

Royal British Legion
Falkland Islands Branch
Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday 7th October 2022

Agenda Item:	Actions:
Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Keith Biles, John Maskell-Bott, Richard Hyslop, Bob French, Becky Rees, Tamsin Harris, Jenny Clarke, Mark Brook, Tim Mean, Richard Hyslop.	
Apologies: Sarah Maskell-Bott.	
Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	All
Matters Arising: Junes display of the Standing with Giants project has all been completed. It was confirmed a Falkland display has gone up in Lincoln. The Committee were asked for any thoughts about a karaoke night. There had been a suggestion to hold such an evening back in August. With regard to the Welfare report, the chair is all organised and on a ship now. Due early November – thanks to John and Sarah for sourcing and sorting delivery. The minutes are now back on the website.	All
Chairman's Report: Chris Locke said it was great to be back in the Falklands after an extended visit to the UK and good to see everyone either in person or by Zoom. He confirmed he had arranged to collect the Noel	

<p>Rogers Shield from the RBL, but two days before the collection it was announced that it had been lost. Apologies were offered by RBL UK and subsequently a new shield has been made as a replacement. Chris Locke asked the RBL UK to sent it to John Maskell-Bott who would bring it back to the Falklands in early November I time for the AGM and Poppy Ball.</p> <p>There are still issues with Standard Chartered Bank who froze our account back in June. Mark Brook and Becky Rees have tried desperately to resolve it. The Bank wanted the signatures of the RBL Trustees, but they're in the UK and there's 15 of them and they rotate every three years. Chris Locke said it all came to a head when he tried talking to the bank but he now feels progress is being made and this is good news as we can't do much without an active account. There was a discussion about the next move if the stalemate with the bank continues, including approaching the MLAs, the local Bank Regulator, the press and the Royal British Legion in the UK.</p>	<p>John and Sarah Maskell-Bott</p>
<p>Vice-Chairman's report: Mark Brook said he hadn't had any requests for wreaths, but was expecting some as the remembrance period approaches. There are a couple of outstanding bills for wreaths but not posted because of the bank issue. Mark confirmed some fundraising items are on the way, including 2022 poppy pins, lanyards and wrist bands.</p> <p>There've been a number of requests for crosses and there are still some left.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report: Becky Rees confirmed there's no change in our accounts due to the issue with the bank. She did say there's another document that needs signing.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Welfare Report: Nothing much, other than chair is purchased and on its way down via ship.</p>	
<p>Membership:</p>	

<p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>AOB: Chris Locke confirmed the AGM will be on Friday 4th November in the Poppy Inn.</p> <p>With regard to the next move for Standing with Giants, Chris Locke said he needed as much help as possible in the weekend before Remembrance Sunday to put them up. They then need to come down the weekend after Remembrance Sunday. If lots of people help all 258 the statues will be put up, otherwise it'll be just a few at the Cenotaph and on the grass at the front of the Cathedral as it is not possible to put them up singlehandedly.</p> <p>In early November 135 personnel including family members of fallen veterans, veterans, and their hosts are visiting the Islands. They have a full programme for their visit but on 11th November they will attend a ceremony at the 1982 War Memorial and then visit MPC in afternoon, staying until 2100. Mark Brook confirmed to Nancy Locke that the veterans coming to the Poppy Ball are separate to the 135 mentioned.</p> <p>Nancy Locke confirmed the Poppy Ball is still due to go ahead but tables aren't being confirmed until the bank situation is sorted out. The Town Hall is booked, the Malvina have the food in hand and Nigel Bishop is running the bar. Mark Brook is ordering the stock for the bar and the Bar fund can pay for the license. This needs applying for before time runs out. Chris Locke to sort out the wine for the tables and fizz on arrival. Becky Rees to liaise with FIDF over moving tables. Chris Locke will sort the poppy drop and lights. The Band was lined up but they can't do it now so contact is being made with the MPC band. Prizes need sorting, including the main prize for the 150 squares. Chris Locke to sort the meal at Government House and Tim Mean to asked Bleaker Island about an island break. Nancy Locke confirmed the event is more than sold out.</p> <p>Richard Hyslop said the Festival of Remembrance at</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Mark Brook</p> <p>Nancy and Chris Lock Mark Brook Becky Rees Tim Mean</p>

<p>the Albert Hall will start with 3-minute film about the Falkland anniversary and will include veterans telling their stories and Falkland Island students saying thank you. On the Sunday there'll be 400 veterans leading off at the Cenotaph.</p> <p>Mark Brook confirmed that on Thursday 10th November and Saturday 12th there'll be an open bar for veteran family relatives, veterans and hosts from 1900 onwards on both days. On the Sunday the bar will open from 1300 to 1700. He asked Tim Mean for an up-to-date list of membership to go in the bar.</p>	
<p>Date and time of the next meeting: The AGM at the Poppy Inn on Friday 4th November 2022.</p>	<p>All</p>