



The Royal Green Jackets Regimental Association
South East Kent Branch
HQ: Dover Sea Angling Club

Meeting Date: 26th March 2015

Branch Meeting Minutes

Meeting open: 1930 hours

Present: Steve Milsom, Gary Sayell, John Clayton. Peter Drew, Brian Aversmith, Ray Seabrook, Neil Payne, Fred Barrett, Barbara Barrett, Norman Clark, George Nash, Bob Newman, Tommy Love, Heather Love, The Revd Kevin Garrett BA. Dip. Theol.

Apologies: Brigadier James Plastow. CBE. Glenn Ternent, Paddy Killelay, Dave Ivatt, Ray Whitehead, Martin Prime, Andy Redman, Tracy Redman.

Previous minutes read and agreed as an accurate record

Agreed by Fred Barrett and seconded by Tommy Love

Matters arising from last meeting

Tommy reported receiving a letter from the main RGJRA telling him he was no longer a member because he had not paid his dues, yet he was at the Winchester reunion and had been asked for and paid £15, Fred reported the it was a glitch in the system and Tommy and others are back in the fold, the system was double billing people hence the demands.

H4H has reportedly received so much money from the public that it has expanded its remit to give aid and assistance to those in need. (Unconfirmed).

Treasurer's report

Babs gave a very detailed run down on our association accounts, we have £6,132.82p in our current account that figure includes £1000 that will be presented to SSAFA at our annual BBQ.

Figures to note:

At our Christmas Party Raffle ticket sales where £704.00 prizes cost £307.71p so **£396.29p** was raised so thank you to all that attended and bought tickets.

The Auction items where very kindly donated by members of the Branch and others and the grand total raised at the auction was **£932.00** this amount is part of the **£1000** we are presenting to SSAFA.

Membership report

With over 80 members the branch is continuing to grow, we have 47 paid, 4 honourees and 32 not yet paid so those not yet paid please look to correct this oversight at the BNBQ please.

We have a new host (SERIF) for our website after being offline for so long and we are back online, the cost for the hosting will be £39.99 per annum.

Update on events

BBQ at the Cricketers at 1200 hours on Saturday the 27th June 2015.

The fare will be as last year but with a price reduction so Burgers, Hotdogs, Chips will be on sale cash sales at the hotplate.

For the children there will be free face painting and free bouncy Castle in the garden, There will be a Raffle but this will be one pound for one ticket (last time it was £1 for one strip of 5 tickets) this will help prevent confusion over ticket colours and serials having to be read out and so simplify the event.

Carlos will be our DJ and provide music for the event and there will be Karaoke sometime after lunch

The Branch would like to thank Dave Ivatt for his contribution of prizes for the BBQ Raffle – Thank you Dave.

Remembrance Parade Sunday 9th November

Parade will follow last year's procedure, meet at the Dover Channel Angling Club at 0900 for pre parade drinks and chat then onto parade with non-marchers making their way to the cenotaph, after the service a drink and off to the KRRC memorial to parade, lay a wreath and listen to the service by our Padre, after parade then back to the clubhouse.

As per last year all those members wishing to lay a wreath will have names put into a hat and the names pulled out will lay one each.

Christmas Party at the Town Hall Dover on 28th November

The Party will be held from 1900 – 2359 hours in the Guildhall of Dover as per last year, We are looking to keep the tickets at £10 and book a live band as well as our resident DJ Carlos, the Raffle and Auction will be quicker with changes being made to improve on last years function, a major step forward is that the photographs at the entrance with the Gurkha Escort will be available on prints to purchase within hours.

Social Evenings at the Dover Sea Angling Club

These are Casual evenings starting at 19:30 hours to meet play and drink with old friends and partners and even new friends, there are darts, cards and dominoes available.

Saturdays: February 14th, - Cancelled

May 16th,

August 5th

December 12th

Proposals

No proposals where tabled

AOB

1. It was brought to the association's attention that the RGJ used to own a house in the Bahamas paid for by the Riflemen's Aid Society, It was said that Officers would use it for holidays, Jamie Daniels was reported as allegedly using it once, Could we ring Billy Hughes and ask for his input.
2. Shorncliffe Trust: These guys look after the military cemeteries as well as other things and it was brought to our attention that there are Chosen Men of the 95th Regiment of foot buried at Ramsgate Cemetery, they have also received trust status for the Redoubt and look after Sandgate Memorial.
3. It was asked if we could have a regimental dinner to celebrate what would have been our Fiftieth Birthday black tie function, it was pointed out that it would be expensive and that monies would be payable in advance with no refunds, Chairman to look into this.
4. The Padre asked if we were planning a remembrance event for our fiftieth birthday and if so his Church of St Martins would be available or would we prefer to get the garrison church. Also are we planning a parade around the War memorial?
5. Neil talked to us about H4H and RBL and SSAFA charities and a discussion ensued around who they helped, is there a cap and briefed us that SSAFA might in the future be looking to outsource its advertising to try and reach the level that H4H has with its advertising campaign.

Meeting Closed – 2030 hours

Meeting dates

	Committee	Branch
March	19 th	26 th
June	18 th	25 th
September	17 th	24 th
December	3 rd	10 th