Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

General Meeting Minutes.

4th February 2013.

Present: Liam Shelbourne (Chairman)
Neil Russell (Vice Chairman)
Keith Biles (Secretary)
Dave Morris(Treasurer)
Dave Lewis (Poppy Co-ordinator)
Pam Lewis (Welfare Rep.)
Rev. Kathy Biles (Welfare Rep.)
Sarah Maskell-Bott (Welfare Rep.)
Pam Budd

Wendy Shelbourne
Karen Drysdale
Mark Neves
Fred Simpson
Rev. Richard Hines
Sue Francis
Ian Davidson
Ken Newton

Apologies for Absence: Jason Lewis.

Welcome to a John & Sarah Maskell-Bott on their return to the Islands, and Mark Neeves.

1. The minutes of the meeting on 7th January 2013 were confirmed as correct.

2. Matters arising:

- The new e-mail addresses are operative, and the web site has been updated.
- Formal authorization for the use of the Pinn Inn is awaited.
- There are still a few membership cards awaiting collection from the Secretary.
- It was confirmed that the Branch is only allowed one delegate to the Annual Conference, but two further observers seem to be permissible. (See Secretary's Report below).
- The Vice-Chairman will continue to investigate the supply of charity Christmas cards for sale through local shops on our behalf.
- The Chairman has an appointment with the Governor on 8th February to further explore the problems of FIDF acceptability as beneficiary members of the Legion, and to enquire if he is willing to run the Marathon on our behalf.
- The branch details showing in the Penguin News have been updated.

- The letter to John Underhill congratulating him on being admitted as an MBE has been sent.

- The Stanley Golf Club have confirmed that they are willing, in principle, to allow an RBL "sponsored" golf tournament. November was thought to be a suitable time to organize this as a way of raising funds for the Poppy Appeal.

ACTION: The Vice Chairman to progress this project.

- The Poppy Appeal monies and Branch affiliation fees have been remitted to the UK.

3. Chairman's Report:

Planning is required to be started now for the activities during Remembrance weekend in November. (See Any Other Business)

4. Vice-Chairman's Report:

A total of 7 MPA and Hillside personnel are running in the Stanley Half-Marathon on behalf of the RBL.

5. Secretary's Report.

The annual Conference is in Llandudno, on May 18 &19.
Application will be made for the Chairman to attend as a Delegate and John & Sarah Maskell-Bott, (who will be in UK at that time) to attend as Observers. ,(prop. by The Secretary, second. by the Vice Chairman, and passed by the meeting *nem. con*.).

ACTION: Secretary to submit applications.

A "mock-up of a News-letter has been produced by Jason Lewis, which was circulated for comment. Contributions for the first and subsequent editions would be appreciated. The News-letter will be published on the web site, and via e-mail. A paper version will be made available to those members who do not have e-mail addresses, or access to the internet.

6. Treasurer's Report

The total monies raised for the Poppy Appeal was £4,944.66. £10 has been retained in the account to keep it open, and the balance has been remitted to UK.

The Bank mandate has now been regularized.

A question was raised as to whether the funds raised through the sale of poppy badges through Che-Bay had been included in our overall total for the Poppy Appeal. No specific donation had been identified, and it was suggested that funds may have been remitted direct to the UK.

7. Any Other Business:

Marathon: In the absence of being able to obtain running vests from HQ, we will be supplying to those who will be running and obtaining sponsorship on our behalf. A sample design was circulated, although an adjustment needs to be made to the design to allow the runners' numbers to be pinned to the vest so as to not obscure the message and logo.

Remembrance Weekend planning:
Golf Tournament on Saturday – Vice Chairman to organise.
Poppy Ball on Saturday evening – to take the form of "Dinner with Entertainment" in the Town Hall – Dave Lewis to co-ordinate, in conjunction with the committee.

ACTION: Dave Lewis to start planning process.
ACTION: Secretary to book the Town Hall for Saturday 9th November.

8. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Monday 4th March 2013 in the Pinn Inn, Hillside Camp.

Keith Biles.
Secretary.