

THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS ASSOCIATION NORTH EAST
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND
AGM & BRANCH MEETING
5th February 2016

Present (32)

D Nichol	J Snell	B Moore	D Powell
M Blair	T Walker	R Gilchrist	R Holman
C Adams	R Jukes	L Jukes	K Richardson
R Coulson	T Conlin	I Longworth	J Simpson
P Fenwick	B Kemp	D Lawson	G Yates
B Tollerson	G Oates	S Connal	D Sproat
G Barrs	T Robinson	J Toolin	M Prendergast
DJ Nichol	L Wayman	G Gibson	K Sullivan

Apologies (13)

Apologies were received from the following members:

Neil Blakeman, David Muir, Bill Martin, Jake Cheetham, Roy Trower, Steve Skelley, Glen Hillary, Dougie Bond, Paddy Kelly, Peter Collins, M Donnison, J Williamson, E Loftus.

New members were welcomed to the Branch:

M Prendergast, G Yates, D Lawson.

DN welcomed and thanked members for their attendance.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of previous meeting were read, matters arising would be covered in the meeting agenda.

2. Matters Arising

As this was a combined AGM and Branch Meeting the present committee were proposed to continue in their duties

Proposed by S Connal
Seconded by D Sproat

This was carried.

3. Treasurers Report

Bank £4877.90
Cash £95.35

Collected at meeting (Raffle) £79.00

Subs £200.00

JR spoke on the following:

2015 there were 100 members but only 60 paid up members.

2016 there were 9 new members and at present 33 are paid up members. Subs would be collected at the end of the meeting.

DN advised that subs were to be reviewed so we can ensure all standing orders were still active and appropriate to our member's needs.

4. Correspondence and Email

4.1. RGJA General Branch Meeting held 20/11/15.

DN spoke on the RGJA General Branch Meeting and gave a brief overview of the Meeting and RGJA subs. This was discussed amongst the NE Branch Members.

4.2. DN Spoke on the RGJ Regimental Anniversary Event. He also advised that Greenstock will not replace Winchester. However Winchester were looking at an Event like Greenstock that could be run by other Branches around the United Kingdom on an annual basis and funds may be available to assist with the running and organizing of such event.

DN also spoke with regards dress codes for the 50 Anniversary and events that would be taking place on the day. DN informed members that more details and timings surrounding this event could be found on the Regimental Associations website and he would provide further information at a later date.

4.3. DN Spoke on the E-Zine being produced in June and the Swift and Bold between November and December. These publications would be published yearly but at different times of the year.

4.4. Planned Memorial Service for David Mulley in Northern Ireland. DN spoke on this and advised that he had spoke to various departments and units on the matter. DN confirmed and advised that there could be no guarantee of safety for any members who would be attending but that the Orange Order would organize accommodation and transport for any member wishing to attend. DN requested members to provide details of those whom may wish to attend.

4.5. Massed Band & Bugles of The Rifles 1st and 2nd June 2016. DN spoke on this event and advised on the availability of tickets either by ticket master on the internet or by the London Branch.

4.6. Help 4 Homeless Veterans Tyre Pull 12 May 2016. DN spoke on this event. It was discussed by the members and was felt that we could not support this event. A show of hands was requested but this was not carried.

4.7. Life Works Tyne & Wear. DN spoke on this event and advised that he would be attending the work shop and would give more details when more was known.

4.8. Minutes of the RGJ Association 20/11/15. These were discussed with the members given an overview of what was involved.

4.9. BBC Gulf War Veterans. This was advertised to the Branch Members that the BBC was looking for veterans from the 1st Gulf War to discuss their experiences. No members present at the meeting had been involved in the first Gulf War so matter was not taken forward.

5. Remembrance Weekend 2016

DN spoke with regards the Venue and Auction for the Remembrance Weekend and confirmed that the venue for this event would be the Roker Hotel. The venue was discussed with members and DN informed them that we had an agreement in place to hold this event at the Roker Hotel.

Entertainment - This was discussed with the members more investigation and feedback from what the members would like is required. Further discussions to be held.

Auction Items – Member where asked for donations for the Remembrance Weekend.

6. Proposals:

Branch Events for April 2016. DN asked members if they would like an event to mark the 50th Regimental Anniversary for the NE Branch of the RGJ Association. It was felt that a Dinner Evening would be a good event. DN informed members that this would be looked into with all relevant dates, costs and locations being provided at a later date once confirmed.

It was agreed that the future branch meetings would be 1930hrs for 2000hrs but members were asked to be on time.

Next Branch meetings will be in May and September.

7. AOB

Due to personal commitments of the present Chairman it was decided that the Branch could do with a Vice Chairman.

John Toolin was proposed by P Fenwick and seconded by S Connal. To be confirmed.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

20th May 2016

09th September 2016