



**Royal British Legion
Basingstoke & Overton Branch
Branch Meeting**

Tuesday 17th September, 19.30 pm, Basingstoke Labour Club

MINUTES

Present:

President:	Dudley Wall (DW)	Member	Tom Wall (TW)
Vice Chairman	John Davies (JD)		
Treasurer / Mem Sec	Malcom Brunsdon (MB)		
Branch Youth Officer	Stuart Humphries (SH)		
Events Coord	Steve Day (SD)		

Apologies:

Apologies were recorded from David Barton (DB), Cheryl Felstead (CF), Olive Wall and Ann Wall

Exhortation

The meeting was opened with The Exhortation given by the Branch President

Adoption of Previous Minutes

MB noted that the Standard Bearers report required minor amendment in that two of the events referred to were post-meeting. Amendment made.

Proposed MB Seconded SD that amended minutes be accepted. Carried

Matters Arising (not on the agenda)

JD briefed that:

- (1) The issue relating to a potential amalgamation has been passed to County who will follow-up with Herriard, Lasham & District Branch. NFA required
- (2) It is believed that DB has yet to recover donation monies from Mrs Connolley.

Chairman's Report.

DB had previously confirmed that he had nothing significant to report. JD discussed importance of communication. All were in agreement that this was something that we needed to improve. The Branch Roundup (sway) is currently sent to @75 persons. We are recording levels of between 55-70 actually reading it; the latest roundup, just released, has already been read by 33 persons.

Secretary's Report

NTR



Treasurer's Report

MB confirmed that our accounts are healthy with closing balances of £2863 in our general account and £592 in our social account. The Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

MB briefed members that the Branch has recently paid £70.55 and £135 respectively to support two local veterans in need. MB explained about the opportunities afforded the Branch to issue Branch Crisis Grants if we were registered for BCS. JD confirmed that he has completed BCS training but the Branch is not registered. This led to a discussion about being BCS registered.

Proposed TW, Seconded SH that the committee explore options for BCS registration.

Carried

Membership Secretary's Report

MB reported that membership numbers had dropped to 97. One member has deceased and two members have left the Legion.

Actions:

- (1) JD to contact departing members.
- (2) MB to confirm full details of deceased member to JD for potential follow-up

Standard Bearer's Report

NTR

Events Coordinator's Report

SD confirmed that plans for 20th Oct Poppy Appeal Launch are progressing. Funding was discussed. He asked whether funds could be made available to offset meals and maximise profits. Sadly, this is a Poppy Appeal Event not a Branch Event and any funding falls with the PA. However, the Branch will continue to support in all practical aspects.

SD asked that members assist by selling tickets for the event.

Christmas Function. Discussed possibility of having a Christmas function for members, subsidised from social fund. SD to scope options for next meeting.

Proposed JD and seconded MB. Carried

Youth Affiliation Report

SH confirmed that he has yet to take this role forward. He will coordinate with DB so that they can plan activities. DW and TW offered to give a talk to cadets on range of military subjects.

AOB

Remembrance

JD confirmed that the requirement to enter into a contract between the Branch and BDBC for services provided has now been resolved as expected. There will be no formal agreement but the two parties will cooperate with each other as they have in the past. No further action required



JD outlined requirements for members wishing to parade to pre-register. Details were included in the roundup and are on the webpage.

Discussed laying of RBL wreath. JD suggested that it would be appropriate for a member, rather than an Officer or Committee Member was given the opportunity to represent the Branch.

Proposed JD, Seconded DW. Carried

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is on 15th October. Actions required:

- (1) Notification to members NLT 25th Sept. – JD to action
- (2) MB to provide full members list to JD – MB to action
- (3) Signed Finance report to be provided to JD to circulate – MB to action
- (4) Invite County rep and MEO – Done
- (5) Officers / Committee require to be re-elected: JD, SD & DW

The proposed agenda was discussed and will be circulated.

Branch Plan needs to be reviewed and, if necessary, revised before the AGM – Committee to Action

Discussed concluding the AGM with a social. Buffet platters, maximum spend £100 suggested.

Proposed SD, seconded SH. Carried

It was noted that the President does not yet have the Jewel. Purchase had been agreed by Committee when DW was appointed. MB to action purchase ASAP.

Welfare

Discussed ongoing initiatives to collaborate with other charities and agencies to ensure continued support to the Armed Forces Family.

Next Meetings

Committee. There will be a Branch Committee meeting at 7pm on 1st October. This will be a teams meeting to review the Branch Plan. JD to coordinate

Branch. The next Branch meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm

Closing Ceremony

There being no further business, the President concluded with the Closing Ceremony and the Kohima Epitaph.

The meeting closed at 20.55 pm

Signed. _____ Date: _____.

