

MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION (NORTH EAST BRANCH)
HELD AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND
ON FRIDAY 17th JANUARY 2014

J Cheetham (JC)
G Barrs
N Cook
R Coulson
G Gibson
P Kelly
G Oates
P Smith
J Williamson

R Holman
N Blakeman
S Connal
M Donnison
D Jones
B Kemp
D Powell
J Snell
K Wilson

G Adams
S Bonallie
J Cornel
P Fenwick
J Kelly
B Moore
K Richardson
J Toolin
G Yates

Apologies

Apologies were received from Brig Prideaux, P Axtell, J Barrett, A Begley, G Cook, T Conlin, I Corbett, D Hunter, T Love, E Loftus, N Loftus, I Longworth, D Muir, G Netzler, G Newman, R Newman, D Nichol, Col J Ramsbotham, R Ross, 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.

Happy New Year to all members from our President, Brigadier Prideaux.

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 Membership

Subs are now due now and can be paid in cash or the preferred method is by standing order, bank details are listed below which can also be found on the website.

Account Number 73787818
Sort Code 20-25-29

2.2 RGJRA HQ Meeting

The meeting will take place in April and November, those attending will be confirmed.

2.3 WW1 & 70 Anniversary Celebrations

JC will inform members as soon as he has the details.

Derek Hunter has offered campers a pitch at his home as he is only 40 minutes from the D Day landing area.

2.4 Branch Charity

It was proposed by G Oates and seconded by M Donnison that the British Legion will be the charity our Branch will support in 2014, due to the sterling work they do for veterans. A vote was taken for a £250 donation to be taken from the Branch funds, this was carried.

2.5 Editors Report

MD informed members that an article, which was edited, has been submitted for the next Swift and Bold. JC gave reasons for the amendments.

In future there will be one issue of Swift and Bold, March and one issue of E-Zine, September.

MD also gave a short review of Veteran's Day 2013.

2.6 Treasurer's Report

Cash £23.75 – Bank £4852.12

3 Events

3.1 Branch Functions

November

7 Queen Vic

8 Venue – TBC

(Stadium of Light, subject to match fixtures / Roker Hotel / Other venues being investigated)

10 Remembrance Parade

Muster 1000hrs

Lunch Grand Room Roker Hotel

3.2 Future Branch Events

As the Christmas get together at the British Legion was such a success it proposed to hold another one in the future. Christmas and New Year events are being looked into.

3.3 North East Events

JC informed the Branch of possible future events including:

Band Concert – June, date to be confirmed.

Members are asked to attend with family and friends.

3.4 Regional Events

July – Winchester

The Brigadier and Amanda once again invite members for brunch on Sunday 13 July, details to follow.

September – 20 at 11.30am

Northern Ireland Veteran's Service of Remembrance

National Memorial Arboretum

4 AOB

4.1 RGJRA 10 Year Plan at Arboretum

MD if there was a plan to celebrate this, JC will look into this.

4.2 Future Meetings

The AGM will be held either late March or early April, and votes for the Committee will take place.

There will be two further Branch meetings, dates to be confirmed.

4.3 C4C

S Bonnallie presented a cheque for £50 for C4C from the Community Life Champion, Asda Washington.

4.4 PRI

An order will shortly be placed, if you would like anything please let JC know asap.

4.5 Secret Raffle

Winner – G Gibson

NEXT MEETING

AGM - Friday 4th April