

Royal British Legion
 Falkland Islands Branch
Committee Meeting Minutes
 Friday 2nd June 2023

Agenda Item:	Actions:
<p>Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Keith Biles, Bob French, Tamsin Harris, Mark Brooke, Tim Mean.</p>	
<p>Apologies: Richard Hyslop, Becky Rees, Jenny Clarke, John and Sarah Maskell-Bott.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	All
<p>Matters Arising: Chris is away again soon so planning to talk to Colin Summers before he goes.</p> <p>Chris confirmed he didn't go to the RBL AGM as he didn't think he was invited. He will now await the minutes of the meeting.</p> <p>Standing with Giants to be addressed in the Chairman's report.</p> <p>With regard to the Bar License, the paperwork was filled out after a few amends and Mark Brooke has collected the license, so we're all sorted for another year.</p>	Chris Locke
<p>Chairman's Report: The Standing with Giants story continue. Chris met with Dan Barton when in the UK and says he's a kind and passionate man who's keen for the statuettes to stay in The Falklands. He told Chris he's made a connection with Sharky Ward at Mare Harbour who says they can store them. Mark Brooke's view is that</p>	

<p>Sharkey will only be around for 6 months at a time, so there might be another call in six months' time saying they have to be moved.</p> <p>The Poppy Inn will be open in the afternoon on Liberation Day and tonight for social meeting.</p>	
<p>Vice-Chairman's report: Mark Brooke confirmed all the wreaths have now been delivered, except to the Falkland Island Government. He's waiting for nine more for them to be delivered.</p> <p>He said he'd received a donation from the Newmans and the £120 was banked ten days before the meeting. He confirmed he'd done a letter of acknowledgement and will tell Becky Rees about this.</p> <p>Mark told the committee that the government are now advertising for expressions of interest in the portacabins at the camp. Chris Locke said he would mention this to Colin Summers. They'll be £300 a month, going up to £500 after the first year.</p>	<p>Mark Brooke</p> <p>Mark Brooke</p> <p>Chris Locke</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report: Becky Rees wasn't in attendance, but did confirm the amounts in the bank accounts.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Welfare Report: No report.</p>	
<p>Membership: Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>AOB: As Chris Locke is going to be away quite a bit this year it was agreed that the AGM will be held on Friday 13th October.</p> <p>Jason Heggerty, ex RN, has said he'd like to organise</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Chris Locke</p>

<p>a Pickle Night, the Ratings version of a Trafalgar Night. It celebrates the return of Nelson from the Battle of Trafalgar and is very traditional, with beef stew and sea shanties. This may be on 27th October or 4th November and in the Parish Hall.</p> <p>It was confirmed that holding a Poppy Ball might be a stretch too far this year for a range of reasons. However, it was felt an event provides an opportunity to get the message over about how important the RBL is. A Poppy Dinner therefore, will be taken up separately if there's a desire for it and the RBL members will be asked for their thoughts.</p> <p>Keith Biles said it would appear The Governor and CBF will be concentrating their memorial efforts on Landing Day, Remembrance Day and Liberation Day. As a result the demand for wreaths may reduce until the 50th anniversary. Chris Locke expressed concern and asked about the Fitzroy Memorial, saying it upset him that they are considering this. At Goose Green there was a lot of military but neither CBF or The Governor attended.</p>	<p>Chris and Nancy Locke</p>
<p>Date and time of the next meeting: Friday 7th July – 5.30pm Falkland time, 21.30 UK time.</p>	<p>All</p>