

# Royal British Legion

## Falkland Islands Branch

### Committee Meeting Minutes

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 (postponed from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018)

Present: Chris Locke (Chairman)  
Mark Brook (Vice Chairman and Poppy Co-ordinator)  
Lee Martin (Treasurer)  
Dave Lewis  
Keith Biles  
Lisa Martin (Social Secretary)  
Nancy Locke (Secretary)

Apologies for Absence: John Maskell-Bott, Sarah Maskell-Bott, Richard Hyslop, Bob French

1. Draft Minutes of the last meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February were approved.
2. Matters arising:
  - Para 9 should be RAF 100 Baton (not RFA)
  - Minutes are now being emailed to members (with effect from last month), Secretary will post sets of minutes to anyone without email upon request.
  - GP 90 received legacy of £1000. Chairman has booked for Liam and Wendy Shelbourne to attend, thanks to Treasurer for making the payment.
3. Chairman's report:
  - ExAtlantic Battle legacy – RH, CL, NL, JM-B attended on behalf of RBL FI. A few of the attendees came to Poppy Inn after the reception.
  - Annie Bailey's Dining Out meal confirmed as Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at the Waterfront.
  - Annual Conference – we have filled out the necessary forms so we can attend.
4. Vice Chairman's Report:
  - ExAtlantic Battle legacy – invoice sent to UK and will pay into Mark's UK account.
  - Liberty Lodge have been paying directly into the Poppy Account but this is now resolved. Have a number of B Wreaths to pass to Liberty Lodge which have recently been requested.
  - MPC have enough for Landing Day and should have enough stock until new wreaths arrive.
5. Secretary's report:
  - Membership – three new member forms received and one transfer to pass on from Lisa.
  - Highlighted by RH (who is currently in the UK) that he's attended shows in UK to increase membership and suggested doing so in Camp. Raising profile in FI from previously experience is not worth RBA or Camp show attendance but would consider Farmer's Week.

6. Treasurer's report:

- Paperwork handed in to bank, Keith Biles needs to pop in so they have a new signature and fresh copy of his passport.
- Some cheques not cleared which had been submitted, i.e. Paul Barton/Lou Ellis however Lee Molkenbur showing £34 credit. Treasurer to confirm with bank.
- All accounts showing healthy balances. Noted that donation from the UK has been received. Some funds have been paid into the Poppy appeal and not the current account; however the Committee agreed to leave it where it is.
- Noted that the UK charity 'Army of Angels' donated £5,000 less bank charges. Designated funds can be set up within this committee, or ring fenced before the end of the financial year or the Poppy Appeal starts, i.e. promoting the branch.

7. Social Secretary's Report:

- Waiting to hear back from Paul Watson to confirm whether 30<sup>th</sup> June for FIDF hall booking for Armed Forces Day, still waiting to hear back from Civ Mil Liaison as to whether sections from MPC would be interested in taking part.

8. Welfare Report:

- Nothing to report.

9. AOB

- Chairman said he will not be here in June for Liberation Day and also the Branch will be without a standard bearer as Bob French will be away. Chairman asked if Mark Brook could lay the wreath or if he preferred carry the Standard as Vice Chairman. Lee Martin agreed to undertake either responsibilities depending on what Mark wished to do.
- 'There but not there' project. Committee agreed RBL do not want to be involved financially, however CL/NL to attend meetings on behalf of the Committee.
- Mark Brook – question of funds which comes up at the AGM, do we need to include discussion of including a membership contribution to branch funds? ACTION– All agreed to discuss at the next meeting and get opinions from committee members who are not here.
- Bar area/communal area in poor condition. LM has spoken to DIO and they are happy for RBLFI to paint in a neutral colour, suggestion that painting party carries out the work over the winter months. Also remove Pinn Inn sign above dart board and replace with Poppy Inn.

**10. The next meeting of the Committee to be Monday May 7th at 6:30 pm in the Poppy Inn.**

Chris Locke  
Chairman

Apologies in advance for next meeting from John and Sarah Maskell Bott,.  
Keith away first week of June. Dave goes 8<sup>th</sup> May – back 10<sup>th</sup> August.