Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes.

25th February 2014.

Present: Liam Shelbourne (Chairman)
Pam Budd (Vice Chairman)
Keith Biles (Secretary)
Annie Bailey (Treasurer)
Dave Lewis (Poppy Co-ordinator)
Kathy Biles (Welfare)
Pam Lewis (Welfare)

Apologies for Absence: John & Sarah Maskell-Bott., Bob French

1. The Minutes of the meetings of 30th December 2013 and 27th January 2014 were reviewed and certified as being correct .

2. Matters arising from January meeting:

   - There has been no response to our request for further information regarding the Special Donation of £250. As our Poppy Appeal this year has raised a record amount it was proposed (by Liam Shelbourne, and seconded by Dave Lewis) that we did not respond to the suggested Special Donation. This was passed *nem con* by the committee.

   - H.E the Governor was invited to the January meeting, but regretfully, he was unable to attend, and sent his apologies. A Branch plaque was presented to him by the Branch Chairman and the Branch Secretary at the Government House reception to mark his departure from the Islands.

   - The Branch Standard was paraded at H.E Governor's final parade, and the thanks of the Branch were recorded for Mark Brook's attention to this.

   - The arrangements for the scattering of ashes on 4th May from HMS CLYDE, and the hele. lift, were confirmed. The Branch Chairman and the Rev. Kathy Biles will attend.

   - Contrary to previous advices, the Branch Chairman will be available to attend the Liberation Day parade on behalf of the Branch.

   - The locks on the doors of the Committee room, the Wreath Store, and the Bar entrance have now all been replaced.

3. Chairman's report:

   - No nominations have been received for the appointment of Branch President. The Chairman proposed that CBFI be approached to

fill this role. The proposal was seconded by the Secretary, and passed *nem con* by the committee. The Branch members will be advised of the recommendation of the committee, and their ratification sought.

4. Secretary's report:.

    - The following documents have been received from H.O., which will be advised to the members and made available on the Notice Board:

        A proposed Manifesto to be developed for use with potential Parliamentary candidates in the future UK General Election.

        A notice regarding any member who wishes to take part in D-Day commemorations.

        A request received from the Commonwealth War Grave Commission regarding attendance at ceremonies held at official War Graves to mark the World War I centenary.

    - An invitation has been received for any Branch representative who is attending the Annual Conference to attend the Overseas Branches Forum, and requesting for any suggestions for Forum Agenda items.

5. Treasurer's report:

    - It was confirmed that the books of the branch have been handed over to the new Treasurer. She has reviewed these and is satisfied with them

    - The Poppy Appeal has raised the record sum of £9,072.83, and these funds will be remitted back to H.O. within the next couple of days.

    - Arrangements will be made with the Secretary to remit the Membership fees to H.O. by the end of the month.

6. Any Other Business:

    - The Chairman will develop an advert for insertion into the Penguin News next week inviting orders for wreaths for the forthcoming year.

    - A "Pie and Peas" evening will be held on Saturday 22nd March, further details will be circulated when finalised.

    - The request to H.Q. for details of the history of the branch has not produced any response. The Secretary was requested to follow-up with H.O. Dave Lewis offered to contact Bob Fiddes to see if he could help with any of the unavailable information.

7. The next meeting of the Committee has been provisionally fixed for 6.30 p.m. on 31st March 2014.

Keith Biles.
Secretary.