

# Royal British Legion

## Falkland Islands Branch

### Committee Meeting Minutes.

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.

Present: Chris Locke (Chairman)  
Mark Brooke (Vice-Chairman & Poppy Co-ordinator)  
Keith Biles (Secretary)  
Annie Bailey (Treasurer)  
John Maskell-Bott (Welfare)  
Sarah Maskell-Bott (Welfare)

Apologies received from: Bob French, Pam Budd.

1. The Minutes of the committee meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were reviewed and certified as being correct, subject to the following amendments: in the Treasurer's report the amount in the Benevolent Account should be £4,884; and under AOB, Keith Biles met with the Secretary of Malaga, Spain, Branch.
2. Matters arising from the last meeting minutes:
  - The Encroachment Order for the Poppy Inn premises has now been finalised and is awaiting signing. **Action: CL**
  - Mark Brook is to contact HMS CLYDE to borrow the equipment for the races. **Action: MB**
  - Marathon on 20<sup>th</sup> March: There is one confirmed runner from Hillside to be raising funds for the RBL. Mark Brook to source a running vest and drinking bottle, suitably branded, for use by this runner. There is a further potential runner from MPA, but yet to be confirmed. **Action: MB**
  - The visitors ex the *Marco Polo* and Malaga Branch all expressed their thanks for the hospitality shown to them, and all are reported as having had a good time.
  - The visitors ex-Welsh Guards have been provided with wreaths as ordered. Invoices should be raised for 2 x £25. The advert in the Penguin News has generated orders from the main organisations requiring wreaths, some minor orders are still awaited.
3. Chairman's report:
  - We have been advised that there will only be one military band provided this year, which will be for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday parade. Representations have been made to see if there is any possibility for a further band to be provided for Remembrance Sunday and the results of this are awaited. Other potential participants in the Poppy ball will be approached. **Action: CL**
  - Unfortunately, the Curry Night, which was organized at short notice, had to be cancelled also at short notice, due to factors outside our control.

- The CWO, Calum Macintyre, is still keen to act as Quiz Master and a Quiz evening is to be organized for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. There will be a bar, and the club will be open to members and invited guests. Teams of 4 persons with a registration fee of £10 per team, and there will be a “bring and share” supper with members invited to bring along a plate of finger food to share.

**Action: CL for bar**

**Action: KB for advertising.**

4. Secretary's report:

- Membership matters are still causing a considerable amount of concern. The deadline for submission of annual renewal and also notification of new members is 31<sup>st</sup> March, but it will only be after that date that a definitive list of members will be able to be finalised.

**Action: KB**

5. Treasurer's report:

- The balances reported at the January meeting remain unchanged, with approx.. £529 in membership fees to be remitted.

6. Welfare report: Nothing to report under this heading.

7. Any Other Business:

- A ceramic Poppy ex the Tower of London will be presented to the Museum by John & Sarah Maskell-Bott at the Poppy Ball, with the second poppy to be presented to the Poppy Inn at the next Branch meeting.

**Action: CL to contact Colin Davis re boxes.**

- A second contingent ex Welsh Guards will be arriving during the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March and may attend the Branch meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March. A further remembrance ceremony will be held at Fitzroy on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

- A Glyn Evans, ex RAMC is attending KEMH on a training course and is keen to visit Ajax Bay. Volunteers to drive are to be sought. **Action: CL**

- The next informal meeting of the Branch is scheduled for 7.30 pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. A Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

Keith Biles.  
Secretary.