



The Royal Green Jackets

Regimental Association

Winchester & District Branch

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Minutes of the Branch AGM Held on Tue 6th Feb 2018

In Attendance

President: Brig (Retd) Nicholas Prideaux
Chairman: Maj (Retd) Roy Stanger
Treasurer: Lt Col (Retd) Brian Scott
Secretary: John Fritz-Domeney

The meeting opened at 19.00hrs with 21 members present.

Item 1: Apologies

Apologies were received from the following: Messrs Del Milam, Derek Randell, Ken Lindsay, David Lindsay, Mitch Ahmet, Vic Osmand, Bill Mitchell. And last but not least we accept and acknowledge with honour the regrettable absence of Brian Craven.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held at 1930 hours on Tue 9th Jan 2018 were read and approved.

Item 3: Matters Arising

The Chairman stated that there were no items that required further comment under this heading as many would be further clarified under the meeting agenda.

Item 4: Election of Branch Officers

The Chairman opened this item by reminding members that under Branch Rules and Guidance the appointments of President and Secretary were due to change at this 2018 AGM under the 'Overlapping Rule'.

He then went on to explain that coincidentally and due to the slightly earlier than normal retirement of the Branch Secretary before the AGM, a little bit of pre-election reshuffling of these appointments had to be carried out. This had resulted in John Fritz-Domeney offering to stand down as Branch President and then volunteering to take over as Branch Secretary (if there were no other nominees). At the same time Brig Nicholas Prideaux had also volunteered to take over as Branch President – again if there were no other nominees for the post. There were no other candidates

names submitted in the 4 weeks leading up to the AGM other than the two nominees mentioned above.

As a consequence the decision following this statement was ratified as follows:

1. In accordance with Branch Rules there being no candidate nomination for the office of branch President either received from absent members prior to the meeting or from members in attendance, the Chairman proposed that Nicholas Prideaux be elected as Branch President. The ballot was successfully carried in favour and the office of President graciously accepted by Nicholas Prideaux...
2. In accordance with Branch Rules and there being no other candidate nomination for the office of Branch Secretary either received from absent members prior to the meeting or from members in attendance, the Chairman proposed that John Fritz-Domeney be elected Branch Secretary. The ballot was successfully carried.

Item 5: The Chairman's Address

The Chairman delivered a full and comprehensive address. In particular he wished to offer his personal thanks to:

1. John Harper for his outstanding work as Branch Secretary over the previous 5 years.
2. Nicholas Prideaux for volunteering to take over (again) as our Branch President where he is perfectly placed to be our contact between the branch and the higher echelons of our own regiment and other local military.
3. Brian Scott for his careful and conscientious work as Branch Treasurer since taking over from Peter Andrews.
4. Tiny Adams for breathing new life into the role of Activities Member and work together with his wife Janet at the RGJA Veterans Reunion.
5. Pat and Low May for their continuing hard work maintaining the Memorial Garden.
6. And finally to all members and their ladies for making the branch so effective.

Item 6: Treasurers Report

The Treasurer Brian Scott gave a detailed report with regard to the branch finances. The Treasurer then presented the accounts to the branch. A copy of the 2017/18 Balance Sheet is attached.

The Chairman thanked Brian on behalf of the branch for his careful husbandry of what is a very healthy account and to Peter Andrews and John FD for their examination of the accounts.

Decision on the accounts – see Item 10 below..

Brian asked that subscriptions for 2018 be paid as soon as possible please. £15 for Full membership and £10 for Associate membership. Honorary members do not pay a subscription.

Item 7: Branch Activities

The Branch Activities Member Tiny Adams spoke on the following activities planned for 2018.

1. Exxon Refinery Tour 10th May 2018. Confirmatory details including timings etc to follow as soon as numbers are known. However I can tell you that it will be a guided tour of the facility by an 'internal' refinery bus/coach. Dress blazers etc (if owned) or smart jacket and tie. Lunch will either be provided by the refinery or failing that at a local hostelry. **There is no smoking or alcohol consumption on the site.** Attendance Returns to Tiny by Tuesday 13th February.
2. Visit to the Royal Hospital Chelsea (Governors Parade). The preferred date for this (by a clear majority) was Sunday 13th May 2018. As a consequence we will now proceed to a booking for this date. The basic visit detail remains as per the email sent out on the 30th January. All timings and other matters relating to the visit will be confirmed as soon as our booking with the RHC is acknowledged. Watch this space! The list of members and their wives/partners who have indicated their wish to go on this visit are attached.
3. Graveside Memorial Service for Lt Col Iain Cordon-Lloyd. This will take place at Magdalen (Morn) Hill Cemetery on Saturday 17th February at approx 10.45hrs. Branch members who wish to be sidemen are asked to be there by 10.30hrs. Dress regimental blazers, medals, berets etc.
4. Winchester Cathedral Tour. Brian Scott has now made the initial approach and received a favourable answer in return. It will consist of a 90 minute guided tour including Military Memorials inside and outside the cathedral. A date has yet to be decided but in all probability will be in either the late summer or early autumn once all renovation work is complete. The cathedral authorities normally charge £6.50ph for a tour. However they are prepared to waive that due to our status and accept a *smallish* donation instead. This figure will be proposed at the next formal meeting.

Item 8: Chairman's Points

.The Chairman spoke on the following:

1. The sad passing of Brian Craven one of our original members from 1987. Brian's funeral details are:

Wednesday 21st February 2018 at 14.45hrs (2.45pm)
Southampton Crematorium (East Chapel), Bassett Green Rd,
Southampton. SO16 3QB

The family have requested that all friends, and ex colleagues join them in celebrating Brian's life immediately after the funeral at The Bell Inn, St Cross, Winchester SO23 9RE.

No flowers please. However if you wish to make a charitable donation in Brian's memory it can be made to Diabetes UK

(<http://www.diabetes.org.uk/home>) via the funeral directors whose contact details are:

WG Bush, Funeral Directors 73, Leigh Road
Eastleigh
Hants. SO50 9DF
Tel: 02380 612463

2. The branch charity for 2018 will be C4C.
3. Vacancies still exist for marshals at the SWGC over the summer period for various competitions. Names to Roy if you are interested.
4. Deposits and subsidies for events.
5. Memorial Garden. Pat Low stated that at this time and until the weather improved there was little to do in the garden. However in the meantime he is servicing all tools and other general gardening equipment held by the branch.
6. Date to be confirmed for Xmas Dinner over the coming weeks once the Chairman has liaised with the SWGC.
7. The name of the RGJA Reunion no longer includes the word 'Gathering' in its title. It is simply the RGJA Veterans Reunion.

Item 9: Forecast of Events

A copy of our Forecast of Events and Turning of the Pages (TOTP) are attached to these Minutes.

In addition Peter Andrews was asked to speak on the Family BBQ Day. Peter confirmed the event will be held on Saturday 29th July 2018 behind the WO's & Sgts Mess ATR (Winchester). All event details and general comments regarding the use of this facility are as per the covering letter he sent out (copy attached). Please get your returns in to Peter as soon as you can so he can continue with the necessary planning.

Item 10: Proposals

Proposal: That the Accounts for 2017/18 be accepted by the branch
Proposer: Andy Gray
Seconded: Pat Low
Decision: Passed

Proposal: That the sum of £160 held in the charity column of the account be topped up by £40 to £200 and be presented to C4C immediately.
Proposer: Peter Andrews
Seconded: John Harper
Decision: Passed

Item 11: AOB

There was none.

Item 12: Next Meeting

The next formal meeting will be held at 19.30hrs 3rd April 2018.

There being no further business for the good of the branch the meeting closed at 20.45hrs

Chairman: Dated.....

Secretary: Dated.....