

**MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION
(WINCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH)
BRANCH MEETING
HELD AT SIR JOHN MOORE BARRACKS
ON TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 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 6th November 2017 with 19 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, Bob Fortune, Brian Craven, Anthony Addley, Bill Mitchell, Peter Hyde, George Smith, Derek Milam, Lyndon Harper and Steve Chalder.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October 2017 were read and approved by the member's present.

Item 3: Chairman's Report

Roy informed the members present that those attending the Remembrance Sunday Service at Winchester Cathedral, were to parade at the Memorial by 0900hrs. After the service, members who are going into the Cathedral need to collect their entrance tickets from Roy. Members going to the Drum Head Service at the ATR(W) need to contact John Harper. Roy reported that there are rumours that some members are not happy about always having the Christmas party at SWGC. If you wish to change it then tell the committee who will put it to the members.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Brian Scott went through the branch funds as at the 1 November with the members present, (Please see attachment). Brian then went through the Remembrance Lunch at SWGC of which we have 49 persons attending. The bar opens at 1200hrs, Lunch 1300hrs.

He also thanked Terry Young for £116.82 he made collecting for C4C.

Item 5: Welfare

Brian Craven was rushed into hospital he is still in, I spoke to his wife on Saturday, she said that she hopes to have him home in a few days.

A few hours after Brian went into hospital, John Pearson was also rushed in, but is now at home.

Item 6: Memorial Garden

Roy reminded the members that we are not getting any younger and the garden is a lot of hard work, Pat Low and his wife May always need help. Remember that old saying **many hands make light work**. If you can help, please contact John F/D

Item 7: Battlefields

Tiny Adams is considering some visits and will report back in the new year.

Item 8: Christmas Oarty

John F/D informed the members that the party is going well he has over 60 people attending so far and is expecting more. John said that he will take payment on the night but only cheques, if you are going you have until the end of November to put in your returns, John will be doing a seating plan already knows where members wish to sit and with whom.

Item 9: AOB

A: John F/D asked Peter Andrews if he could get him the details of the Laser Shoot and their prices.

B: Brian Scott, whilst on duty at Winchester Cathedral, was contacted by a woman who is a relative of the soldier that the Memorial is modelled on. He invited her to attend our service at the Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

C: Attached is a leaflet on Hip and knee service for ex-service personal.

D: As most of all know I will be standing down as branch Secretary on 31 December and John F/D will take over from 1 January 2018.

I would like to say thank you to the members and the committee for all the help and support during my time as Secretary, Please give John F/D the same help and support that you gave me.

D: You will find attached the dates of 2018 meetings.

The next meeting is a Formal meeting Tuesday 9 January 2018, 1900hrs for 1930hrs start in the WO's & SGT's Mess ATR(W)

There being no further business the branch meeting closed at 2010 hrs.

From the Committee to the Members we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.