



THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS ASSOCIATION NORTH EAST
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND
AGM & BRANCH MEETING
27th January 2017

Present:

D Nichol, J Snell, R Coulson, C Adams, S Gardiner, D Powell, S Connal, J Williamson, R Holman, K Richardson, G Oates, B Tollerson, G Barrs, J Barrett, T Robinson, J Toolin, D Sproat, T Conlin, I Longworth, P Fenwick, K Wilson, J Cheetham, R Cauwood, G Yates, G Hutchinson.

Apologies:

Brig Prideaux, Col Ramsbotham, B Moore, B Martin, L Wayman, S Skelley, D Bond, G Hillary, R Trower, D Hunter, D Muir, D Terrell, A Begley, D Bone, E Loftus, T Suggitt, R Jukes, L Jukes, G Chalker.

New Member: Stu' Gardiner.

DN welcomed and thanked Members for their attendance.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

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

2. Matters Arising: Dave N spoke on the following and gave an apology and explanation of why Col Ramsbotham could not attend.

a. AGM/Branch Committee – The Branch Committee to be comprised as follows:

Chairman: D Nichol – Proposed by K Wilson Seconded by I Longworth

Vice Chairman: R Holman – Proposed by K Wilson Seconded by S Connel

Secretary: J Snell – Proposed by I Longworth, Seconded by S Connel

Treasurer: J Richardson – Proposed by S Connel, Seconded by K Wilson

It was proposed that an Entertainments Committee should be elected on to the committee these members were:

J Barrett – Proposed by K Wilson Seconded by K Richardson

G Barrs – Proposed by C Adams Seconded by K Wilson

All these positions were voted on and carried.

- b. Dave N advised that a large bouquet of flowers had been sent to Roy and Pam Trower.
- c. Dave N spoke on the last Remembrance Weekend 2016 on how it had gone off well but there had been concerns raised on the amount of people in attendance which was well above the 260 tickets which had been allocated. There was also an incident involving a guest in the bar area and therefore DN stated he would like to remind members that any non-branch member or their guests behavior is the responsibility of the member who invited them. He also advised that he would be looking at the control of admittance and security for next years function possibly by independent security personnel.
- d. Dave N spoke on the venue for the next Remembrance Weekend 2017 venue and it was felt that the Roker Hotel was still the best venue for the numbers involved.
- e. Dave N Spoke on membership and for the need to keep the branch up to date with the members full contact details. He asked members to confirm that we hold the correct contact details.

3. Matters Arising (Correspondence & E Mails).

- a. The Rifles Freedom of Winchester Parade 2017. Dave N spoke on the details of this parade and read the email giving the information on the parade. He asked member to submit their names to either him or the secretary of those interested in taking part in the parade ASAP.
- b. Potential JIB Shorncliffe Reunion Sep 17. John S Read out the email and attachment he had received from Maj (Retd) Ralph with regards a possible reunion for ex JIB Shorncliffe members in September of this year. John S advised that this letter had been attached to the Branch Meeting Agenda and asked those that were interested to either use the email address or contact telephone number on the letter. Failing that they could contact John (Secretary) who could give them the email address or contact telephone number.
- c. Branch Functions.
- d. RGJ AUTUMN MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF BRANCH CHAIRMEN/SECRETARIES 25 NOV 2016. Dave N spoke and read the minutes of the meeting to the branch.
- e. Dave N spoke on an email from our President with regards supporting the WSU.

4. Treasures Report

Jackie R spoke on the branch funds and subs. There are 113 member but only 78 paid up members and 11 new members. Some members have not paid for years.

Bank £5188.66 (Still a cheque for £1000 to come of that balance) Cash £413.85

Subs £10.00

Total £5612.51

Jackie R also spoke on the Raffle and that some members were not happy with the Raffle and reminded members that the Raffle offsets some of the costs for the evening function.

Dave N also spoke on the Raffle.

G Barrs spoke on the Remembrance function and spoke on the charge for attending the function. It was discussed in raising the ticket price to £15. This was discussed in general but no decision was made. Dave N advised this would be looked into with more facts before a decision would be made.

Dave N asked for a proposal that the treasurer's accounts were correct.

Proposed by M Donnison Seconded by D Sproat.

Carried.

Malcolm D spoke with regards a photographer for the Remembrance Evening Function.

Keith W asked if our President Col Ramsbotham would be leading the parade this year. Dave N advised the members on our Presidents other duties and commitments.

Russ H advised that we had been lucky with Brig Prideaux and that no other branch has their president leading.

5. Branch Events

- a. Dave N spoke on a family open day around about Easter Time. This was discussed in general.
- b. Dave N spoke on the support and usage of the Royal British Legion in Sunderland.

6. Proposals

7. AOB

None.

Raffle on the night raised £95

Secret Raffle Winner No 886 K Wilson.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

TBC

Meeting closed at 2035hrs.