

## Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

### Committee Meeting Minutes

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>Actions:</b>
<p><b>Present:</b> Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Abby Poynter, Richard Hyslop, Becky Rees (Treasurer designate), John and Sarah Maskell-Bott, Keith Biles, Tamsin Harris, Bob French and Maeve Daly-Llamosa.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Mark Brook, Dave Lewis.</p>	
<p>Richard Hyslop could not stay long as he had another meeting to attend however he remained on-line long enough to report that he would not be laying a wreath at the Cenotaph this year. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic restrictions only one wreath will be laid on behalf of all the OT's. SAMA veterans will not be attending either - Richard said it is going to be a very scaled down affair.</p> <p>Nancy Locke commented that it was therefore even more important that Remembrance activities in the Falklands are emphasised to make up for the limited activities in the UK.</p>	
<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<p><b>Matters arising:</b> Chris Locke said he had spoken to the C/O at Hillside regarding the Back Room and the Poppy Room Store key. It has been agreed that they can have a replacement key to enable routine inspections to be undertaken. The Back Room had been taken over during the</p>	

lock-down and used as a welcoming area for BFSAI personnel using Hillside. This has now stopped and BFSAI has agreed to let the RBL use the Back Room again.

52 members and guests attended the Quiz Night on 9<sup>th</sup> October. The prize money amounting to £52 was donated by the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams to the Poppy Appeal. The night was a great success.

Chris Locke said the Royal British Legion HQ had stated that branches do not need to hold an AGM this year, but as the Islands were pandemic free there was no reason why the Falklands Branch shouldn't hold a meeting so we would go ahead with plans for the AGM to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Nominations for Committee Members to be in by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. CBF has agreed to attend and it will be one of his last official commitments.

Apologies were received from John and Sarah Maskell-Bott for the AGM as although they will be in the Islands they will still be in quarantine.

It was noted that the minutes for the last AGM needed to be placed on the website, along with the nomination paperwork. Chris Locke said he would send them over to Bob French.

All the Poppy collecting tins have gone out - Chris Locke thanked Dave Lewis for his time in undertaking this vital part of the Poppy Appeal.

**Chris Locke**

**Chris Locke / Bob French**

**Chairman's Report:**

Chris Locke said it was clear Remembrance activities in the UK would be very different this year and

especially at the Cenotaph in Whitehall.	
<b>Vice Chairman's report:</b> Mark Brook was not in attendance and had not submitted a report.	
<b>Treasurer Report:</b> Abby Poynter made her last report as Treasurer for the Branch as she will be leaving the Islands in December. Chris Locke thanked her for all her hard work and said she would be very much missed by everyone.	
<b>Secretary's report:</b> Tamsin Harris said she had nothing to report.	
<b>Welfare report:</b> John and Sarah Maskell-Bott said they had nothing to report, but did mention that Fiona Hedges had asked for Case Worker stats to be sent in. They said they were both probably out of date for training, etc. Both are happy to be Case Workers but need refresher training at some stage. They agreed to explore whether there's virtual training they could do while in lock down.	<b>John and Sarah Maskell-Bott</b>
<b>Any Other Business:</b> Poppy Ball The alcohol for the bar will be delivered to the Town Hall at 1500 on Friday afternoon. It is understood that Mark will be going to the Poppy Inn on Thursday to get the optics, bottle openers, glasses, etc. Maeve said she would speak with Mark before he does that so there isn't a doubling up. She also confirmed that the ice machines had been arranged. Tables will be delivered on Tuesday around 1600. Maeve also confirmed the license has been granted and that she would pay the balance of the cost at the Town Hall	

<p>and claim it back.  She has six volunteers for the bar, including herself.  Maeve to meet Chris Locke to sort final details of bar prices. Mark has a float.  She said she was also organising pizza for the bar team, an idea that Chris Locke said was lovely and would show appreciation for their support.  The Ladies cloakroom will be rest room for the bar staff and will be clearly marked as such given it would appear Ball guests went in to the area last year and took food that was due for the bar team.  It was confirmed that 147 tickets have been sold, that's 22 tables and all except 2 tables have paid for.  The draft of table programme is with designer, Tony Ellis, along with the draft of the table plan.  The Malvina have names of those with dietary requirements.  There'll be a rehearsal for the Act of Remembrance on Wednesday at 6pm in the Town Hall.</p> <p>Unfortunately, The Governor will not be attending as he will be in quarantine on 6<sup>th</sup> November following his brief return to the UK. However, the Deputy Governor, Alex Mitham, will be there and has agreed to conduct the Loyal Toast. CBF would Toast Absent Friends.</p> <p>Bob French confirmed what we should put on the website in readiness for AGM – end of year accounts and minutes of the last AGM. Chris Locke / Nancy Locke to send the information over.</p>	<p><b>Ball Committee</b></p> <p><b>Bob French, Chris and Nancy Locke</b></p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting (not AGM):</b>  Zoom meeting Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December starting at 1800. To be followed by a Curry Night at the Poppy Inn.</p>	