

Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes.

9th January 2017.

Present: Chris Locke (Chairman)
Mark Brook (Vice Chairman & Poppy Co-ordinator)
Keith Biles (Secretary)
Annie Bailey (Treasurer)
Bob French (Web Site Administrator)
Pam Budd

Apologies for Absence: Wendy Shelbourne, John Maskell-Bott (Welfare),
Sarah Maskell-Bott (Welfare)

1. The draft minutes of the last committee meeting on 13th December 2016 were approved.
2. Matters arising:
 - Mark Brook is continuing to investigate options regarding the Club stickers for membership cards, and awaits quotation from The Print Shop.
 - The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are looking at provision of Branch Plaques for presentation.
 - The Poppy collection tin was recovered from the cruise ship and produced £35 plus some US dollars, which will be held for further consolidation to avoid minimum commission charges.
3. Chairman's Report:
 - Thanks were formally recorded to Wendy Shelbourne for running the Social evening and quiz night, which raised £25.

A "Social Mailing List" is to be developed which will include CWO and CBF. The Chairman, Secretary and the Social Event Organiser will have access.

- The Poppy collection boxes at MPC have been emptied and produced £2,700+. A cheque was later formally presented to the Chairman by CWO.
- The cabinet for the ceramic poppy is awaiting collection from the Museum and will be presented at the February meeting.
- It was noted that the Poppy Inn will be available to members during the Rugby 6 Nations contest during February and March.

4. Vice- Chairman's Report:

- No wreaths were delivered over Christmas.

5. Secretary's Report:

- Membership: After the completion of the December renewal process the Secretary to obtain a definitive list of branch members. The problems with direction of new members trying to join the Branch on-line being directed to the St. James branch have been brought to the attention of the Overseas Branches Co-ordinator.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- The sum of £11,669 has been remitted to the Poppy Appeal. Any further funds collected will be held over to next year. Of the funds sent, some £3,400 have been held over from the previous year.
- All necessary forms have been returned to Head Office on time.
- Public Liability Insurance: The cover- note certifying the cover has yet to be received. **Secretary to follow-up.**

7. Welfare: Nothing to report.

8. Any Other Business:

- A fund-raising idea by Andrew Almond-Bell was discussed and will be developed further.

9. Next Meeting:

The following committee meeting will be on Thursday 2nd February at 7.00 pm at the Chairman's house.

Keith Biles.
Secretary.