Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes.

9th October 2017.

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

Apologies for Absence: John & Sarah Maskell-Bott, Wendy Shelbourne. (Social Secretary)

1. There were no minutes arising from the informal committee briefing meeting on 28th August. The minutes of the committee meeting on 7th August 2017 were confirmed.

2. Matters arising:
    - We await CBF's visit to the Branch for formal approach re. President position, although the CoS will be sounded out regarding the current interest.
    - The finalisation of the Encroachment Order is pending.

3. Chairman's Report:
    - The committee was requested to make contribution towards the expenses of the Standard Bearer, and the Treasurer was authorised to make a payment of £250 to Bob French to assist with accommodation and other costs.
    - The Media co-ordinator at FIGO has been briefed on the parading of the Standard at the Royal Albert Hall, and at the parade on Whitehall, and will ensure that the information is passed on to the BBC.
    - A Union Flag for parade in Stanley has been sourced by the Chairman and is gifted to the Branch by him together with a stand.
    - Tickets for the Poppy Ball have sold well with only two tables (12 places) left.
    - The usual Government House Reception for committee, volunteers, and donors will be held on 20th November between 18.00 and 19.30.
    - The stock of the photographic book by Andy Jackman has been passed to the Pink Shop for sale – they have paid £15 per book. We have kept 12 for Branch purposes.
    - We have been advised that Jo Turner has been making fabric poppies selling at £16 each with 25% coming to the Poppy Appeal. So far £40 has been received.

4. Vice-Chairman's report:
    - Nothing to report.

5. Secretary's Report:
    - Nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report:
    - Branch accounts were filed on 15th September, and acknowledged by H.O.

- There are still some debtors for wreaths supplied. Two invoices are outstanding totalling £350.00
- It may still be possible to exchange old UK £1 coins after the deadline of 30th October, from information in the current Legion magazine. Arrangements will have to be made to deal with any such coins that are collected in the Poppy Appeal tins.

7. Social Secretary Report:
    - An informal "Dining-In" for CBF has been postponed due to other commitments.

8. Any Other Business:
    - A new Overseas Branch Support Officer: Heather Marsden, has been appointed.
    - Banner flags as Branch "give-aways" have been sourced and the Chairman was authorised to spend up to £120 in purchasing these.
    - The AGM will be held on 27th November.

9. Next Meeting:

    There will be a briefing for the committee on the planning of the Poppy Ball on Thursday 2nd November at 19.00 at the home of the Chairman.

Keith Biles.
Secretary.