Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes

7th September 2020

Agenda Item:	Actions:
Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Dave Lewis, Keith Biles, Tamsin Harris, Richard Hyslop (who joined at the end having had issues with technology). **Apologies:** Mark Brook, Abby Poynter, Maeve Daly-Llamosa, Sarah and John Maskell-Bott	
Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
Matters arising: The Overseas Conference will be held on 19th September. Due to the current pandemic it will be undertaken on line. Although the branch had intended to take part timings made it impracticable to attend. We will wait to receive the minutes and distribute as necessary. Nancy Locke said she had sent a card to Frank Leyland and Vera wishing them well and reported that that it had been received and much appreciated. On the subject of VJ Day, Chris Locke said he was out of Stanley over the weekend of 14th - 16th September but understood, unlike VE Day, that nothing official was done to mark the event.	
Chairman's report: Chris Locke reported that the RBL (UK) are concerned about how the organisation is going to manage this year's Poppy Appeal in light of the current pandemic. In addition to a shortage of people available to make the wreaths and poppies there is a real concern on how the poppies are to be sold, as current UK ruling does not allow organisations to collect money on the street. For our Branch we are very lucky	

in that we have a good stock of wreaths and poppies so the situation is unlikely to affect our fund raising events. WO2 Allan Dallas from Jamaica along with over 200 other personnel from BFSAI have completed their sponsored run/walk/cycle and he will attend the Poppy Inn this evening to present a cheque to the Brach. Chris said the BFSAI press team were also expected to attend. The Back Room of the Poppy Inn at Hillside is now looking very homely after a 'makeover' by some members of Hillside. However Chris is slightly concerned that it is now an additional room available for the MOD and if the Branch is not careful we may lose it. He said the key to the Poppy Store has been removed by Mark but BFSAI have asked if they could have one cut to allow access to the ice machine. Chris says they shouldn't be accessing the store particularly as the Encroachment Order specifies that both the Back Room and Store area are for sole use by the Branch. Chris will contact BFSAI to confirm existing arrangements remain as agreed within the Order although if BFSAI need the ice machine there is no reason why it could not be repositioned.	**Chris Locke** **Chris Locke**
Vice-Chairman's Report: None submitted.	
Secretary's Report: Tamsin Harris had nothing to report.	
Treasurer's Report: No report submitted. Keith Biles confirmed he has paid in £70 as a result of the HMS FORTH Church service. Chris Locke confirmed he had purchased tablecloths and candelabra out of the funds donated for Branch use. If shipping times remain as publicised the items will arrive in time for this year's Ball.	**Chris Locke**

Chris Locke to ask Abby for the latest figures.	**Abby Poynter**
Welfare Report: None submitted.	
Any Other Business: Nancy Locke said she had persuaded Steve and Paula Fowmes to put together another quiz night for the October meeting. (Post meeting note). It was agreed this will take place on Friday 9th October instead of the normal first Monday of the month meeting which this year is Peat Cutting Monday and a Bank Holiday in the Islands. The Poppy Ball will be held on Friday 6th November and the 'Thank You' reception at GH will be on Thursday 19th November (guest list to GH by 1st Nov). The date of the AGM is yet to be confirmed. There were proposals for a Curry Night in December. Chris Locke would like to hold a Poppy Ball Committee meeting in early October date to be confirmed.	**Chris Locke** **Chris Locke** **Nancy Locke** **Chris Locke**
Date and time of the next meeting: TBC (Post meeting note). Next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th October by Zoom 1730 FI Time (2130 UK Time).	**All**