



THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS ASSOCIATION NORTH EAST
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND
BRANCH MEETING
1930hrs 22nd September 2017

Present:

D Nichol, R. Holman, K Wilson, I Longworth, K Richardson, P Fenwick, R Coulson, PA Collins, J Barrett, T Walker, B Moore, T Suggitt, M Donnison, S Connal, D Powell, G Yates, G Oates, T Robinson, J Toolin, G Barrs, B Kemp, M J Davison.

Apologies:

Col Ramsbotham, S Skelley, D Bond, G Hillary, J Williamson, B Moore, T Conlon, L Wayman, D Terrell, D Hunter, R Trower, J Snell, W Martin, P Smith, N Blakeman, E Loftus.]

New member:

B. Dobson introduced himself to members present.

DN welcomed and thanked Members for their attendance.

A minutes silence was held for past and present members.

A toast was held to the Regiment.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

DN spoke on the minutes of previous meeting and all those present confirmed receiving these minutes. There being no matters arising from those minutes. All present confirmed the minutes were a true reflection of that meeting.

Proposed by M. Donaldson

Seconded by R. Coulson

Carried

2. Matters Arising

DN spoke to members about membership details and the need to ensure that the branch is updated when members change home addresses or email addresses. He outlined the problems that have arisen when sending out information regarding branch events with information being returned to the sender.

DN advised members on the process of membership cards and how this works around their current membership.

DN / JR spoke on the Branch database which contains details of 121 branch members, out of those 121 members there is only 72 members that have paid their membership fee, with 9 new members. We have 13 members on the list that have not paid membership fees since 2011, a further 13 members have not paid membership between 2013 – 2015, therefore the figures we have relating to members is not showing a true reflection of the current listed membership. It is thought that the true membership figure is around 95 members.

DN advised members that the Branch will write to those members whom are not paid up members to establish if those individuals wish to remain members of the Branch and if so bring their membership up to date. If these members no longer wish to be members then the Branch will be in a position to remove them from the members database.

DN discussed with those members present the possibility of setting an annual date for all members to pay on which may make the system more user friendly.

3. Treasurer's Report

Bank £6226.66 – This is standing high at the minute as the Branch still need to make payments for the Remembrance weekend.

4. Communication / Emails

DN explained that there are not many emails being generated by other parties and confirmed that the annual Reunion in Winchester will still take place. Branch members also discussed the status of the two statues in Winchester.

DN informed members that he has submitted an article for the Ezine

5. Remembrance Weekend 2017

DN spoke on the remembrance weekend with regards tickets, Entertainment, Photographs Bugles, Bar Prices and discount on the rooms at the Roker Hotel.

DN informed members that Derek Hunter and Eammon Loftus will lay wreaths on behalf of the branch.

DN informed members that he has looked into inviting members of the rifles and has received details from the branch president for 3 rifles and 8 rifles and he will write to these respectively.

DN discussed raffle and Auction prizes and the procedures around these.

6. Proposals

DN Spoke about potential Branch Functions for Christmas and possibility having a joint event with the other Branches where costs can be shared and a number of options were discussed.

AOB

DN explained to members that he is currently struggling with his current workload and is finding it hard to undertake his role of Branch Chairman. DN announced that he intends to stand down at the next AGM and asked members to consider another member for the role of Chairman.

DN spoke to members about the need to have a workable committee whom can support the Branch's needs.

Next Branch meetings - TBC
Secret Raffle Winner - No. 519