



**The Royal British Legion**  
Mitcham Branch, BR1005  
26 St Marks Road  
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**AGM Meeting of Mitcham RBL Branch BR1005  
At 10:00am on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

**In attendance:**

**Committee:**

Allan Barley – Chairman  
Ian Munn – Vice-Chairman  
Christine Kelly – Membership  
David Barley – Standard Bearer  
Paul Picano – Branch Secretary  
Siobhan McDonagh – President  
Joan Henry - Committee Member  
Paul Smith - Committee Member  
Gary Baker - Treasurer

**Members:**

Malcolm Reeves  
Lindsay David Berry  
Jeanette Searls  
Ziggmune Sinnette  
Kevin Stephens

**Welcome:**

The meeting was opened by the RBL Mitcham Chairperson, with duties carried out by the Branch Standard Bearer along with the exhortation by the Chairperson.

**They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the Sun and in the morning, we will remember them.**

**Apologies:**

Sharon Scott  
Richard Windsor  
David Brown

**Report of the AGM 2022:**

The Chairman asked all the attendees to view the AGM 2022 minutes and approve, Approved, and signed off.

**Chairpersons Report:**

The Chairman reported that due to the AGM being brought forward prior to the Poppy Appeal, there was nothing to report apart from the new style poppy being made of 100% paper.

During the Chairman's report it was stated that he would like to thank Gary Baker – Treasurer and Paul Picano – Branch Secretary for the outstanding efforts during the last twelve months in bringing RBL Mitcham back into line, accounts sent in on time, all within RBL policies, RBL Mitcham was now operating legally in accordance with the policies.

The Chair also reported that this year's Armed Forces Day celebrations were a complete fiasco, and that organisers at London Borough of Merton failed to communicate with those involved, the chair asked for this to be in the minutes.

**Secretary's Report:**

The Branch Secretary opened his report by mentioning the journey that was made in getting RBL Mitcham to where it was today. The achievements to date were:

- Introduced quarterly Newsletter.
- Improved communication with branch members
- Created a website using the RBL Portal
- Introduced Birthday Greeting Cards
- Increased Branch Membership
- Branch Committee all have Business Cards
- Attended the Mitcham Carnival post Pandemic.
- Posted Branch Accounts on time, Branch is now operating legally within RBL policies.
- Increased Committee Members
- Introduced RBL Membership into the Poppy Club
- Branch Secretary entered the Pedal to Paris event for the RBL
- Monthly Action Plan
- 3-year Action Plan

The Branch Secretary also mentioned that the area that this year's AGM was held, would become the Weekly Coffee Area, it would be decorated with the new RBL colours, chairs, and table to match. The door would be open to all members, public, to help raise branch funds for future projects. This was met with approval from all in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer reported that the Branch accounts were now closed for this year's accounting and had been registered at Haig House. He had also reported that it was the branch's intention to promote the branch, raise funds for future projects.

The Treasurer had also provided a spreadsheet for the AGM minutes, see (Appendix 1)

**President's Report:**

The President, Siobhan McDonagh, stated that she had nothing to report.

**Poppy Appeal:**

See Chairmans report.

**Standard Bearer’s Report:**

The Branch Standard, David Barley, had nothing to report, but he did thank the Branch secretary for standing in as Standard Bearer at short notice or when he was not available.

**Other Reports as Appropriate:**

As there was nothing else to report, the meeting was closed, and the current Branch Committee all stood down from Office.

Siobhan McDonagh acted as a temporary whilst a new Branch committee was elected.

**Election of Officers and Committee:**

The new Branch Committee elections were as follows:

- Allan Barley – Chairman
- Ian Munn – Vice-Chairman
- Christine Kelly – Committee Member
- David Barley – Standard Bearer
- Paul Picano – Branch Secretary
- Siobhan McDonagh – President
- Joan Henry - Membership
- Paul Smith - Committee Member
- Gary Baker – Treasurer
- Sharon Scott - Committee Member
- Ian Munn – Branch Community Support

The new MS1 2023 form was also during the meeting.

**Any Other Business:**

As there was no other business, the meeting was closed at 11:10am

**Closing of AGM Meeting:**

The meeting was Closed by the RBL Mitcham Chairperson, with duties carried out by the Branch Standard Bearer along with the exhortation by the Chairperson.

**The Legion of the living shall salute the Legion of the dead, thou shall not part with thee.**

**Signed by**

**Chairperson**

**Vice Chair**

**Secretary**

**Date Signed**

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