



The Royal Green Jackets

Association

Winchester & District Branch

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Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2017

In Attendance

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1925 hrs on Tuesday 4th April 2017 with 16 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, Nickolas Prideaux, Thomas Reynolds, Bob Fortune, Brian Craven, Dave Lindsay, Ken Lindsay, Derek Randall, Bill Mitchell, Chris Mitchell, Terry Young, John Mc Mullan, Pete Andrews, Anthony Addley, Frank Goodridge, George East, Steve Horsley and Peter Hyde.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 were read and approved by the member's present.

Item 3: Chairman's Report

Roy started his report informing the members of what The Rifles Battalion are doing, The 5th Rifle have returned from Germany to Bulford and are on deployment to Lepvier for six months. Roy then went on to tell the members that this year's Remembrance lunch at the SWGC will not be subsidised by the branch, instead the branch will subsidise the Xmas Dinner. Roy is waiting for John McMullan to return from the USA to find out if Green Jacket close are putting on BBQ in June which the branch will support if it goes ahead. The members were informed that the branch will no longer support the clay pigeon shoot due lack of numbers. Roy explained to the members what is happening to ATR in 2020 they will move to Pirbright, but the barracks will not be closed no decision has been made to what will happen to the barracks, should it be sold then we will move to Worthy Down.

Item 4: Treasurers Report

Brian Scott Went through the branch funds for April with the members present. Please see attachment. Remember you have until the **June meeting** to pay your **Subscriptions** unless you have made arrangements with the treasurer it will be taken that you no longer wish to be a member of this branch and will be removed from the mailing list.

Item 5: Welfare

Nothing to report

Item 6: Battlefields

Tiny explain about the RAF Cosford visit and what a great day it was for the members who went. His next visit was to the Tank Museum Bovington on the 20th April. Tiny is looking at more visits, when he has one he will contact the members.

Item 7: Memorial Garden

Pat said that not a lot of work has been done since the last meeting but now that Winter is over he hopes to get started again. John FD is hoping to get RGJ badge put in place ready for the July Gathering.

Item 8: Rifles Freedom Parade

John FD is the contact for branch'es who wish to take part in the Parade. For details see attachments. when the parade has finished all the personal Who took part will be taken back to ATR cook house for lunch.

Item 9: The Gathering/ Veterans Day

Roy inform the members that the Gathering/Veterans day is going well the bands the food and the displays have been booked so there should be less queuing this year for a burgers and chips as a new company (Serdexo) has taken over the running of the camp and they know what Roy wants. The DVD of last Year's 50th should be on sale on the day after the final viewing by Simon Booth Mason and is passed

AOB

A: Band concert has been organised on Thursday 6th 1830 at Winchester Cathedral All are welcome bring your own chairs it will last about 1hour. I have already sent out an email to the branch members.

B: The Royal Artillery Association via Del Milam have invited the branch to a Games evening at the RBL Newbury I have checked our forecasts of Events and the only date that we could go is Wednesday 2nd August. Will members who would like to go please contact me so I can give Del Milam an answer at June meeting.

C: If you would like to have a holiday break then contact Del Milam or John Scott who will put you in contact with RBL who run 3 Holiday Homes free of charge for ex-serves personal. John Scott recently came back from one of the hotels in West-Super- Mare and said how wonderful it was.

D: John FD is looking for photos and stories for the Swift and Bold.

The next meeting is a Social meeting Tuesday 2nd May 2017 1900hrs for 1930hrs start at the WO's & SGT's Mess ATR(W)

The next formal meeting is Tuesday 6th June 1900 for 1930 start at the WO & Sgt Mess ATR(W)

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