

**MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION  
(WINCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH)  
BRANCH MEETING  
HELD AT SIR JOHN MOORE BARRACKS  
ON TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2017**

**In Attendance**

President: John Fritz-Domeney  
Chairman: Roy Stanger  
Secretary: John Harper  
Treasurer: Brian Scott

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1930 hrs on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 with 18 members 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, Thomas Reynolds, Roger Forder, Bob Fortune, Peter Tilley, Del Milam, Anthony Addle, Peter Hyde, Robert Clarke, George Smith, Chris Mitchell, Bill Mitchell, Andy Grey, Brian Craven and Lyndon Harper.

**Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2017 were read and approved by the member's present.

**Item 3: Chairman's Report**

Roy explained to the members that at this year's remembrance service (12 November) at Winchester Cathedral, it will also be attended by Rifleman from 4 Rifles who will join us and form a Guard of Honour, and lay a wreath at the 60th (KRRC) memorial.

This will show all present that the living Regiment and its Antecedent Regiments are as one bugle call.

**Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

The October branch Financial Statement was read out to the members.

That £1,000 from branch funds to offset the cost of Christmas Dinner.

Proposer Dave Lindsay      Second Peter Andrews      Passed

Brian still has some diaries for sale and will bring them to the next meeting

All the Desks Diaries have been sold only Pocket at £5 each left.

The Remembrance lunch on 12 November will start at 1300hrs at SWGC, bar open 1230hrs, the price is £14.50 per person, it will be a 2-course lunch, followed by tea and coffee.

If you wish to pay send your cheques direct to Brian, his details can be found on the last page, if you are paying by Bank Transfer contact Brian Scott for details, remember to put your name and what it's for, Remembrance Lunch or Christmas Dinner.

Closing date for the remembrance lunch is 26 October, if you are going but are then unable to attend or there is a problem, then please contact Brian Scott.

### **Item 5: Memorial Garden**

Pat Low reported that he still tidying up the garden ready for the winter and that yhe was disappointed only 1 person turned up to help (Frank Goodridge), so he was unable to finish the job. Pat will inform me when he needs volunteer help, I will then send out an email to the members.

### **Item 6: Xmas Dinner 2nd December 2017**

The price for the Xmas function will be £27.50 per member and the same for your partner, for guests it is £34, (3 course meal, wine, tea/coffee, mince pies and raffle inclusive)

John FD has sent out the proforma with all the information to the members about the Christmas Dinner please read it carefully and send all returns to him.

### **Item 7: Battlefield Tour 2018**

Tiny is waiting for a hospital appointment, so is not able to arrange any tours for 2018 yet.

### **Item 8: Welfare**

Andy Grey is now at home but is still not able to attend meetings. Brian Craven is in RHCH. Roy contacted both who are doing well.

Peter Andrews is waiting to have knee surgery sometime next year if not earlier.

Ken Lindsay is back in the land of the living he is also waiting to go into hospital.

### **Item 9: Change of Secretary and President**

Roy informed the members that from 1 January 2018 the present Secretary John Harper will be standing down, so there will a change on the committee.

John FD will take over as Secretary and Nicholas Prideaux will become President of the branch. Passed by the members present.

### **AOB**

**A:** Derek Randall commented on the price of items at the RGJ Museum. Nicholas Prideaux and Roy will look into it, and report back at the next meeting.

**B:** Peter Andrews and Dave Lindsay said that they will run the Families Day in 2018. Roy asked that they give him a date so he can work it into the ATR(W) training program.

**C:** Terry Young informed the members that the Poppy appeal will start soon, and he will bring a collection tin to the next meeting. He also reminded the members that the Band & Bugles gathering is on 14 October at the Winchester Club.

**D:** John FD reminded the members that he is still looking for articles for the Swift & Bold, he has sent an article to the Ezine about the Freedom parade.

**E:** John Harper found out that we can bring our own food into the mess if we do not involve any Staff or use their equipment, so good news.

Any takers to organise a games night with Fish & Chip supper?.

Will members who will be attending the Drum Head service at the ATR(W) on 12 December please let me know by the next meeting.

The next branch meeting is a formal one at the WO&SGT Mess on Tuesday 7th November, 1900hrs for 1930hrs start.

There being no further business, the branch meeting closed at 2020hrs.