Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes.

6th March 2017.

Present: Chris Locke (Chairman)
Keith Biles (Secretary)
Annie Bailey (Treasurer
Bob French (Web Site Administrator)

Apologies for Absence: Mark Brook (Vice-Chairman), John & Sarah Maskell-Bott (Welfare), Wendy Shelbourne, Pam Budd.

1. The draft minutes of the last committee meeting on 2nd February 2017 were approved.

2. Matters arising:
    - Providers of Branch plaques will be exhibiting at the Annual Conference, and John Maskell-Bott will be investigating, and if feasible, sourcing plaques for the Branch .

3. Chairman's Report:
    - The group of UK MPs, the Armed Forces Parliamentary Group and a group of ex- Welsh Guards were met.

    - A picture of a contingent of Welsh Guards who had stayed with Mike Butcher in Stanley after the Conflict, together with a plaque presented to him at that time were in turn presented to the RBL for our safe keeping.

    - Joe Falzon, a Trustee of the Legion in UK visited on a cruise ship and was met and entertained by the Chairman. He visited the Poppy Inn, and was impressed by the standard of facilities available to members.

4. Vice- Chairman's Report: No report submitted.

5. Secretary's Report:

- The Overseas Branches Co-ordinator has confirmed that applications for new members can be process throughout the year, although with our constraints on the costs of remitting the relevant fees, it was agreed that we would submit these in bulk when available.

- A list of branch members has now been received from Head Office. A "soft" copy will be provided to the Chairman and the Treasurer in due course. **ACTION: The Secretary.**

6. Treasurer's Report:
    - A letter has been received from the National Head of Outreach thanking the Branch for their contributions to the Poppy Appeal.

- Confirmation of the Branch insurance cover against Public Liability risks has been received and has been passed to the Chairman for his records.

7. Social Secretary's Report:
    - No report submitted.

8. Any Other Business:
    - The frame for the ceramic Poppy is still pending resolution.

    - The CWO has confirmed that arrangements for the Queen's Birthday parade are in hand but have yet to be finalised. He will advise when this has been completed.

9. Next Meeting:

    The next committee meeting will be on Monday 3rd April at 18.30 in the Poppy Inn pre the Branch meeting .

Keith Biles.
Secretary.