Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes.

2nd February 2017.

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

Apologies for Absence: Annie Bailey (Treasurer), John Maskell-Bott (Welfare), Sarah Maskell-Bott (Welfare)

1. The draft minutes of the last committee meeting on 9th January 2017 were approved.

2. Matters arising:
   - The Club stickers for membership cards, have now been produced and will be available for members to attach to their cards when received.

   - The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are looking at provision of Branch Plaques for presentation.

3. Chairman's Report:
   - A number of VIP visits are scheduled for the next few months including: a group of UK MPs, the Armed Forces Parliamentary Group (also UK MPs); A group of Veterans – ex- Welsh Guards – who will be attending the Fitzroy Memorial on St. David's Day.

   - A picture of the presentation of the cheque by CWO at the last Branch meeting appeared in the Penguin News.

- A total of £11,203 has been raised for the Poppy Appeal, and the **Chairman will be placing a letter of thanks to the community in the Penguin News.**

- The display box for the ceramic poppy is now available from the Museum and will be formally presented for display in the Poppy Inn at the next branch meeting.

- The Poppy Inn will be opened for use of members during the "6 Nations" Rugby Tournament. Steve Fowmes has volunteered to co-ordinate this and will liaise with the Bar committee.

- A group e-mail to members will advertise the Rugby programme. **Secretary to arrange the e-mail**.

4. Vice- Chairman's Report:
    - Wreath inserts have been ordered from the Print Shop.

    - The new bulk order for wreaths will be arranged in the next few weeks. Orders from the community will be canvassed via an advert in the Penguin News.

5. Secretary's Report:
    - No new items to report.

6. Treasurer's Report:
    - No new items to report pending the return of the Treasurer to the Islands, hopefully, next week.

7. Social Secretary's Report:
    - It is expected that a military band will be available for the Queen's Birthday Parade, and **enquiries will be made by Wendy** to ascertain if they could be made available to the Legion for a fund raising activity during their stay.

8. Any Other Business:
    - A stand for the Branch Standard, gauntlets, and a set of shoulder carrying straps have been received from Richard James and are **awaiting collection by Bob**.

- The Chairman is looking for a volunteer to produce an article for the Overseas News Letter based upon the activities surrounding the commemorations of the 35th anniversary of Liberation.

9. Next Meeting:

   The next committee meeting will be on Monday 6th March at 18.30 in the Poppy Inn pre the Branch meeting .

Keith Biles.
Secretary.