to the north, and dolphins entertain visitors off Chanonry Point - at the tip of the golf course - all summer.

After a lovely lunch we set off in a four-ball format, strokes given at 90% of the difference taken from the lowest handicap in the flight. To say the conditions were challenging would be an understatement, it blew a hoolie! That said, the competition was closely contested, the premium being to keep the ball in play. To the unconverted that is far easier said than done! But we did it as well as the canny golfers of the FROGS and MOTHS, the final score was 2 - 2.

Our team comprised Jamie Farquhar, Keith Steel, Robert Cruikshank, Hamish McConkey, Hugh Young, Ewan Chalmers and Crawford McMaster. We came up one short so John Lackie, a FROG, became an honorary Highlander or Lowlander for the day. Quite a trip for most - but so well worth the journey.

Against the Army Officers' GS at Panmure – 19 August. Match manager Ewan Chalmers who writes: "I am delighted to report that this match has been revitalised with a new opposition Match Manager (Grant McBain) who also happens to be a member of the HLBGS. Two teams of eight arrived at Panmure G.C. for our annual match now played in mid-August. Many of our new look opposition had travelled from the south (of England) including their Society's Captain. Lunch as ever was delicious and so with a brisk prevailing westerly wind we teed off from 2:00 pm to be challenged not only by the weather but also some tricky pin positions. The match was drawn. The match for 2026 is on Tue 11th Aug.

Against The Rifles at Prestwick – 27/28 September. Match manager Ross Hunter writes: 'The Highland & Lowland Brigades Golf Society had the pleasure of hosting the RIFLES Golf Society at Prestwick Golf Club on 27 & 28 September 2025. Intent on avenging the sound thrashing delivered to us in 2023 by the RIFLES, the team started strongly on Saturday afternoon, with the Captain Charlie Wallace setting an example and allowing the HLBGS to finish Saturday with our noses in front. The day was rounded off with a wonderful black-tie dinner in the clubhouse in the company of David Hunter the Chairman of Prestwick Golf Club. We were delighted that David Dickson and Derek Bathgate were able to join the dinner as guests. The evening concluded with an enthusiastic exchange of songs before both teams departed for some well-earned rest.

Similar to the US Ryder Cup team, playing on the same day in an albeit less consequential match, the RIFLES rallied strongly on Sunday, winning the morning and afternoon round of matches, to pip the HLBGS by one point overall. Whilst frustrating, comfort must be taken from the fact that the match was extremely competitive. Impressively, the RIFLES deployed 5 serving officers and it may be that their relative youth and exuberance gave them the edge on the Sunday.

The annual matches against the RIFLES and Guards are terrific fun and would not be possible without the continuing support of the club for which the team is most grateful. I would commend the match to all club golfers. For these matches to endure, we need to continue to drip the next

generation into the team. This will be a priority for the Guards match next September and will hopefully give us the best chance when we skirmish with the RIFLES again in 2027.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you wish to play in 2026. The dates have not yet been confirmed but are likely to be the last weekend in September.'

Our Spring Meeting was held at Panmure on 22 May. 19 members met for our AGM before we had a delicious and noisy lunch. We then formed 2 Highland Brigade and 3 Lowland Brigade/SCOTS teams to play this wonderful course on tinder dry conditions.

Our glorious collection of silver cups were awarded in 2025 as follows:

- The Rankin Quaich – best scratch score: Grant McBain (superb 5 over par)
- The McLagan Cup – best net score: Marcus Braithwaite-Exley
- Best Stableford Score – (no cup): Angus Macdonald
- The St George Cup – best Veteran over 75: Hamish McConkey (again)
- The Martin Holt Cup – best team scratch Lowland Brigade A (again)
- The Fort George Cup – best team net: Lowland Brigade A (again)
- And the inglorious Rabbit – most golf played Keith Steel *

* In fact the Rabbit was actually won by a distinguished Officer in the HLBC hierarchy, but as he had fled the scene of the prize-giving in disgrace, it was agreed he could not be entrusted with the custody of this treasure, and accordingly it was given to the runner-up.

Sadly, without any serving Officer present, the HB Inter Depot Cup was once again not awarded.

Final comments

Our golfers expressed sincere thanks at our AGM to HLBC for the increase in the grant to £5,000. Because our Autumn Meeting plans did not come off, we allocated only c. £4,600 in subsidies for the various matches in 2025 and so will have a potential carryover of about £836. At last year's AGM the Club kindly agreed a further increase in grant to £5,250 for 2026 on the basis that not only would our Autumn Meeting plans go ahead but that we have another new extra fixture against the HCA. Our budget spend in support for members' green fees is c. £5,750.

Thank you,
Jamie Farquhar
Captain HLBGS

**JF /
Secretary**

Curling

H&LBC CURLING REPORT

Overview

The season 2025/26 was another successful one for the Curling Club with numbers participating in both the H&LBCC and inter-Regimental matches remaining high, indeed the Bonspiel was over-

subscribed. We continue to use Murrayfield, Kinross and Perth Ice Rinks with the medium-term future of Perth still unclear. In the Regimental matches after some very enjoyable and close matches the Highlanders topped this year's unofficial league!

Thanks are due to the Regimental Curling reps as well as Al Campbell for their support during the season.

Matches

- 12 Nov 25. V High Constables of Perth at Perth. This is a new fixture and proved to be very popular with both sides. Two rinks played with a very high standard of curling throughout in an evenly fought contest with the High Constables eventually coming out on top 16-14.
- 26 Feb 26: v the New Club at Murrayfield. The match consisted of 2 rinks preceded by lunch at the club. Rink "A" skipped by Mike Onslow were squeezed 4-7 while Rink "B" skipped by Jamie Montgomery won 11-4. H&LBCC won the match with overall score of 15-11.
- 13 Mar 26: v KBGS(RCA) at Kinross. The very popular annual match played with a total of 4 Rinks with lunch beforehand in the Kinross Curling café. This year H&LBCC won convincingly with a final score of 31-21. This did not reflect the closeness of some of the matches where the standard of play was much closer and the score perhaps flattered us a little. As usual a number of players qualified for both teams!
- 27 Mar 26: H&LBCC Bonspiel at Perth. Another enjoyable day that was well organised by Al Campbell. As usual the day followed a High Road/Low Road format with the overall winners being the A&SH who beat RS in the final. There was a SCOTS rink playing but it would be great if the word could be spread to the wider Regimental family about the joys of participating.

2026/27 Season

Provisional dates for next season are:

- 28 Oct 26: v Ayr Country at Greenacres
- 10 Nov 26: v High Constables of Perth, Perth
- 24 Feb 27: v the New Club at Murrayfield.
- 12 Mar 27: v KBGS(RCA) at Kinross.
- 19 Mar 27: H&LBCC Bonspiel at Perth

New Fixtures

The Vice President (Sandy Fitzpatrick) has arranged a match v Ayr Country on 28 Oct at Greenacres. This new fixture aims to spread H&LBCC activities into the West. The plan is for two rinks to play in the morning followed by lunch.

Finance

At the date of the AGM the account stood at £802.24 with no debts outstanding. This sum will be used to pay for the ice for matches up to

Cricket	Feb 27. Given the new payment regulations of APDO ice will be paid for directly by HQ 51 Brigade and it is proposed that members will only pay for food/incidentals. If all planned and possible events take place the anticipated costs would be £2,200 and the Curling Club requests a grant for £2,200 from the HLBC to fund next year's activities. Greville Ramsay. Highland and Lowland Brigades Cricket Club ANNUAL REPORT 2025 2025 saw the second iteration of the Nick Coles Cup at Burton Court in London with family and friends gathering to celebrate him. There was another fixture at Fettes also against the Royal Company of Archers allowing those members residing in Scotland a chance to turn out. The HAC T20 match returned too which is always a good chance to play at one of the country's most spectacular and special grounds. More details on matches in Annex A. The club secretary is grateful to the club for agreeing in principle to supporting the idea of a social occasion focused around cricket such as a Vitality T20. Although tentative agreement was given on the whatsapp group to attending such an event by a number of members, trying to fit this around calendars proved too difficult last year. Hopefully it will be an occasion we can look to bring back in future. This year, we retain two of these fixtures (Guards and HAC). Unfortunately, the Royal Company of Archers are unable to fit us into their busy schedule, but we hope to bring the match back next year. Nick Lytollis is looking into the possibility of another match in Scotland this year, but this is likely to be a low-key affair, perhaps against Penicuik CC. There were no issues with recruitment for the Nick Coles Cup in 2025, and we expect this to remain the case. Although recruitment for the other games can be time-consuming, we always manage to field a team. The main challenge for recruitment remains the tempo within the Battalions, with 3 SCOTS deployed overseas, 4 SCOTS in Cyprus, and 2 SCOTS also busy. Next year, with the secretary as a Company Commander at 3 SCOTS, recruitment of some new blood should be easier! HLBCC remains deeply grateful to the committee for its ongoing support. For the coming year, and as responsible custodians of HLBC money we are not requesting any funds. Due to the amount left from previous year, the contribution that Tim Coles continues to make to the Nick Coles Cup and the reduction of our season by one fixture there is no requirement. The Cricket account stands at; £628.67. However, next year, we are likely to request further funds to support matches and potentially kit purchase. I am reassured by the kit custodian that there is more than enough to get us through this year, but it would be useful to freshen up some of it and perhaps purchase some whites. The club secretary sends this update from Poland and will shortly be off all but MODNet communication. Rich Martin has kindly stepped up to support the running of both the Nick Coles Cup and HAC matches and is managing the funds in the club secretary's absence. His details are below. PoC; Rich Martin Mobile. 07880537999	GR / Secretary
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Or; Tom Callard

Email. Thomas.callard160@mod.gov.uk

MATCH REPORTS

Royal Company of Archers.

After only posting 96 all out, we lost to the Archers in 2025. It may have been contributed to by the bizarre injury of one of our better players, Andrew Collister. Whilst playing touch rugby to warm up he broke his leg in two places. With the Colonel of the Regiment required to man the ambulance exchange point there was a slight delay to the proceedings. Although "Colly" can't claim to be quite as effective as Glenn McGrath in the 2005 Ashes, it seemed to have a similar effect to the overall score! His injury put a slightly sour note on an otherwise excellent day out for the HLBCC's Scottish contingent.

Nick Coles Cup.

After winning the inaugural match, we were out batted by the Guards in 2025. Batting first, HLBCC put up 186 whilst the Guards knocked off the runs in 9 overs, winning by 6 wickets. It was another well attended event with Tim Coles delivering the Nick Coles Cup to the deserving winners.



HAC.

The victory is always playing at the ground against the HAC, which is just as well as we did not win the game in 2025. By all accounts they are a good side and some good and entertaining cricket was played. The cost for this event is far less than most games due to it being T20 with no lunches being required. We hope for a better result in 2026.

**TC / RM /
Secretary**

Clay Shooting

HLBC Clay Shoot – Thursday 18 September - Auchterhouse

24 members met at Auchterhouse just north of Dundee for the annual Clay Shoot. The Top Gun this year was Mike Onslow with a score of 29/50. The winning Team was SCOTS A (a Royal Guard Team) of Rob

Edinburgh Lunch	Weir and Lewis Turnbull with a score of 52/100. They were matched by the QOHldrs B Team of Julian McHardy and Mike Wimberley 52/100. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing and appreciate the subsidy provided by HLBC. The 2026 Shoot will be on 9 September at Auchterhouse when it is hoped to have a full house of teams participating. To that end the 'Shoot' requests a subsidy of £35 per gun attending, an indicative outlay of £750. HLBC Luncheon Thursday 16 October 2025 at the Royal Scots Club Thirty members of the HLBC attended the Edinburgh Lunch held at the Royal Scots Club, starting at 12.30hrs. Guy Richardson (Chairman of the RSC) worked tirelessly with the Vice Chair and the Secretary on the planning, organisation and execution of what turned out to be a most enjoyable and rewarding lunch – which went on for many a happy hour. Thanks, must be passed to them for their efforts and for the grant made towards the overall cost of the event. Great comradery all round in a beautiful setting with outstanding service and most importantly food and drinks.	MB-E / Secretary GR / JT / Secretary																					
8. Future / Proposed events	Members endorsed the value to be gained from the Edinburgh Lunch, and all felt that it should be repeated in October 2026. They also felt that one should be scoped / arranged for members in the South, either in London or Wiltshire. This would depend on finding a member willing to organise the event and who could work with RHQ SCOTS and the Secretary on arrangements and payment. If you are willing to lead on this event planning, please contact the Secretary so we can get the ball rolling.	GR / Vice Chair / Members / Secretary																					
9. Grants 2026	The Secretary confirmed what had been requested and agreed for 2026/27. <table border="1" data-bbox="379 1261 938 1518"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sport</th><th>Requested</th><th>Agreed.</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Golf</td><td>£5750</td><td>£5750</td></tr> <tr> <td>Curling</td><td>£2200</td><td>£2200</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cricket</td><td>£0</td><td>£0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Shooting</td><td>£750</td><td>£750</td></tr> <tr> <td>Royal Guard</td><td>£0</td><td>£500</td></tr> <tr> <td>Luncheon's</td><td>£35/hd</td><td>£TBC</td></tr> </tbody> </table> Individual Grants would also be considered if submitted in line with Constitution.	Sport	Requested	Agreed.	Golf	£5750	£5750	Curling	£2200	£2200	Cricket	£0	£0	Shooting	£750	£750	Royal Guard	£0	£500	Luncheon's	£35/hd	£TBC	Golf Curling Cricket Shooting Royal Gd Luncheons Secretary
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10. Communications	The SCOTS Website Hosts the HLBC Webpage. Jodi Beard (SO2 Digital) kindly looks after this on the Clubs behalf. Visit the Royal Regiment of Scotland Website (SCOTS). On the Top Bar look in the centre for the Tab – SCOTS Association and click on it and a Drop Down will appear, scroll down to the bottom to Highland & Lowland Brigades Club and click on it and it will open. Here you can go to Useful Links and HLBC Fixture List. Useful Links has the info below; The Constitution. Short Histories of Highland and Lowland Brigade Clubs. The Fixture Card. Grant Application Form, Membership Application Form, Website Disclaimer. Minutes from the AGM. HLBC Fixture List has individual pages for Sports Reports, Social events etc.	Secretary / RHQ																					

11. Honorary	The Chair asked the Secretary to leave the room whilst this item was discussed. On returning the Secretary was informed that the Honorary would be increased to £2750 for this year and that in future years it would be considered against the CPI, in line with the Constitution. The Secretary was also directed to claim for Postage and MMA - 55p/mile (under Administration) and not simply see it as part of the Honorary. The Secretary thanked the Chairman and members present.	Secretary
12. SCOTS Update	The Vice Chair (SCOTS Regimental Secretary) presented the update. <u>The 2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (2 SCOTS)</u> From July 2024, the 2nd Battalion assumed the role of a Forward Land Forces (FLF) Battlegroup, held at readiness to deploy to Estonia to support NATO. This required the Battalion to conduct validation exercises, both in the UK at the start of the year on Ex WESSEX STORM before subsequently deploying to Estonia in the spring on Ex HEDGEHOG, a NATO mission rehearsal exercise. In the Autumn, much of the Battalion deployed to Kenya on Ex HARAKA STORM as the OPFOR for the Welsh Guards. Other highlights included a visit from the Princess Royal, Freedom Parades, Adventure Training exercises and battlefield study to Gallipoli. <u>The 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (3 SCOTS)</u> 2025 saw 3 SCOTS refocus firmly on warfighting, aligning with CFA's direction and returning to its core role as frontline infantry. The year opened with demanding winter training in the Highlands, preparing the Battlegroup for Exercise BULLSTORM in Kenya. There, 3 SCOTS completed a highly successful two-month deployment, securing the first TL-Foxtrot validation in over a decade. After well-earned AT and R&R, the Battalion reset before shifting to NATO deterrence tasks. Redeploying swiftly to Latvia on Ex FOREST GUARDIAN, 3 SCOTS integrated with Latvian, Canadian, and Italian forces under the JEF framework. The deployment underscored the Battalion's ability to project quickly and operate with cutting-edge capabilities such as high-end drones. The year also saw numerous honours and promotions across the ranks. With strong achievements in AT, sport, and operations, 3 SCOTS ends 2025 revitalised and ready for 2026. <u>The 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (4 SCOTS)</u> 4 SCOTS completed its move from Catterick to Cyprus, now firmly established in Dhekelia Garrison. The year began with Exercise STEADFAST DART in Romania, testing NATO Allied Reaction Force readiness alongside multinational partners. Despite harsh winter conditions, the Jocks excelled, delivering high-quality training and hosting a standout multinational Burns Night. Preparations for the Cyprus move were immense, with the G4 team leading an outstanding effort to hand over 182 platforms across the Army. Now the Regional Operations Battalion, 4 SCOTS is thriving professionally and socially on island, with a second year of operational readiness ahead. <u>Balaklava Company, The 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (BKA Coy, 5 SCOTS)</u> 2025 saw BKA Coy deliver across a wide spectrum, from NATO training in Eastern Europe to high-profile ceremonial duties for the Royal Family. The year opened with a Scotland-based training cycle focused on modern soldiering skills, culminating in a successful validation exercise in Stanford. The Company then deployed to Lithuania on Ex IRON WOLF, operating	

	alongside multinational partners against contemporary drone and armoured threats. Ceremonial commitments remained strong, including His Majesty's arrival at Holyrood House and forming The King's Guard at Balmoral. The year concluded with a highly successful return to London, mounting The King's Guard at Buckingham Palace, St James' Palace and guarding the Tower of London. <u>The 6th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (6 SCOTS)</u> 6 SCOTS trained and exercised across the length and breadth of the United Kingdom. From the North of Scotland to the Southeast of England, and everywhere in between. Experience was gained and boundaries were pushed through deployment on operations and exercises. These experiences will help those soldiers and officers to excel in their military and civilian careers, giving them an advantage over their civilian colleagues. Success has been seen on several fronts; a silver medal on the Cambrian patrol, deploying a company of reservists to the Okehampton training area for the Annual Deployment Exercise and promotions at nearly every rank throughout the unit. Most importantly fun was had and bonds of friendship were created or strengthened, the pride in the unit is clear to see. <u>The 7th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (7 SCOTS)</u> This year saw 7 SCOTS soldiers deployed on Operations, Adventure Training & Exercise. A significant amount of the Battalion's time was taken up with planning, preparation, and delivery of our soldiers attending and supporting the 19th Brigade JNCO cadre. The opportunity of training at Otterburn also allowed for Mortar, Gun, Anti-tank, staff training and Junior Officer development. The tempo 7 SCOTS continue to maintain is testament to the capability, desire to train and commitment of the Reserve soldier. The Battalion is rightly proud of what our soldiers have achieved and now have our sights set on delivering on Army Reserve requirement and deploying on training to Denmark later in the year.	Vice Chair
13. AOCB	The Secretary went round the members present for any AOCB. - Guy Richardson asked if we should be considering a 'Home' for the Club? The Secretary pointed out that in by gone days the 'Home' for the former Highland & Lowland Brigades Clubs had been the former antecedent RHQ of the Regimental Secretary who was undertaking Club Secretarial duties at that time. It was felt after discussion that the Club didn't need a 'Home', as much of the clubs business is now done digitally and if we needed a focal point, it really ought to be RHQ SCOTS. - Vice Chair explained that in this the 20th Anniversary year of the formation of the Royal Regiment of Scotland that the main effort / focus was on an event taking place in Edinburgh on 1 July. Guards from 2, 3, 4, 5 SCOTS and SCOTS Association (Veterans) would march through Edinburgh to a location where a recently commissioned sculpture of a male Lion in repose would be unveiled. Some invitations would be issued by RHQ soon.	Secretary / All members Vice Chair

14. DONM	The 2027 AGM will take place in on Thursday 27 May 2027 at either Balhousie Castle or Queen's Barracks, Perth, it will be followed by a light lunch. The meeting closed at 12.28 hrs followed by an excellent Buffet Lunch.	Secretary / All members
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Maurice RM Gibson MBE DL
Secretary / Treasurer
29 May 2026

Appendix 1 – Apologies.

Paul Harkness (President)
Sir John MacMillan
Sir Alistair Irwin
Bob Bruce
Mike Riddell Webster
Seymour Monro
David Thomson
Alaister Cumming
Colin Kerr
Ramsay MacDonald
Chris Evans
Scott Henderson
Henry Angus

Mike Cran
Tom Callard
Ian Orr
Keith Legge
Mike Onslow
Oli Dobson
Andrew Watson
Alan Watson
Bruce Petrie
Duncan Spinner
Matthew Hovell
Allan Downie
Jamie Farquhar