

Royal British Legion
 Falkland Islands Branch
Committee Meeting Minutes
 Friday 3rd March 2023

Agenda Item:	Actions:
<p>Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Keith Biles, John Maskell-Bott, Sarah Maskell-Bott, Bob French, Tamsin Harris, Richard Hyslop. Mark Brook, Becky Rees, Jenny Clarke.</p>	
<p>Apologies: Tim Mean.</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 Locke reported he needs to talk with Phyl Rendell regarding funding for the return of Standing with Giants silhouettes.</p> <p>A recce needs to be organised to the Polar Seafish Warehouse where the silhouettes are stored to sort out their stowage.</p> <p>Richard Hyslop confirmed he had declined the offer of giant SWG Silhouettes. He hasn't received a response.</p> <p>The future of the Hillside Camp is in the Chair's report – see below.</p>	<p>Chris Locke</p> <p>All</p>
<p>Chairman's Report: Chris Locke confirmed he had received a letter from the Chief Executive regarding the future of Poppy Inn. Chris was very disappointed with the reply, especially as his letter had been written to each MLA. The MLA's appear to have washed their hands of the matter as not one replied. A very poor example from those who are running the country. Chris said he was open to</p>	

<p>suggestions in taking the matter forward. However, he will meet with Colin Summers as the Chief Executive indicated Colin may be able to help.</p> <p>After a lengthy and detailed discussion, Chris said he would write to the Falklands Veterans Association and SAMA. For the moment he will hold off launching a local media campaign. He thanked the Committee for a health discussion and for providing ideas in taking the matter forward.</p>	<p>Chris Locke</p> <p>Chris Locke</p>
<p>Vice-Chairman's report: Mark Brook confirmed he had ordered all this years wreaths but can't sort the civil wreaths for Government House as they're not available at the moment. He said some wreaths ordered in October still haven't arrived either. He believes he has enough for the first part of the Remembrance period.</p> <p>Mark confirmed he had banked £220 into the Poppy Appeal from one of the last tins.</p> <p>He's considering a Quiz Night in April, with a twist where you have to drive around town to get some answers. However, as the first Friday in April is Good Friday it might be that the event is on Saturday 8th April and starting a bit earlier to keep daylight.</p> <p>Mark also reminded the Committee that CBF is leaving in May and asked if we should we do something to try and thank him. It was agreed this was a good idea.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report: Nancy Locke reported that a branch member was paying two separate amounts of £1,000 into the bank and wants the money to go to the Branch, not the Poppy Appeal. Nancy asked for notification when the money arrives in the account as she will then contact the branch member to confirm safe receipt.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Welfare Report: Sarah Maskell-Bott confirmed she and Jenny Clarke had a short conversation about the chair and agreed that until we're happy with the legal aspects, we probably shouldn't be lending it out. Jenny is going to speak to the OT when they arrive in a few weeks' time.</p>	<p>Jenny Clarke</p>

<p>Membership: No report presented.</p>	
<p>AOB: Richard Hyslop said he'd been in Wales this week talking to the Government there and that he had also attended Lady Hunt's funeral in Yorkshire.</p> <p>Nancy Locke followed up on the lady visiting next month to scatter the ashes of her brother. She will be travelling with a SAMA veteran and staying at Liberty Lodge. Nancy said a friendly face or two might be needed so it would be good if some Branch members could attend when she scatters the ashes. It was agreed we could accept a claim to the welfare fund to support her financially with her travel costs.</p>	
<p>Date and time of the next meeting: Friday 14th April – 17.30 Falkland time – 21.30 UK time.</p>	<p>All</p>