



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Patron H.M. the Queen

Registered Charity Number 219279

Amesbury Branch (BR2562)

MINUTES OF AMESBURY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH MEETING

Wednesday 27th October 2010

1. PRESENT

President	Brig AJM Durcan	(AD)
Chairman	Mr. M Browning	(MB)
Secretary	Mr. RG Gamble	(BG)
Treasurer	Mr. G Southwell	(GS)
Asst. Membership Secretary	Mr. R Hughes	(RH)
Standard Bearer	Mr. PR Smith	(PS)
Area Poppy Organizer	Ms. P Gamble	(PG)
Poppy Coordinator	Mr. T Pryor-Jones	(TPJ)
Poppy treasurer	Mrs. M Hughes	(MH)
Communications Officer	Mr. N de Foubert	(NdF)
Welfare Officer	Mr. J Swindlehurst	(JS)
Branch Member	Mr. N Estlick	(NE)
Branch Member	Mr. J Keena	(JK)
Branch Member	Mr. C Burden	(CB)
Branch Member	Mr. R Ellis	(RE)

2. Apologies

Accountant	Mr. M Harding	(MH)
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3. Absent

Branch Committee	Mr. D Beeby	(DB)
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4. Exhortation

The Exhortation was read by the Chairman and a respectful silence was observed.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman opened the meeting at **19.30** by welcoming all present & advising that the preparations for Remembrance Sunday were proceeding well with that the Parade Marshall was due to be posted.

It was with deep regret that the Chairman announced for the record that for personal reasons & with immediate effect he would be withdrawing his services as Chairman.

The President thanked the Chairman for his services & wished him well.

The Secretary thanked the Chairman for the time & effort he had put into during his time in post & also wished him well.

6. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, the following comments were made:-

- The Treasurer's first name is spelt with a "G" not a "J"
- The Communication's Officer's surname has one "R" & not two & is spelt as follows "de Foubert"

7. Secretary's Report

The Secretary advised that it was his intension to call an Annual General Meeting (AGM), a discussion took place in regard to all branch posts, it was confirmed that:-

- All posts would become available.
- To remain in post there is a requirement to re-volunteer.
- The Secretary would provide a list of posts.
- Submissions for posts to be submitted to the Secretary no later than 14 days before the AGM (last submission date 14th December)
- On the evening of the AGM, the Volunteer would need to be formally proposed & seconded by a RBL member.
- On the evening of the AGM a voter via a "Show of hands" will take place for each individual post, the volunteer receiving the most "vote's" will be appointed to the post.
- The AGM would take place on Wednesday 29th December.

8. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer advised that there had been no outgoing's from the branch accounts, but today he had received an invoice for "storage of branch memorabilia" which would be processed.

The Treasurer also advised that on advice received from "County" funds would not be transferred to a separate deposit account.

9. Membership Secretary's Report

The Treasurer asked that any member who could renew their membership via "Standing Order" take this route to minimize administration, the Asst. Membership Secretary advised that he was aware that there were a number of members who would presently prefer to pay by cash.

10. Events

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11. Other Business

Vice Chairman

As the Chairman withdrew his services, the President offered to fulfill the role as Vice Chairman until the AGM, this was proposed by the Communications Officer & seconded by the former Chairman. **The motion was Carried**

Movement of "branch memorabilia" currently in Storage

The President (AKA Vice Chairman) volunteered to move the branch memorabilia out of storage so no further invoices would be presented to the branch, the Secretary advised that the equipment stored was in boxes & he would need assistance moving them, GS & JS offered to assist.

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Coordinator & area organizer confirmed the following;-

- Poppy boxes will be issued this week.
- Wrist bands & poppy pin's will also be on sale
- On Sat 13th Nov the ATC will assist in the RBL Gazebo
- On Sat 13th Nov Bag Packing will take place in the Co-op by the Brownies
- The key locations in Amesbury (less KFC) would be covered by Poppy day collectors.
- The Post Office, Reeves Bakery and Main Car park teams Poppy Trays and Collection boxes will be available from the 'Gazebo' for collection by the 1st collector of the day, and should then be handed on to the next team member in turn. Trays will be kept topped-up and full collection boxes replaced during the day by the Poppy day coordinators. At the end of the day the last collector is asked to return everything to the Gazebo.
- The Solstice Park Co-op, LIDL and Amesbury Town Co-op Poppy Trays and Collection boxes (along with reserve supplies) will be delivered to the 1st collector of the day in advance and arrangements will be made for their collection or return as required.
- The 'Gazebo' will be the HQ for the Poppy Appeal.
- The final count of donations will take place on Tuesday 16th November, PS offered to assist, this was appreciated by the Poppy Coordinator & area organizer.

The President (AKA Vice Chairman) advised that his preference would be for the HQ to be in a "non-licensed" premise; this was not put forward as a "proposal" and was not voted on.

Remembrance Sunday

There will be a rehearsal at Amesbury Parish Church on Saturday 13th November at 1000hrs.

The Standard Bearer was confirmed as Mr. P Smith, two escorts were requested and these posts were filled by:-

- Mrs. P Gamble
- Mr. J Swindlehurst

Bob Jackson (former Chairman)

The "Poppy" area organizer advised that "Gemma Gamble" had been to visit Bob & he had been in "good spirit", the "Asst Membership Secretary" asked that Bob's membership be covered via branch funds, this was approved by all members present.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM & will take place on Wednesday 29th December at 1930hrs in the BDRC.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at **2100hrs.**

CHAIRMAN:- "Is it your wish that these Minutes are recorded as being correct?" Approved / Not Approved

Signature:-.....

Name:-.....

Date:-