Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom on Monday 1st June 2020

Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Richard Hyslop, Keith Biles, Mark Brook, Bob French, Tamsin Harris, David Lewis. John Maskell-Bott and Sarah Maskell-Bott. **Apologies:** Maeve Daly-Llamosa and Abby Poynter.	
Minutes of the last meeting: Approved, with addition of apologies from Dave Lewis that had been submitted before the meeting.	
Matters arising: Chris confirmed he had not yet sent out an email regarding support people might want from the RBL.	Chris Locke
Chairman's report: Chris reported he laid the RBL wreath on 21st May for Landing Day at San Carlos and although a solemn occasion it was good to be there. He added that it was a lot less busy than in previous years which made the event less formal. The Governor and MLA Edwards laid a wreath along with other members of the attendees; everyone adhered to social distancing. On the 8th May Chris attended a short 'socially distance' VE Day service at the Cathedral which was streamed live through FITV. Along with other members of the congregation he then preceded to the Cross of Sacrifice for the 1100 2 minutes silence followed by the laying of wreaths. Along with the RBL wreath Chris also took the RBL Standard. The occasion was well reported in Penguin News. Bob Chambers and Fiona Hodges from the RBL are asking if they can have a video link call with Chris and then join one of our meetings. Chris will contact them to see how we can take this forward.	Chris Locke

Vice Chairman's report: Mark confirmed the new wreaths have arrived and are in the RBL store. He said he would go in over the next couple of days and sort them out. Mark also said that three requests for wreaths for Liberation Day had been dealt with. Mark reported he had paid one cheque into bank and had two receipts for Abby which he said he would get to her. Chris said he had money to pay in to the account for wreaths too. Chris confirmed he went in to the Poppy Inn at the end of last week and found a number of new wreaths in the Back Room which were those on order. He moved them to the Wreath Store.	Mark Brook Mark Brook Chris Locke
Secretary's report: Tamsin said she had nothing to report and apologised that Dave Lewis had been left off the apologies on the last minutes.	
Membership Secretary's report: There was nothing to report from Maeve. Nancy said she had received a letter from RBL UK saying membership was due in April, but she thought it was paid locally.	
Treasurers report: Read by Chris on behalf of Abby who said she was sorry she couldn't attend the meeting due to training at work. There are two bills to go from the Current to Poppy Accounts due to these being paid out of the wrong account. These total £381.29. There has also been a membership payment paid into the Poppy Account that she will transfer of £17 pounds. Abby also needs to transfer £10 from the current account into the Benevolent fund as we did last year to keep the account active.	Abby Poynter
Welfare Fund report:	

All quiet on the welfare front.	
Any Other Business: There's a lot of military charities helping veterans in hospitals so worth noting in case people come up to the UK. Mark added that if you go to your GP or to hospital it's worth saying if you're serving or an ex-serviceman. He added the Veteran Cards may help with this as you can show them to prove your status. Bob will add the RBL newsletters to our website along with the Overseas Updates. Chris Locke will ask the RBL to copy the newsletters to Bob. Richard said that on Liberation Day, they would normally go to the memorial in St Paul's Cathedral, but as it's closed at present, they would be conducting a private wreath laying at the Cenotaph in Whitehall instead. Leona Roberts will lay a wreath in Stanley at the same time and both events will be filmed and there'll be interviews too. The Maskell-Boots offered to help and be interviewed. Dave asked if we had any idea of whether we can place orders for November for Poppy Tins, etc. Mark Brook didn't know yet. Dave added that we need new boxes as the existing ones are looking tatty. Plans for Remembrance Sunday are still going ahead at present and it was agreed the committee should plan as if the event is going to take place. Mark said he now had some remembrance cards printed for the wreaths and will sort them out and get them to the right locations. Receipts for these will be sent to Abby. Chris said he took out the final RFA wreath from the Wreath Store to lay on 8th June at Fitzroy. Mark said there should be more RFA wreaths in the new batch that has just arrived. Chris said the Rev. Ian Faulds was planning for Liberation Day where in adhere to 'social distancing' requirements the Standards will not be paraded but be positioned at by alter before the service started. John Whitby will carry the RBL Standard at the Liberation Memorial; Mark Brook is already	Bob French Mark Brook Mark Brook

committed with the RNA. Dave said a lot of local people are going to do their own thing on the day to avoid being in large groups. Chris raised the subject of the RBL's 100th birthday and asked for thoughts about ways in which we might want to mark the anniversary.	All
Next meeting: Monday 6th July. Zoom meeting. 5.30pm (FLK) 9.30pm (UK).	All