

Falkland Islands Branch
Committee Meeting Minutes

12th July 2021

Agenda Item:	Actions:
Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Tamsin Harris, Keith Biles, Bob French, John and Sarah Maskell-Bott, Dave Lewis, Mark Brook and Richard Hyslop.	
Apologies: Becky Rees, Maeve Daly-Llamosa.	
Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
Chairman's Report: Chris Locke reported that he had received an email from Bob Chambers who works as the Overseas Representative for the RBL. He's doing a short presentation about the Falklands Conflict at next year's RBL Annual Conference and has requested a live broadcast via TEAMS with Chris and CBF. Bob French suggested there was a trial run, which would also allow for the different time zones. Sarah and John Maskell-Bott confirmed they could attend the Conference next year. With regard to the 'Standing with Giants' project, Richard Hyslop highlighted a very moving video about the idea. Chris Locke said he would share the link to it with the committee. The silhouettes will soon be making their way south on the re-supply ship, they have been especially made to withstand the FI weather conditions and are to represent all Forces. John Ferguson is the point of contact for erecting them when they arrive. There'll be 100 Silhouettes and each comes	Chris Locke

<p>with a Poppy Wreath. This is a trial run, if successful 255 will be provided for June next year. They're made from recycled road signs and painted black.</p> <p>Richard Hyslop agreed to remind Phyl Rendle about involving Chris Locke in the 40th Anniversary Committee.</p> <p>Chris said he'd received an email from BFSAl asking if anyone knew when the Ensign on HMS Antelope was last replaced. Bob Harris had suggested contacting the tug skippers.</p> <p>Black Tot night – the Committee were referred to an email sent to everyone. Chris Locke said his only concern was ensuring we comply with our Club Licence. It was agreed that Chris and Nancy Locke, Keith Biles and Mark Brook would host the event with Chris saying a few words of introduction. Chris Locke to go back to the RNA and say we're happy with the provision that this needs to be a RBL hosted function in accordance with the conditions stipulated within our licence.</p>	<p>Chris Locke</p> <p>Richard Hyslop</p> <p>Chris Locke</p>
<p>Vice-Chairman's report: Mark Brook raised the question of increasing the membership fee from September when the RBL are also increasing their fees. It was agreed not to increase the fee of £18.</p> <p>Wreaths should have arrived or arriving soon and Mark Brook will be collecting them from BFPO at MPA. The Government have ordered wreaths for 2022 already. Mark confirmed he had also ordered lapel pins, poppies, boxes and other bits and pieces via the portal and all are due to arrive in September/October.</p>	<p>Mark Brook</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report: No report available.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.</p>	

<p>Welfare Report: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Nancy Locke asked John Maskell-Bott what we can do/organise that would attract ex-service people. John said it was about providing a venue for them and then letting them decide what they wanted. It was agreed that the Black Tot event would be a good starting point.</p> <p>Mark Brook said service people now have nowhere to stay in Stanley so aren't around in the evenings. It was agreed that we need to flag up events we're hosting to BFSAI so they know and can if needed can organise overnight accommodation.</p>	<p>Chris Locke</p>
<p>Any Other Business: Nancy Locke said it was time to start making arrangements for the Poppy Ball. She said a number of members have come forward saying they're willing to help. It was noted that the event is almost sold out already!</p> <p>Richard Hyslop reported that he'd been in Plymouth, Devon a few weeks ago and presented the Lord Mayor of Plymouth with a Falkland Islands flag. 100 veterans were also there. They will always fly the flag in the city now. He was presented with some items that are now in the Islands and destined for the museum. Col Bob Stewart was there and when talking to him said his daughter is on a six-month tour on the Islands at the moment.</p> <p>Nancy Locke told the Committee that Wing Commander Bob Hylands is coming back with his wife, Michelle. He was here in '82 and is still serving.</p> <p>Bob French confirmed the newsletters are up to date on the website, as are minutes.</p> <p>Keith Biles said he had been trying to renew his membership online and the website wasn't behaving. John Maskell-Bott said he'd had the</p>	<p>Nancy Locke / All</p>

<p>same issue. Chris Locke said he would mention it to Fiona Hedges the Overseas Coordinator.</p> <p>Chris Locke said he recently sent Fiona some pictures of the Tea Dance and they will appear on the next weekly update from her. She was delighted with them.</p>	<p>Chris Locke</p>
<p>Date and time of the next meeting: Friday 6th August – 5pm in The Falklands and 9pm in the UK. Following the Zoom meeting the Poppy Inn will open at 1930 FI time.</p>	<p>All</p>