

## Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

### Committee Meeting Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<p><b>Present:</b> Chris Locke, Mark Brook, Nancy Locke, Abby Poynter, Richard Hyslop.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Tamsin Harris, Keith Biles, Dave Lewis, John and Sarah Maskell-Bott, Bob French.</p>	
<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> Agreed and confirmed as a true and accurate account, with exceptions for spelling corrections as follows: Under matters arising should read 'Chris Locke discussed a leaving event/farewell gift for Mr Cliff CWO and Graham Fairweather.' and 'Richard Hyslop reported on Armed Forces Day and said Ian Faulds would be happy to host'. Under vice chair's report 'Richard Hyslop asked about the delivery of wreaths to FIGO'.</p>	
<p><b>Matters arising:</b> Chris's action on CBF letter still outstanding Gifts were presented to Mr Cliff and Graham Fairweather at the 3rd June meeting. Chris Locke laid an RFA wreath at Fitzroy Tamsin's action on Overseas Newsletter still outstanding Abby confirmed invoice had been sent to Government House for their wreaths in had been settled in full. Poppy Ball meeting will now be in August (14th) at Chris and Nancy's 6 Brisbane Road ACTION: Chris Locke to ask Government House for the Armed Forces Day invitation list.</p>	<p><b>Chris Locke</b></p>
<p><b>Chairman's Report:</b> All went well for Liberation Day and the Chair passed his thanks to Mark Brook and Tamsin Harris for manning the bar in the absence of bar staff. Mark was also thanked for being Standard Bearer at the 1982 monument. It was noted that HMS Clyde's crew enjoyed visiting the Poppy Inn for Liberation Day and the Chair explained</p>	<p><b>Chris Locke.</b></p>

they have been invited to the Poppy Inn in the same way for Remembrance Day if they are alongside. Their last visit to Stanley may be at a different time in which case the RBL would like to host them if appropriate. It was noted that Col Dave Pugh had suggested the handover to HMS Forth would be away from the Falkland Islands.

The chair thanked everyone who attended the Government House reception for Armed Forces Day.

**Vice Chairman's Report:**

No change to wreaths/poppies but noted that the RNA's invoice has yet to be delivered.

Mark reported that he has sorted the Poppy Inn Bar and has all the books of account, he has also sorted out the stock and float for that night. He would like to be lead man on the bar working with Neil Clifford. Neil Russell had sent an email to Mark and he replied to thank Neil and Karen for their work. Mark noted that there should be £1000 in the bar account. It wasn't clear how many keys there are to the bar area, Mark would ask Neil and Karen if they have one.

The Chair and committee thanked Mark for his work on sorting out the bar issue.

**Mark Brook**

**Secretary's Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Membership Secretary's Report:**

Richard noted that branch membership is currently 70. He had met Derek Clarke who thought he was a member having joined in March and has chased the outsourced company re: members.

He has received cheques from Eugene (renewal) and Sue (new) Hurley, Steve and Paula Fowmes (renewal), Rebecca Rees (new) and is sending a membership form to Theresa Lang who paid but doesn't appear to have completed a form.

Taking these into account the membership stands at 76 members.

Chair thanked Richard for his work.

<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <p>Abby noted that there were three outstanding invoices, RMA, RNA and BFSAL.</p> <p>Mark Brook will confirm what needs to be transferred to the UK for the Poppy Appeal for wreaths before the Poppy Ball.</p> <p>Memberships funds transfer to UK, Abby will need to discuss process with Richard.</p> <p>Accounts are due on 30th Sept, yearend documents are being sent from HQ on 31st July. Accounts will be sent to Alison Baker for review/audit if she is still willing to assist.</p>	<p><b>Abby Poynter</b></p>
<p><b>Welfare Report:</b></p> <p>Nothing to report. Mark Brook suggested money should be added into the fund to show movement. The committee agreed that an advert might be placed in Penguin News to remind people the RBL can assist if there are people in need who are entitled to aid.</p>	
<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>Poppy Ball: Chair has researched tablecloths/candelabra/port glasses/candles on line, the committee agreed to the purchase of tablecloths, candelabra and enough port glasses to supplement those already in the Poppy Inn. Mark pointed out that there is a good supply of candles in the store. Committee agreed Chris should go ahead to spend up to £2,500 on tablecloths, candelabra and port glasses. It was agreed that a Poppy Ball meeting would be hosted at Chris and Nancy's house, 6 Brisbane Road on 14th August. Maeve Daly, John and Sarah Whitby had expressed interest in being involved.</p> <p>40th Anniversary of FI Conflict - Richard and Chris attended the initial meeting, Mark Brook is interested in getting involved and will contact Gilbert House to go on the committee.</p> <p>Branch Fees - Mark Brook queried whether the branch fees should be increased to cover admin fees. The committee felt not but it should go on the AGM agenda.</p> <p>Mark Brook reported that he is meeting with the new CWO as he is the Overseas Wreath layer.</p>	<p><b>All.</b></p>

Mark Brook reported that Veterans Cards are now being issued to personnel in the UK and veterans can now apply. MY NOTE: I can't find this online, as far as I can see nothing has changed from what we've previously reported. See:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-veterans-id-cards-rolled-out-to-service-leavers>

**Date of the next meeting:**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm at The Poppy Inn.

**Meeting closed:**  
Not noted.