

MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION  
(WINCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH)  
BRANCH AGM  
HELD AT SIR JOHN MOORE BARRACKS  
ON TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2016

**In Attendance**

President: John Fritz-Domeney  
Chairman: Roy Stanger  
Secretary: John Harper  
Treasurer: Peter Andrews

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1930 hrs on Tuesday 9 February 2016 with 28 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, Roger Downton, Bill Mitchell, Mitch Ahmet, John Scott, Brian Scott and Ken Lindsay.

**Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

**Item 3: President's Address**

John opened this address by telling the members that its 31 years from when the branch was formed, and that we still have members who joined at that time, he thanked them for staying loyal to the branch, John then went on to inform the members what the branch achieved in 2015, he said that 2016 will be an even better year because of the help that members are giving to the 50th Anniversary on 9 July, he also asked the members to pass the word around 'what a show we are putting on'. The other point that John touched on is membership, if you should meet someone who you know is an ex Green Jacket/Rifles get their details and pass them on to the secretary, who will invite them to come to one of our meetings, and hopefully become a member of our branch

**Item 4 Chairman's Report**

Roy had nothing further to add to what the President had already said in his address. He thanked the members for the turnout at the AGM, it was good to see so many at a branch AGM, he also thanked the members who turnout at the "Turning of the Pages" each month at the Cathedral, Roy then went through the branch activities for 2016, a copy of which is attached to these minutes

### **Item 5: Treasurer's Report**

Please see attachment.

Peter went through the end of year figures with the members present.

Proposed that the figures were correct Keith Kneller, seconded by Andy Gray.

Passed by a show of hands.

### **Item 6: Swift & Bold**

John FD informed the members that he needs articles for the Swift & Bold.

These can be photos of the work we do in the Garden of Remembrance or the forthcoming cleaning of the armoured vehicles, funny stories of our time in the service, it does not have to be just about the branch activities.

### **Item 7: Branch Website**

The secretary explained to the members that the branch website is up to date, he reminded the members that they can read the branch minutes on the website if they need too, because they will stay on for the whole year.

### **Item 8: Memorial Garden**

Pat Low has been unable to attend to the gardens due to the weather, John FD told the members that the Lych Gate should be up in time for the 50th Anniversary, we are still waiting for when we can collect the RGJ Badge from St. Cross Cricket ground. We are to invest in a new mower for the garden,

Pat & John FD need manpower to help within the Garden, which if the weather holds, in the next few weeks they would like to get started, when I know the dates I will send out an email for volunteers.

### **Item 9: Laser Shoot and Family Day**

The BBQ Family Day will be in early September, details will follow at a later date.

### **Item 10: ID Cards**

Peter Andrews explained to the members, the system of entry into the ATR.

### **Item 11: Battlefield Tours**

Tiny has offered to take over the battlefield tour position, he will be doing one day tours, the first being a visit to the Poppy Factory in Richmond London, the bus is now full for that trip. Once Tiny gives me the dates of the other visits I will inform the members.

### **Item 12: Welfare**

Chris Mitchell explained to the members that Bill Mitchell is very ill so will be unable to attend the branch meetings for a while. The branch send their best wishes and look forward to his return. Roy passed on from Gilly French thanks to the members who attended Peter French's Funeral.

### **Item 13: C4C**

This will be our nominated charity for 2016.

**Item 14: "A" Team**

Due to the 50th Anniversary Day being the biggest we will have to support Peter needs 8-10 personnel for the "A" Team, so if you have not put your name down and would like to help let Peter know.

**Item 15: Rifles Sounding Retreat 2 June 2016**

So far we have 32 members, who wish to travel by Coach to the event. At this moment, we are trying to get prices and parking arrangements for our cars. When I know, you will know.

**Item 16: Elections of Chairman & Secretary for 2016/18**

No nominations from the members were put forward for the post of Chairman or Secretary, so Roy Stanger (Chairman) and John Harper (Secretary) were asked if they are willing to stay at their post, both agree this was then passed by the members with a show of hands. John Harper then informed the members that he will not stand for re-election after 2018.

**Item 17: AOB**

**A:** Roy has booked the Remembrance Lunch and the Christmas Party at South Winchester Golf Club for this year.

**B:** Del Milam has offered the use of an indoor curling set to the branch.

**C:** Two new members were introduced to the branch Bob Fortune (ex 2RGJ) and Chris Lister (ex 3RGJ).

**D:** Brin Gardener who is a member of the Colden Common Bowls club spoke about an open day at his club and would our members be interested?

The next meeting is a Social will be on Friday 18th March 2016 1930hrs at the Phoenix Inn, Twyford, Winchester. so there will not be a Social on the 8th of March.

The next formal meeting is Tuesday 5th April 2016 1900hrs for 1930hrs start at the WO & SGT Mess ATR(W).

There being no further business the branch meeting closed at 2045 hrs.