

MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION
(WINCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH)
BRANCH MEETING
HELD AT SIR JOHN MOORE BARRACKS
ON TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2016

In Attendance

President:

Chairman: Roy Stanger

Secretary: John Harper

Treasurer: Peter Andrews

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1935 hrs on Tuesday 5th January 2016 with 19 members of the branch present.

Item 1: Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:

Tony Cotterell, Peter McLaren-Smith, John Pearson, George Elliot, Adam Easdon, Dave Burch, Vic Osmond, George Smith, Lyndon Harper, Brian Craven, Roger Downton, Mitch Ahmet, Nickolas Prideaux, Roger Forder, Keith Kneller, Dave Lindsay, Ken Lindsay, John FD, and Bill Mitchell.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th November 2015 were read and approved by the members present.

Item 3: Chairman's Report

Roy welcomed the members to the first branch meeting of 2016, he informed the members that the RGJ Badge at St Cross will be coming up to the remembrance garden in the ATR (W). We are just waiting for John Poole-Warren (Regt Sec) to give us clearance to collect it. Roy reminded the members that any serving or ex-serving member of The Rifles are welcome to join any RGJA branch, because these members will be the life blood of the regiment in the years to come, the members were then given the latest update on the 50th Anniversary programme on July 2016.

Item 4 Treasurers Report

Please see attachment.

Peter told the members that at the February AGM he will be looking to collect branch subs (£15) for the 2016 period, you do have until June 16 to pay, A reminder that if you have not paid by then or informed Peter, then we will take it that you will no longer wish to be a member of the branch, Peter then went on to explain how your £15 annual subscription are spent.

Item 5: Battlefield Tour 2016

At this time we have nothing to report.

Item 6: Welfare

We mourn the death of Peter French on the 22nd December 2015. He was a long serving member of this branch, and will be sadly missed by all.

Glad to see that Bill Mitchell and Brian Carven are both at home recovering. Hope that all goes well for Ken Lindsay hospital visit, we hope to see all of them soon.

Over the last six months or more John FD went through a bit of a medical scare but after a few hospital tests and treatment he is now back on an even keel.

Item 7: Memorial Garden

Due to the weather it has not been possible to do any work in the garden. The Lych Gate should be up and ready for the 50th Anniversary in July, Pat Low has been asked to purchase a mower up to the value of £180 (a grant from RHQ) for the garden.

Item 8: Clay Pigeon Shoot

See attachment for the dates.

Item 9: Veterans day 9th July 2016

Simon Booth-Mason chairman of the 50th committee, Nickolas Prideaux, Roy Stanger, John FD and Ron Frampton have done a walk through to see where tents, car parking, food stalls etc. are going to be set up and what space is needed for each.

Item 10: Peter French Funeral

The Committee would like to thank the 30 members and their wives/partners who attended Peters last parade, there were well over 350 people who joined Gilly and her family at the service, so he had a good "Green Jacket" send off.

Item 11: The AGM

I hope that as many members can attend the AGM as possible, there are 2x posts on the committee up for re-election (Chairman and Secretary) if any member is interested and would like put their name forward please let me know before the AGM on the 9th February.

Item 12: Military Vehicles

Del Milam and John Harper have had a meeting with the QM ATR(W) Capt North about cleaning and repainting of the Armoured Vehicles in the ATR(W) just before Christmas, we are going to do a check on the condition of the vehicles with Mick Green from the Tank Museum Bovington who will advise us what to do.

We will need volunteers to assist in this task.

Item 13: AOB

A: Peter Andrews informed the members that he will need between 8-10 members for the "A" team on July 9th Veterans Day to make sure the reception at the venue is working as an organised unit.

B: If any member has any ideas for a outside venue ie Bowling, Darts, Quiz and visits then put them forward at the AGM.

C: "The Rifles Sounding Retreat London" it was decided that members will buy there own tickets for the 2nd June 16, the London branch have organised the Bullfrog Pub (near Horseguards) for a reception after the sounding, it was also decided that if members had booked tickets and required transport to the venue, and if there were enough takers the branch would lay on transport (coach). Please inform the secretary if you require transport and your attendance at the reception afterwards, as food is being layed on at the reception. (names before the AGM if possible)

The next meeting (AGM) will be on Tuesday 9th February 2016, at 1900hrs for 1915hrs start in the WO's & SGT's Mess ATR(W).

There being no further business the branch meeting closed at 2030 hrs.