Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes

6th October 2020

Agenda item:	Actions:
Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Abby Poynter, Richard Hyslop, Dave Lewis, Becky Rees (Abby's relief), John and Sarah Maskell-Bott, Keith Biles, Tamsin Harris. **Apologies:** Mark Brook, Maeve Daly-Llamosa, Bob French.	
Minutes of the last meeting: It was confirmed a cheque for £1,176 was received at the Poppy Inn and a further £936 from BFSAI. The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.	
Matters arising: Chris Locke is yet to contact BFSAI regarding the encroachment order for the Poppy Inn. Chris Locke said that providing the ship arrives as scheduled the tablecloths and candelabra will be in the Islands in time this year's Poppy Ball. Abby Poynter confirm last month's account figures. Preparations for the quiz night have been finalised and we are hoping for a good turn out. (Post meeting note – 52 people attended the evening). Chris Locke has called a Ball meeting – Wednesday 14th October, 19.30 at his house. Nancy Locke reported that 16 tables have been sold already!	**Chris Locke** **Relevant members of the committee**

Chairman's report: The UK have said we don't need to have an AGM, but Chris is keen to have one in the Poppy Inn on Monday 16th November. This will fall between the Poppy Ball and the Government House reception. The reception is on Thursday 19th November. The AGM will be at 19.30 in the Poppy Inn. For information: On Remembrance Sunday the parade and march past at Whitehall will take place but places have been limited to just 2 members per organisation.	**All**
Vice-Chairman's report: No report was submitted.	
Secretary's report: Tamsin Harris had nothing to report.	
Treasurer's report: Abby Poynter confirmed she had submitted the 2019/20 accounts and that they've been acknowledged and marked as complete on the system. Chris Locke thanked her for completing this year's submission. Abby went on to say that there was still some information about membership she wants to get sorted before she hands the role over. She said she would speak with Maeve Daly-Llamosa on the matter. Abby also said she needed to arrange a signature with someone, probably Chris to pay a bill this week.	**Abby Poynter/Maeve Daly-Llamosa** **Abby Poynter/Chris Locke**
Welfare Report: There was nothing to report.	
Any other business: The Maskell-Botts confirmed that the form for next year's conference needs to be submitted by the end of the year.	

RBL International are looking to do more remote conferences, the advantage being you reach more people from further afield. Chris Locke asked if he needed to forward the update he receives from Fiona Hodges the Overseas Coordinator each week to the Committee. It was agreed no, but he could raise any interesting information at meetings. Richard Hyslop reported he had spent a couple of hours with the new Commander British Forces South Atlantic Islands, Commodore Jonathan Lett. Commodore Lett has been to the Islands several times, is very fond of them, seems to know a lot of Islanders by name and is keen to strengthen the relationship between MPA and the local population. Richard said it all seemed very positive. He'll be alone as his wife is a Captain in the Navy and on a posting in London. He did mention the RBL to him, but didn't put pressure on him about being involved. Dave Lewis said he would be starting to put the tins out and Chris Locke said he was to shout if he needed a hand. Chris welcomed Becky Rees to the meeting. Becky has offered to take over as Treasure from Abby. She reported she would be coming back from New Island on 16th November so should make the AGM. Nancy Locke said she had seen that in the UK people are being asked to put poppies in their window for remembrance. There's also a very moving TV advert and there may be a clap like the one for NHS workers.	**Chris Locke** **Dave Lewis**

Keith Biles asked for a table for the Poppy Ball and there was a discussion about how many there could be to a table as Becky said she'd like a table for 8 or 9 if possible.	**Ball committee**
Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 2nd November via Zoom at 5.30pm Falkland time, 8.30pm UK time as the clocks will have changed.	**All**