Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Branch Committee Meeting Minutes

4th March 2013

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

Apologies: Keith and Kathy Biles.

The minutes of the meeting on 4th February 2013 were confirmed as correct.

1. Matters arising:

- The date of the Poppy Ball was confirmed as Saturday 9th December.

ACTION: The Poppy Co-Coordinator to advertise on the notice board in the Post Office.

- The Vice-Chairman will pick up the supply and sale of Christmas cards in August.
- The Vice-Chairman will pick up on the golf tournament in August.
- It was confirmed that the Chairman will attend the National Annual Conference in May and that John and Sarah Maskell-Bott can also attend as visitors.
- The Chairman approached the Governor with regard to running the marathon on behalf of the RBL. The Governor declined as he is president of a number of charitable organisations in the Islands.
- The Chairman met with the Governor in regard to the problems of FIDF acceptability as beneficiary members of the Legion. This remains ongoing however HE has opened dialogue with Chris Simpkins.

2. Chairman's Report:

On Saturday 2nd March, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman received a cheque for £250 from 1435 Flight – monies they raised from running the Half Marathon.

The Chairman discussed an event that is taking place at MPA on 4th April 2013 "Falklands Caterer" which is a charity event and all proceeds will be split between RBL and SAMA FI. The Chairman has been asked to be one of the judges. All members were invited to put their names forward if they are interested in purchasing a ticket (during the announcement section of the evening and by e-mail to members). Post meeting, all seats for the event are now sold. (14.03.2013)

The Chairman advised that he had received an acknowledgement letter from Buckingham Palace with regard to the Christmas card that was sent by the Branch to the Queen.

The Chairman proposed the following in respect of the structure of the monthly meeting:-

19.00 Committee meeting. All members are entitled to attend but cannot speak or vote.

19.30 Announcements following on from the Committee meeting followed by a social evening with a view to putting on entertainment on occasion e.g. a quiz.

The Minutes to be posted two weeks after the meeting and the Agenda for the next meeting to be posted approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.

If a member wishes a matter be raised at the committee meeting, they are to raise it with a Committee member so it can be added to the Agenda.

The Vice-Chairman also proposed that a general meeting is held every quarter.

Both proposals were seconded by the Treasurer and the Poppy Appeal Co-Coordinator.

3. Vice-Chairman's Report:

The Vice-Chairman advised Members that Mr Underhill has been nominated as a Trustee for the Royal British Legion and that Mr Underhill has been very supportive of the Falkland Islands and would be a powerful friend if elected. Mr Underhill has pledged to supply paraphernalia to our Branch if we secure the Pinn Inn.

Additionally, Richard Cockwell is a friend of Mr Underhill and has done a painting to be auctioned in the UK and has pledged to do a painting for auction for our Branch. Members are asked to provide ideas to the Vice-Chairman for a topic for Mr Cockwell to paint.

4. Secretary's Report:

On behalf of the Secretary, the Chairman advised that the application has been sent with regard to sending a delegate to the National Conference and confirmed that visitors/observers are not required to obtain tickets.

The Town Hall has been provisionally booked for 9th November for the Poppy Ball. PWD cannot confirm the booking until three months before the hire date.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer advised that he needed to obtain signatures in order to change the address for the bank.

The Vice-Chairman suggested asking the Post Office if they would allocate a post box for the RBL.

ACTION: Poppy Appeal Co-Coordinator:

6. Any Other Business

It was suggested that SAMA are notified of the November Poppy Ball so that they do not plan to hold a function around the same time and also, with a view to them possibly promoting tickets to visiting veterans.

The Poppy Co-Coordinator advised that we are looking for artists and a band for the Poppy Ball in November.

The Vice-Chairman stated that there is always a band resident at MPC but the band that is currently here will not be the band that will be in the Islands in November. Current band to be approached.

The Vice-Chairman also suggested the possibility of karaoke background music in the absence of a live band.

ACTION: Chairman

The Vice-Chairman asked if a roster could be drawn up for the bar.

ACTION: Chairman

7. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Monday 8th April.