



Royal Green Jackets Regimental Association South East Kent Branch

Branch Committee Meeting Minutes - 1900hrs 21st January 2021 (Zoom meeting)

Meeting open: 1910hrs

Attendees: Dave Ivatt, Peter Thomson, Fred Barrett, Tony Killelay, Tommy Love, George Nash via phone

Apologies: Nil

Previous minutes read and agreed as an accurate record. (Branch Briefing September 2020)

Proposed: Tony

Seconded: Fred

Matters arising from the last meeting.

Tommy & Tony, asked about the new streamlined Committee, 6 posts.

(Only 6 allowed to meet during COVID during September) this was discussed in Sept at Branch Briefing to keep the committee to 6 members.

Specifically Tommy & Paddy pointed out that all members of the Pre Sept Committee have not been informed.

Decision-Sub committees to be formed especially for Entertainments (George Nash - Main Committee Member) to have a Team (sub committee) Cliff Clifford.

Dave Ivatt to inform committee members of the way forward.

Replacement Chairman David Ivatt - Now in Place

Replacement Secretary Peter Thomson - Now in Place

Webpage has been updated and progressing well

Treasurer's Report - as of 21/01/21

As of	Previous 30/01/20	Current 21/01/21
Cash at Bank	£2,197.65	£2,041.65
Cash in Hand	£244.72	£234.83
Creditors		
Debtors		
Charities		
Total Cash Available	£2,442.32	£2,276.48

Peter asked if any subscriptions have been paid in from other members by cash so far?

Paddy said only his is paid by cash so far.

-Peter will check if Gary Howe has received any cash subscriptions.

-Peter will check Payments by, P Hill & D Povah.

Membership. *(Pete Thomson, Gary Howe)*

Membership is a priority for 2021, currently the subscription is £10 per calendar year. Last year, due to COVID, subscriptions were put hold in order to reduce the financial pressure many have been under. Although 2021 could be just as difficult, a subscription payment date has been set, all paid by the 25th February 2021. This is probably still unattainable but will serve as a litmus test and will guide future decisions to the collection of Subscriptions

All members should be encouraged to set up Standing Orders.

2020.

Unpaid:

Paid: **48**

2021. As of 14/01/21

Unpaid: **72**

Paid: **22**

Total Members: **94**

Will include more breakdown, Honorary Members (non paid) & Affiliate Members

Communication. *(Pete Thomson)*

Website:

Members Area (Dover) starting to add content so that it works for us - Note there is a members database now which is further protected - access limited and GDPR compliant.

Still require more content.

Shop sales to date are 5 items, Total Profit £12.90

Yearly domain name cost £16.60

Facebook:

Admins - Pete Thomson, Bob Newman, Russel Jones (non-member)

Bob & Russell to be removed as Admins, Russell is a none branch member.

Members 366

Newsletter:

Published Dec 2020 & sent out with Christmas Cards

Points - White text on green background very hard to read in A5

How often should we produce it?

Decision - ½ yearly and that we should try to get some advertising for individuals/companies who would like to contribute items for our auctions/prizes/transport etc.

Zoom:

Extending the Zoom meetings to Branch meetings is not possible, currently we use the free zoom service which only allows minimal attendees and only 40 minutes.

Entertainment. *(George Nash)*

BBQ: 12th June 2021 - Planning ongoing, however this will all be dependent on the situation at the time.

Xmas Party: 27th November 2021 - Planning ongoing, however this will all be dependent on the situation at the time.

Phoenix Club: George mentioned that at the moment they are closed due to lockdown so he has not been able to confirm anything with them for a while. He did say that with regards to cancellation policy of any event that 1 month would be acceptable to them.

Memorials. *(Tommy Love)*

India Memorial (KRRC): Tommy has tried to organise the care and maintenance of the memorial in conjunction with John Ward over the past 4 Year.

The memorial was gifted to Dover Town Council some time ago therefore it is their responsibility. Repeated attempts for help & funding from the Council to date has not amounted to any action.

-Fred has met with a member of the Council at the memorial to discuss in the past. Fred will dig out his name and we shall try to move this forward. Points to note: the Memorial is a Listed monument. The council does have monies available for the upkeep of such Sites of historical importance.

There are potential other sources of funding which Peter shall look into.

Decisions

- Renew attempts to get the memorial maintained.
- The branch cannot accept ownership of the memorial as this would require public liability insurance, this must remain the responsibility of Dover town council.

Church Service: *tbc*

Remembrance Parade: *tbc*

Events. *(Dave Ivatt, Pete Thomson, Fred Barrett)*

Wimbledon Tennis: *tbc*

RGJ Reunion Winchester:

10 July 2021, Subject to COVID

Green stock:

30th July - 1st Aug Lichfield RFU club, subject to COVID

Thames River Cruise: *tbc*

Knoxbridge Military Show:

Thoughts about joining with ability to camp overnight, BBQ & Drinks.

Small amount of work by the Branch to achieve a successful event as the event is already organised. This would be beneficial to both the Knoxbridge Pub and the Branch Financially.

- Potential Name - RGJ Smoker
- Opening it up to the wider RGJ community

Decision - Peter will ask Tony Jones if this is possible for 2022

Light Division Memorial, National Memorial Arboretum:

11th September 2021, hosted by CEB, point of contact Guy Mynett.

Order of event

- Transport leave Dover (dependent on numbers the branch will look to lay on transport)
 - DP numbers for transport - Estimated Journey time 3.37hrs. *tbc*
Discussed that a couch/minibus could cost the branch too much especially if numbers are low. **POINT FOR NEXT MEETING**
 - DP Departure Time. *tbc*

- 1130hrs - Parade starts
- RGJ Photo, Light Div Photo
- Lunch & Drinks - Lichfield Rugby Club
- Return
 - DP. *tbc*

Peter said that he would be able to drive 6-7 members and we split fuel cost.

Chairman's Points. (*Dave Ivatt*)

Survey returns.

Not many in only 6, and a few on the website submitted. Peter will advertise and ask members to fill out the Survey again.

Regimental flag and buglers for funerals.

Flag held with George. Dave will be the focal point for all such matters going forward.

Decision - Only branch branch members can use our Flag. All outside requests should be pointed to the Main Association.

Buglers, we have our own. It is understood the Association has its own pool of Buglers which should be used by the Association members.

President's Points. (*Fred Barrett*)

The branch Article for Swift & Bold has been submitted and accepted.

Fred would like in the future for Peter to write the Article (*tbc*).

Proposals. (Pete Thomson)

Members (via Website):

Proposer	Seconder	Date	Proposal	Remarks
Gary Howe	Nil	15/12/2020	My proposal, as discussed with some members, is for the Sunday after the summer BBQ (making it a long weekend) for an afternoon of remembrance, including beer and buffet, to remember all the Riflemen we have unfortunately lost over the years. Hopefully the Padre could give a short service. Location could be Phoenix club, same as BBQ. Regards Gary	Discussed, The idea in general is good but the BBQ and the phoenix club is not the place. Also people travel from all over to attend just for the day. The other option is piggy back The Knoxbridge Military fair. To include a camping area, BBQ and more. This is not expected to happen before 2022 and will take a lot of effort and planning to achieve.

Other:

Proposer	Seconder	Date	Proposal	Remarks

Any other Business.

- Peter to create a short summary of minutes for the home page of the website due to no Branch meetings expected due to COVID restrictions.

Next Meetings.

18th March via Zoom

Meeting closed. 2000rs