

Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes

1st June 2018

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

Apologies for Absence: John Maskell-Bott, Sarah Maskell-Bott, Dave Lewis, Bob French

1. The draft minutes of the last committee meeting held on 7th May 2018 were approved.
2. Matters arising:
 - Apart from Keith Biles and Dave Lewis all have paid for Annie's dining out dinner held in April.
 - Wendy Shelbourne will need the Branch Standard after Liberation Day to take to the UK for GP 90.
 - The RAF 100 Baton relay will take place in Stanley. Those wishing to attend are requested to meet by 1.30pm at Jetty Centre on Sunday 3rd June.
 - Thanks for Treasurers work on the Abingdon branch cheque clearance.
 - Payment has now been received for all Ex-Atlantic wreaths.
 - New membership forms have been received by the Membership Secretary.
3. Chairman's report:
 - The Chairman has concerns over misuse of the Poppy Inn and unofficial access to the room, bar, back room and store. Last month the combination lock was found open and lying on the ground adjacent to the car park and main entrance with the keys missing from the combination lock holder. This is not acceptable. As a result a review on access, use of the TV and policy on membership is underway.
 - Liberation Day 14th June - Mark will lay the RBL FI wreath as Vice and Lee will carry the Branch Standard. Chair will order new gloves for Lee.
 - Branch Emails – Jason hasn't renewed the hosting of the domain name. Synergy have been approached to assist but need Jason's permissions to resolve the issue. Chair will speak to Jason. Post meeting note...Synergy are investigating the cheapest available domain space for RBL FI and will look after the site at nil cost other than the hosting fee. Should have more detail on this at the next meeting.

4. Vice Chairman's Report:

- This year's wreath supply should have arrived by sea and in a container at MPC. Vice Chair will confirm collection arrangement however Gilbert House and Government House have sufficient supplies for current requirements.
- There have been 8 wreaths requested this week, Vice Chair has some old stock left but please let him know if intending to use one.
- The Poppy collection tin which was held by the Tourist Board at the Jetty Centre was collected this week and had in excess of £90 and some dollars.
- Vice Chair has some UK £1 coins to take back to the UK on his visit in August.

5. Secretary's report:

The Secretary will email minutes to personal e-mail addresses while we are still encountering problems with the official e-mail account.

6. Treasurer's report:

- Unfortunately SCB still has the wrong address for statements. Treasurer will again try and resolve next week.
- Bar committee's bank account has been closed, Treasurer to investigate.
- Alison Baker has been in touch regarding formalising the paperwork regarding arrangement of her being the FI Branch RBL Auditor. The Treasurer will action this request. The Committee all agreed she should be invited as a guest to the next Committee dinner.

7. Social Secretary's Report:

- Armed Forces Day- Mick Cowell (FIDF) stated that the FIDF are happy to get involved with the event and have provided a 'set list' and people who have committed to set up on the day. However the Civ Mil Liaison Officer Andy Keane was less sure that MPC could support the event. Chair will contact CBF due to stalled response from Civ Mil. Post meeting note: The Secretary has contacted BFAI through MOD/FIG Liaison Officer.

8. Welfare Report:

- Nothing to report.

9. AOB

- New clothing range, simple Poppy design with FI RBL on polo shirts. Keith noted that there may be copyright to the design of the Poppy design.
- Following a number of concerns about use of the Poppy Inn it was agreed that a visitors signing book would be purchased. All non-members would be required to be signed in by their host.
- Secretary suggested purchasing a defibrillator which would be located in the Bar. Committee voted in favour of this investment. Secretary will investigate costs.

- The pool table is in poor state, Mark Brook has talked to Hillside about repairing it with a proposal to have a pool / darts evening.
- Penguin racing suggested as an alternative social event.
- Poppy Ball items discussed:
 - Lisa to confirm Town Hall is booked for 5-10th November.
 - Tables to stay in the hall after the Conservation Ball.
 - Bagpiper on stage to do two numbers to launch evening.
 - Port donated by Lee and Lisa to go with cheese.
 - 'Empty chairs at empty tables' and mini-Tommys on tables.
 - Refine raffle draw.
 - Separate Poppy Ball meeting to take place nearer the time.
- Poppy Inn will be open on Liberation Day
- The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Lisa and Lee for hosting the Committee Meeting and splendid Pizza!

10. The next meeting of the Committee to be Thursday 19th July at 6:30 pm in the Chairman's house.

Chris Locke
Chairman