Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Branch Committee Meeting Minutes

8th April 2013

Committee Present: Liam Shelbourne (Chairman)

Keith Biles (Secretary)

Dave Morris (Treasurer)

Dave Lewis (Poppy Co-ordinator)

Pam Lewis (Welfare Rep.)

Sarah Maskell-Bott (Welfare Rep.)

Apologies: Neil Russell, Rev. Kathy Biles, John Maskell-Bott.

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

1. Matters arising:
    - Poppy Ball: No further progress since last meeting. Dave Lewis will co-ordinate on his return from leave.
    - The set-up for the Poppy Ball will take place on Saturday morning, Nov 9th.
    - SAMA have been notified about the Poppy Ball – they have nothing planned until December. A small pilgrimage of vets. is expected in November, and they can be advised about the Poppy Ball through SAMA UK once our programme has been worked out, and the price of tickets established.

ACTION: The Chairman is to approach the resident band at MPA to see if they are available for the Poppy Ball.

ACTION: The Treasurer will approach Ian Goss to sound out if he is willing to provide the entertainment for the Poppy Ball.

- The matter of FIDF acceptability as beneficiary members of the Legion is on-going, and we await further advices from the Governor.
- The Chairman has been advised that there is a wait of about $3^1/_2$ years for a Post Office box, but we have been placed on the waiting list.
- It has been requested that a roster be drawn up for the Bar service. The following have volunteered: Wendy & Liam Shelbourne, Keith & Kathy Biles, John & Sarah Maskell-Bott. Pam Lewis. Other volunteers will be canvassed at the next meeting.

ACTION: The Secretary to draw up a list of volunteers to act as Bar stewards. Two weeks prior to meetings a volunteer from the list will be contacted.

2. Chairman's Report.
    - Documentation from Defence Estates Department for the use of the Pinn Inn is awaited, but it has been intimated that we will have to obtain insurance cover through the MoD, presumably to cover Public Liability, but the details of the cover required are awaited.
    - We have received various photos and have some historic documents for framing to be used as decoration within the Pinn Inn only. On a motion proposed by Dave Lewis, seconded by Dave Morris, and passed *nem con*, we should spend the necessary funds to obtain frames for these items.

ACTION: The Chairman to arrange framing.

- The "cooking" event at MPA: Exercise Falklands Caterer, has raised approx. £1,500 for the Legion. It is likely that a similar event will be run every 6 months with funds raised going to various charities.
- A new promotional DVD has been received from HQ, which can be run for the members at the next meeting.
- Copies of the amendments to the Royal Charter have been received and are available from the Chairman.
- John Underhill has offered to provide decorative items for the PInn Inn once our tenure is secured. In this connection: Richard Cockwell has volunteered to provide us with an original painting for use in raising funds for the Legion. John Underhill has offered to have a limited print run done, the first of which will be for our own use in the bar, and he wishes to sell the others in UK for our funds. He also wishes to be advised regarding any auction of the original painting. Ideas are to be canvassed regarding suitable subjects for Richard. Landscapes are a very suitable use of his talents.

ACTION: All members of the Committee. Ideas to be submitted to the Chairman by e-mail before the May meeting.

3. Secretary's Report.

Results of the elections:

National Vice-Chairman 2013 – Terence WHITTLES

Members of the Board of Trustees – Neil SALISBURY,

William PARKIN

David WHIMPENNY

Members of the Membership Council -

Overseas Branches: Rodney BEDFORD

4. Treasurer's Report:
    - All locally supplied wreaths have ben delivered and invoiced.
    - A cheque for £210 for the sale of Poppy pins has been received by HQ.
    - A visiting vet. has requested a wreath during a visit in April, and will be advised to contact Liberty Lodge to obtain one from their stock.
    - The Marathon produced £407.20 in sponsorship and donations.
    - The green token scheme of FIC has produced £275.97. This scheme has been discontinued.

5. Next meeting: The next meeting will be a general meeting of the branch membership and will be held on Monday 6th May.

K. Biles.

Secretary.