

MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION (NORTH EAST BRANCH)  
HELD AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND  
ON FRIDAY 4th APRIL 2014  
AGM

J Cheetham (JC)	RG Adams	J Barker
G Barrs	A Begley	N Blakeman
S Bonallie	T Conlin	S Connal
G Cook	N Cook	R Coulson
M Donnison	P Fenwick	G Gibson
B Gilchrist	J Jackson	M Johnson
P Kelly	B Kemp	E Loftus
B Moore	G Oates	Col J Ramsbotham
K Richardson	J Simpson	J Snell
D Sproat	B Tollerson	J Toolin
J Williamson	K Wilson	G Yates

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Brig Prideaux, P Axtell, J Barrett, I Corbett, J Cornell, R Holman, D Hunter, D Jones, J Kelly, N Loftus, I Longworth, T Love, D Muir, G Netzler, G Newman, R Newman, D Nichol, D Powell, R Ross, P Smith, T Suggett, R Trower, G Wynn.

JC welcomed and thanked members for their attendance, new member Peter Smith.

Minute Silence for Fallen Comrades and Michael (Scoop) Roberts.

### 1 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the Royal Green Jackets Association North East, were approved.

### 2 Matters Arising

#### 2.1 Branch Committee

A members vote carried the Committee to remain as is for 2014. JC informed the Committee that failure to carry out duties would result in a replacement being found.

#### 2.2 Branch Subscriptions

Subs can be paid to JC, payment has been received from a further 10 members.

#### 2.3 Branch Donation

Malcolm Donnison read from the thank you card that was received from Vince and Lynne, stewards of the club, for the £250 donation from the NE Branch.

#### 2.4 Ian 'Harry' Corbett

Ian Longworth updated members on Harry's situation: he has lost his right foot from just below the knee. If you would like to visit Harry he is currently residing in Ward 6 of the James Cook Hospital.

#### 2.5 RGJRA Meeting

25 April – No members from the NE Branch will be attending.

## **2.6 WW1 Celebrations**

Dates and Events have not been received from the Sunderland Veterans Meeting.

Col Ramsbotham informed members that he had approached the City Council for an update and will keep us posted.

## **2.7 Waterloo Appeal**

As branches had made donations it was agreed that the NE branch would make one of £500.

## **2.8 Website Report**

JC asked members to visit the RGJRA North East site as well as the North East Branch fb page.

## **2.9 Editor's Report**

MD informed members of the next issue of Swift and Bold.

## **2.10 Treasurer's Report**

Cash & Bank £4802.02

## **3 Events**

### **3.1 Branch Functions**

#### **November**

7 Queen Vic

8 Venue – TBC  
(Stadium of Light, subject to match fixtures / Other venues being investigated.)

9 Remembrance Parade  
Muster 1000hrs  
Lunch Grand Room Roker Hotel

### **3.2 North East Events**

April 15-18 - Rat Pack Walk to Edinburgh  
20 Ex LI members taking part  
Donations can be made via LI Giving Site

Borneo Band/Rifles Band Concert 2014  
JC informed members that this event had been cancelled and explained why

### **3.3 Regional Events**

June 7 – North West Summer Ball  
If members wish to attend please contact JC ASAP, ticket price £30 per person.

July 12 – Veterans Day 2014  
Winchester  
Due to only 3 replies the Brunch at Rose Cottage has been cancelled.

August 29 & 30 – Central Branch Event  
Greenstock  
Tickets available now – Greenstock 2014 fb page has the information.

September 20 – NI Veterans Association  
MD asked members to support this, if you are attending please inform him.

## **4 AOB**

### **4.1 E-Mail Received by Rifles Durham Office with reference to RGJ being Other Units.**

This is being investigated by the Committee and no e-mail of that nature should be sent again.

### **4.2 Sunderland Echo Report**

The Echo has reported that there are 28,000 veterans in Sunderland of which 3,000 have major problems. If members know of any veterans with issues please contact JC with name and details of the person.

### **4.3 PRI Items**

These have now arrived and need to be paid for and collected. Also F1 items on sale on tonight.

### **4.4 Secret Raffle**

Winner – C Adams

### **4.5 Raffle Prizes**

JC thanked the members for all donations made tonight

## **NEXT MEETING**

**TBC**