

**MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION
(WINCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH)
BRANCH MEETING
HELD AT SIR JOHN MOORE BARRACKS
ON TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2016**

In Attendance

President: John Fritz-Domeney
Chairman: Roy Stanger
Secretary: John Harper
Treasurer: Peter Andrews (Standing in for Brian Scott)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1930 hrs on Tuesday 6 September 2016 with 20 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, Roger Downton, Mitch Ahmet, Ken Lindsay, Lyndon Harper, Nick Prideaux, Bob Fortune, Mick Murphy, Brian Craven, Brian Scott, Dave Lindsay and Derek Randell.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 June 2016 were read and approved by the members present.

Item 3: Chairman's Report

Roy started his report by thanking Tony Hardin for supplying 30x haver bags to the Army Cadets and branch members who were on duty on the 50th Anniversary. Roy also thanked Del Milam, Derek Randell and John Harper for the hard work they put in on getting the Armoured Vehicles ready for the RGJA Veterans day, it has also been noticed that Derek Randell has put a lot of his own time and money in getting other memorials in the ATR(W) upto scratch. Roy then went on to inform the members of the wash-up on the 50th Anniversary held at Peninsula Barracks 2 weeks ago, the Winchester Branch were thanked by Huge Willing (Chairman of the RGJA) who said "that without the help given by the Branch the Anniversary would not have been such a success", he then went through the bad points and the good points of the venue, over all the Anniversary went off very well. It was good to see so many officers on the day. Nick Prideaux did such a good job doing the commentating, that he has been asked to do it again next year. Tiny Adams and his wife are to be thanked for using their cars to help people who could not make it up the road.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Peter has stood down as treasurer for the time being, due to ill health, he hopes to take over again in about six months if his health improves. In the meantime Brian Scott has kindly offered to takeover, Peter went through the branch funds with the member's present. See attachment.

Item 5: Welfare

Bill Mitchell was welcomed back after a long illness.

Brian Craven is still not well enough to attend any meetings, we hope he gets better soon as he is sadly missed. If you know of any member who is ill then please inform a committee member or a branch member.

Item 6: Battlefields

Tiny Adams who organised the trip to Beaulieu, said that those who went had a great day out, he is now looking in to going to Droxford Air Museum, more at the next meeting in November.

Item 7: Memorial Garden

The next project to be done in the Memorial Garden is to erect the concrete Royal Green Jacket Badge.

Item 8: Laser Shoot and Family Day

The families day in September was canceled due to lack of numbers.

Item 9: Cenotaph Parade

If you going to London for the Cenotaph Parade you should have sent your returns to Gary Driscoll by now or you will not get a pass.

Item 10: Swift & Bold/Ezine

Should you have any photographs or stories of any branch activity send them to John FD, so they can be put into one of the Regimental Magazines.

Item 11: 'A' Team

Peter Andrews thanked George East and his wife (Pat) for stepping in at the last moment and looking after the "A" team as Peter was unable to do so due to his health.

Item 12: Remembrance Sunday

If you coming to the memorial service, please be at the KRRC Memorial by 0845. Can you please let me know ASAP if you are going to ATR(W) for the Drum Head Service? and if you are going to the Branch Lunch at the SWGC, remember it's free for members + partners, all others will have to pay.

AOB

A. A presentation was made to Tiny Adams for his help on the Anniversary Day.

B. Tiny Adams ask if Roy or John FD could enquire about attending a Passing out parade (Rifles) at Catterick.

C. Andy Gray asked if anyone knew an ex Rifleman by the name of Carly Kingsley, if so you will find him in the Café in Kings Walk on Mondays at about 1100 hrs.

D. John FD has taken a photograph of the LI Memoria, and wrote a letter to the LI Association to show them the work we have done, and see if they would like to help.

E. Andy Gray informed the members that an Ex 1RGJ Rifleman is organizing a get together at a pub in Weymouth on 1st October if you are interested please contact Andy Gray. Andy would like to organize a Breakfast Club, more about that at the next meeting.

F: The secretary informed the members that we have 2 x new members Antony Addly Ex 3RGJ from Blandford, Dorset and Thomas Reynolds Ex 2RGJ Clevedon Somerset.

G: John H put forward 2 proposals for the next meeting in November:

1. That we Change the Dates of the Family Day,
2. That we have no meeting in August.

H: John H heard on the Local News that some Holiday homes called pods have been built in the New Forest for Serving and Veteran personnel and their Families. Roy will look into it and report back in November.

The next meeting is a Social Tuesday 11th October 2016 1900hrs for 1930hrs start at the WO's & SGT's Mess ATR(W)

The next Formal meeting is Tuesday 8th November 2016

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