

Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

General Meeting Minutes. 7th January 2013.

Present: Liam Shelbourne (Chairman)
Neil Russell (Vice Chairman)
Keith Biles (Secretary)
Dave Morris (Treasurer)
Dave Lewis (Poppy Co-ordinator)
Pam Lewis (Welfare Rep.)
Rev. Kathy Biles (Welfare Rep.)
Pam Budd

"Ginge" Davis	Falkland Berntsen
Karen Drysdale	Sue Francis
Phil Middleton	Ian Davidson
Stella Prindle-Middleton	Frank Leyland
Fred Simpson	

Apologies for Absence: Rev. Richard Hines, John & Sarah Maskell-Bott, & Jason Lewis.

A welcome to a visiting member of the Legion: Mr Terry Lay, was given.

1. The minutes of the meeting on 3rd December 2012 were confirmed as correct.
2. Matters arising:
 - The web-site has now been updated, and the new e-mail addresses are operative.
 - Formal authorization for the use of the Pinn Inn is ongoing.
 - Jason Lewis has agreed to design and produce a quarterly Newsletter, a sample will be produced for the next meeting so if there are any ideas or suggestions these may be made then. Contributions may be made by e-mail to Jason, or brought to the next meeting.
 - The Secretary is in process of contacting those members who have not yet collected their new membership cards.
 - Sarah & John Maskell-Bott also wish to be considered as potential delegates to the National Conference later this year.
 - All poppy collection boxes have now been recovered.
 - The Branch Christmas card design was circulated for the information of Members.

- The Vice-Chairman will continue to investigate the supply of charity Christmas cards for sale through local shops on our behalf.

3. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman awaits a time to meet with the Governor to further explore the problems of FIDF acceptability as beneficiary members of the Legion.

The Branch Christmas cards were sent out to all persons and organisations that have supported the branch throughout the year, plus one to the Queen and one to No.10 Downing Street.

A copy of the address given at the County and District Conference is available for anyone who wishes to go through it.

An update is required to the Branch contact details shown in the Penguin News.

Action: Secretary to amend.

4. Vice-Chairman's Report:

The arranger (and in our case the sponsor) of the 90th Anniversary concerts around the world, Mr John Underhill, has been appointed an MBE, and in view of his support and continued interest in the Branch, the Vice-Chairman will write to offer congratulations.

Action: Vice-Chairman to write on behalf of the Branch.

We have been offered free from the RBL in UK various items to support a Golf Tournament should we wish to organise one for fund raising purposes.

Action: Vice-Chairman to progress expressions of interest with the Golf Club and MPA.

5. Treasurer's Report

All the Poppy Appeal boxes are now recovered producing a total of £1726.47 in cash plus a cheque for £1,164.48 from MPA.

6. Any Other Business:

Last year, Mr Robb Harden ran both the Half Marathon and the full Marathon on behalf of the RBL (He also won both!). The Chairman enquired if anyone wished to run on behalf of the RBL this year, then we will be able to supply certain item of kit to show the sponsorship. The Governor, as President of the Branch, and a runner, will be approached to see if he would be willing to seek sponsorship for the Legion.

Action: The Chairman to approach H.E.

The Chairman thanked all who undertook the counting of the Poppy Appeal monies last meeting. The good atmosphere generated was an example of what perhaps we can achieve at future meetings, and more social events within the structure of the regular meetings will be explored.

Action: Kathy Biles to produce a quiz evening in due course.

The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman for laying the Legion wreath at Battle Day, in his stead.

7. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Monday 4th February 2013 in the Pinn Inn, Hillside Camp.

Keith Biles.
Secretary.