Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes.

5th January 2015.

Present:

Mark Brook (Vice Chairman)
Keith Biles (Secretary)
Annie Bailey (Treasurer)
Dave Lewis (Poppy Co-Ordinator)
Pam Lewis (Welfare)
Bob French (Media)
Pam Budd

Apologies received from: Liam Shelbourne, and Kathy Biles.

1. The Minutes of the meeting of 17th November 2014 were reviewed and certified as being correct.

2. There were no matters arising from the last meeting minutes:

3. Vice-Chairman's report:

   - The Vice-Chairman wished all committee members and branch members a Happy New Year!

   - The Poppy Appeal monies collected totaled £14,731.69

   - The thanks of the RBL branch were extended to the 1914 Committee for their organization of the commemorations of the Battles of Coronel and the Falklands on Battle Day. **Secretary to write on behalf of the Branch.**

   - The funeral and interment of Don Bonner were appropriately marked and the thanks of the Committee were extended to Bob French for acting as Standard Bearer, and to Liam for his co-ordinating role. Don's family were very appreciative of the attendance of the Legion and the respects paid.

   - In view of the number of people away from Stanley, and the generally tight cash situation so soon after Christmas, it was proposed that the Family night provisionally fixed for January be postponed until February. This matter was considered further under AOB.

4. Secretary's report:

   - There were still a number of Membership cards unclaimed with the associated fees outstanding. The Secretary will continue efforts to collect these outstandings or confirm the membership is no longer required.

   - The Public Liability insurance cover has been arranged to £2million at a cost of £500 pa. Further consideration of this matter will be undertaken on the return of the Chairman from leave early in the New Year.

5. Treasurer's report:

    - All funds raised for the Poppy Appeal have been remitted, and the necessary returns have been made to H.O. within the deadline dates laid down.

6. Any Other Business:

    - Provision of the Branch shields/plaques is to be further investigated by the Vice-Chairman, and additional sources investigated.

- The next Social meeting of the Branch is scheduled for 7.30 pm on Monday 2nd February, with some form of themed Family Evening to take place on Friday 13th February. A Committee meeting is scheduled prior to the Branch meeting at 7 pm on 26th January 2015.

Keith Biles.
Secretary.