Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes

6th January 2020

Agenda Item	Actions
Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Dave Lewis, Maeve Daly-Llamosa **Apologies:** Richard Hyslop, Tamsin Harris, Bob French, Mark Brook, Keith Biles, Abby Poynter, John Maskell-Bott, Sarah Maskell-Bott,	
Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate account.	
Matters arising: Outstanding item: AP to review email regarding training offered by RBL UK and report back at next meeting. CL had been in touch with MPA and has been told the BFSAI Poppy Appeal has raised over £1,800 (see below).	ABBY POYNTER
Chairman's Report: The Chair welcomed Maeve to her first meeting and thanked Dave Lewis for stepping in to man the Poppy Inn Bar for tonight's branch social. CL reported that he had been approached by Mensun Bound/Richard Cockwell to lay a wreath at the German/British memorial. However to date nothing further had be heard. The Command Warrant Officer would like to present the Poppy Appeal cheque in person and will bring a team to the Quiz night in March. CL suggested a date in late March for quiz but will depend on bar committee availability noting that Pam & Dave Lewis are away from 1st Feb to 14th March.	

CL noted that the deadline for the MS1 had passed but with so many people away it had been impossible to complete it with wet signatures.	
Vice Chairman's Report: No report as Vice Chair has sent apologies as he is away.	
Secretary's Report: NL standing in for TH as Secretary for minute taking, nothing to report except that a personal email had been received from Standard Chartered bank which would be forwarded for action.	
Membership Secretary's Report: Nothing new to report, however some transfers are on their way from other branches including the membership for BFSAI COS and Alison Inglis.	
Treasurer's Report: Apologies were received from the Treasurer who had noted a few bills post Poppy Ball were uncollected in her absence in the Post Office, they have now been signed off. It was reported that £12,900 had been remitted to HQ for the Poppy Appeal, CL to write a letter to Penguin News to thank everyone. (NL to draft)	CHRIS/NANCY LOCKE
Welfare Report: Nothing to report	
Any Other Business: CL raised that the UK Bank Holiday 7th May will be the RBL's VE day 75th commemoration and VJ Day 75th will also be marked with a memorial at the National Arboretum. It was suggested that the Branch could host a 'tea party' event in the Poppy Inn with singalongs too. CL noted that 2021 is the Legion's 100th anniversary and marking that appropriately will be something for future discussions, perhaps the theme for 2021 Poppy Ball?	COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AT NEXT MEETING

The chair also sent on the best wishes received to the Overseas Branches from the National Chair. MD-L raised the possibility of a personal wreath (for a family friend) in memory of a helicopter crash off Pebble in 82 to be laid on Liberation Day. All agreed this would be welcomed.	
Date of the next meeting: The next meeting will be the Monday **3rd** February 2020 at the Poppy Inn at 6.30pm. Apologies received in advance from Dave Lewis, Bob French, Richard Hyslop	
Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 18.51½	