

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

Meeting Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Branch Meeting Minutes** 

Meeting open: 1935 hours

Present: Peter Drew, Heather Love, Brian Avery Smith, Tommy Love, Syd Hopgood David Knowles, Don Whitehead, Norman Clark, Tony Killelay, Ray Seabrook Robert Newman, Dave Ivatt, Barbara Barrett, Fred Barrett, George Nash

**Apologies**: Lt. Col R. Gray MBE. The Revd Kevin Garrett BA. Dip. Theol. Glenn Ternent, Jim Barrett, Steve Milson, John Clayton, Gary Sayell, Dave Timms, Martin Prime, Neil Payne

Previous minutes read and agreed as an accurate record Proposed Fred Barrett Seconded Tommy Love - Carried

Matters arising from last meeting No Matters arising

# Treasurer's report

The Treasurer gave her report on the state of the branches finances: £6,524.96 this includes our holdings for Charity presentation on BBQ, Babs also gave a run down on the costs involved for the Xmas party and the branch made £229.29 overall.

## **Membership report**

The Secretary stated 56 paid 4 honorary members for 2015 but we have already started taking Subscriptions for 2016-2017 - the site has been updated with the Xmas party pictures taken by Bob and a link to the pictures from our Photographer

Update on recent past events as taken from the committee minutes 03/12/15 Charity Event: Gary Driscoll Remembrance Parade 2015 Xmas Party 2015

#### Update on events

Rifles Band and Bugles at Horse Guards Parade London 2<sup>nd</sup> June KarlLee Construction have very kindly Sponsored the Coach to London, the tickets are £30 and we will buy a block of 30 to keep our branch together, Remember Members and partners then if r0om friends and family

## BBQ at the Cricketers on 25<sup>th</sup> June

Normal format to date but we will be looking at exclusive use of the garden and standard of service when other users are in the bar. In addition we will be looking to improve the BBQ service times

# Remembrance Parade Sunday 13th November

Again will follow our normal format for this parade and will stay with the caterers as they provided an excellent feed, and the raffle paid for the food and made a £120 profit which will go into our charity pot for presentation at the BBQ in 2026 There is a plan to plant bedding plants for next years parade but Syd informed us of the UK

memorial fund and KRRC as sources of funding to maintain this memorial. Richard Frist MBE is the man to chat with.

# Christmas Party at the Town Hall Dover on 26<sup>th</sup> November

Unfortunately no Gold Tops but George and his team will be scouting for new groups for this event, Carlos is booked, more information in the New Year.

## AOB

Dave Ivatt answered our call for a replacement Committee member – Well done Dave Ray Seabrook our SSAFA Welfare Officer informed the meeting about SSAFA news and how they are approaching the big stores to get food vouchers up tp £50/60 for those exservicemen and their families.

Syd Hopgood shared some of his immense knowledge on Welfare and due process and agreed to help advise Ray when asked as this is a tremendous opportunity to assist those in need with specialist knowledge and advice.

## Proposals

# Fred Barrett proposed that the treasurer be allowed to take action to maximise return on cash this was seconded by the Secretary and carried unanimous.

Tony Killelay proposed that as a mark of thanks to the committee members involved in the Xmas Party be given free Tickets to the horse guards parade,

## Comment

The secretary reminded the meeting that committee members who are likely to benefit financially by this proposal cannot vote for or against the proposal and that members should vote independently rather than just following others.

Don Whitehead seconded and the vote was 7 for 1 against so carried with a majority.

Meeting Closed – 2040 hours

Meeting dates

|           | Committee        | Branch           |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| March     | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| June      | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| September | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| December  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 15th             |