Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes.

12th June 2017.

Present: Chris Locke (Chairman)
Mark Brook (Vice-Chairman)
Keith Biles (Secretary)
Annie Bailey
Bob French
Pam Budd
Wendy Shelbourne

Apologies for Absence: John & Sarah Maskell-Bott.

1. The draft minutes of the committee meetings on 3rd April and 1st May 2017 were confirmed.

2. Matters arising:
   - There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

3. Chairman's Report:
   - A follow-up to the contact with Santiago Branch will be undertaken by the Chairman.
   - Wreaths were laid at San Carlos Landing Day Ceremony and at Fitzroy memorial services.
   - CBF is expected to visit the Poppy Inn before the end of June during which the topic of the Presidency will be discussed.
   - There has been no progress with the negotiation of the renewal of the Encroachment Order.
   - The Maskell-Botts have reported that they had not been able to contact a supplier of plaques whilst at the Conference, but have found a supplier of banners, and will pursue this. A further contact with the Pod Gift Shop will be made by the Vice-Chairman.
   - The MoD have confirmed that they will not provide any concessionary fare for the Standard Bearer to return for the Remembrance Day Service in London. Much discussion on this topic took place. [Post Meeting Note: Further consideration of this matter has been superseded by an offer to cover the cost of the flight by Interserve].
   - The Union Flag will be paraded in Stanley for the local Remembrance Day service. The CWO will assist in supplying a suitable standard.

4. Vice-Chairman's report: There were no items to report.

5. Secretary's Report: There were no items to report.

6. Treasurer's Report: All wreath invoices have been sent out.

7. Social Secretary's Report:
    - Wendy confirmed that she would be happy to arrange for a cold buffet, or possibly a curry to cater for an informal "dining-in" for the new CBF. She will be away until 6th July and will progress this on her return.
    - Andy Almond-Bell has donated a 1 ltr. Bottle of Courvoisier Cognac as a prize for the "football cards". Numbers will be sold at £1 per number, and sales to start on Wednesday 14th June.
    - The Poppy Inn bar will be open on the afternoon of Liberation Day from 14.00 until 17.00

8. Any Other Business:
    - £140 was received from the Medical Unit at MPC from a Quiz Night held by them.
    - There is a "Pilgrimage '90" to be held in Flanders and the possibility of parading our Standard at that event on 8th August was discussed. There is a requirement of a payment of £1,000 on booking places for 2 people. Unless a corporate sponsor could be found to cover this cost and the cost of the flight, the expense was thought to be prohibitive.
    - John Maskell-Bott reported that the Conference in 2018 will be held in Belfast, but it is unlikely that he and Sarah will be able to attend.
    - A meeting is to be held on the 21st June between the Chairman and Carl Stroud of the Malvina House Hotel to start planning for the Poppy Ball later this year.

9. Next Meeting:

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

Keith Biles.
Secretary.