



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

Meeting Date: 30th August 2018

Branch Meeting Minutes

Meeting open: 19:30 Hours

Padre: We stood for a minute's silence to remember and honour two of our fallen comrades, Ernie Williams and Jack Perry.

Present: Glenn Ternent, Jim McMahon, Tommy Love, Heather Love, Bob Newman, George Nash, Don Whitehead, Ray Seabrook, Norman Clark, Chris Clifford, Mo Docherty

Apologies: President, Padre, Dave Ivatt

Previous minutes read and agreed as an accurate record

Proposed George Nash Seconded Chris Cliff

Matters arising from last meeting – Branch T-Shirts 15 have been ordered and they are ready for despatch awaiting payment.

Treasurer's report

RJGA - South East Branch - Financial Statement	
Bank Statement	£1,835.15
Cash in Hand	£704.58
Branch Cheque to clear	£0.00
Debtors	£0.00
Reconciliation to Treasurer book	£2,539.73
Due to Charities monies received	-£653.00
Available Cash	£1,886.73
Deposit account	£2,062.46

Membership Report

updated	28/08/2018
Members	68
Honorary	4
2018 Paid	56
2019 Paid	7
2020 Paid	1
unpaid	12

Update/ Reports on events

23rd June BBQ at the Cricketers

George and Glenn took us through the BBQ day stating it was an exceptionally good day enjoyed by all especially the children thanks to Dave Ivatt, and the raffle went well thanks to Heather and Mo's ticket selling prowess, The breakdown of the costs where read out and the event came in at a small profit, again the committee and Branch expressed there thanks to Dave Ivatt for his excellent stands and the commitment he put in to ensure a good time was had by all. George informed us that the date for 2019's BBQ is the 29th June, Armed Forces Day.

Wimbledon Court No1 4th June 2018

Slight glitch on the ticket distribution meant that the Colonel and his party and Jim Barrett and Kath could not attend due to giving only a days' notice that the tickets had arrived, (Secretary's Bad) but all tickets where used and a great day was had by all attendees, certainly an event to put in for next year.

20th September Thames River Cruise with Lunch

This cruise is free through the "less we Forget" organization but alas is limited to only 12 members, it includes a cruise up the Thames with lunch aboard, it includes transport (£325 after a good discount given by Bayliss to the Association) to the dock from Priory road leaving at 08:00 hours and we must be at the dock at 10:00 hours where we will board and cruise up the Thames with lunch aboard, timings to follow, dress smart casual. I believe we will be back in Dover about 4pm

The following people have been selected to attend by the Branch:

Chris Clifford, Mo Doherty, Bob and Jackie Newman, Tommy and Heather Love, John and Sue Cowie, Jimmy and Maureen McMahon and Andy Redman (George Nash has pulled out)

11th November Remembrance Parade

The club will be open from 0900 hours' for the parade, Two members (selection by ballot paper and hat) will lay our wreaths (one at each) and after the Main service we are back to the club where after a tifter we will parade at the India memorial at 1200 hours, the service will be taken by our padre. A

Free meal with a choice of either hot or cold buffets will be provided after the service at the club and again other Regiments and dignitaries to the club after the parade are welcome, there will be a 10-prize raffle and we will be catering for 40 people (£120 for food)

18th November Branch Church Service

parade at the Castle Church car park at 09:30 hours Winchester dress or shirt and tie, The Padre Shaun Sheffield will assist in the Morning service taken with the congregation, there will be an order of service with the Regimental Collect being said and the roll of honour will be read out, (people to names closer to the date), Dave will be playing last post and reveille, then afterwards there will be refreshments (hot and cold Food) taken at our HQ the Dover Sea Angling Society.

24th November Christmas Party at the Town Hall Dover 1900 – 0030 hours

The format is well known now, the ever so popular Southern Fried chicken in a basket will again be appearing on the menu, we have Dave to play the Bugle for the last post and Reveille , we have DJ Carlos entertaining us and a live band to listen to, there will be a 5 item raffle with tickets at £1 each same as last year, the layout will be 19 tables each holding 12 people if you have a group of twelve then get in touch with George (once you have bought your tickets as we have allocated 5 tables to be reserved) Committee members who have duties that day have also reserved their tables to enable them to not worry if they have a seat for them or their guests as they go about their duties. The bar is inside the room as per last year with prices displayed and the timings are, Committee arrives to set up 12:30, committee at guildhall to receive guests 18:30 hours members and guests arrive from 1900 hours 20:30 hours food served and 20:50 hours President and Chairmans address followed by auction and raffle then music by the band and Carlos until Late, Sophia will be taking our photographs this year

Branch Regimental Dinner

There has been a lot of recce work done on this and George briefed us on what the committee reckon is the best option, these pricings are assuming 40 people are attending

1. Venue; Guild Hall Dover
2. 4 tables of 10
3. 3 course meal with waiters
4. Looking to have wine on the table (at cost to Branch)
5. Cost per head £25

The Branch decided not to have this dinner this year but to plan it for a Saturday in July 2019, There will be a consensus to see who would attend such a Branch Dinner, it would be our first, the dress would be lounge suits and the payments spread from January to July at £10 per person per month (1st Months not refundable) payable to the secretary to reduce the financial impact of paying at all once.

Current Committee Members

PRESIDENT: Lt Col R. Gray. MBE

PADRE: Padre Shaun Sheffield

CHAIRMAN: Glenn Ternent. BEM

SECRETARY: Robert Newman

TREASURER: Robert Newman (supported by Babs)

ENTERTAINMENTS MANAGER: George Nash

Branch Representative to DDC for Memorials and Remembrance Tommy Love

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Heather Love, Tony Killelay, Chris Clifford, Dave Ivatt, James McMahon, Mo Docherty,

SSAFA Representative: Ray Seabrook

Awaiting discussion with Stuart Outred reference the possibility of his wife agreeing to taking up the treasurer's position, we are just about to issue guidelines on the Treasurer Role.

The Chairman spoke to all especially the Committee members on following process when looking to the role they have on the committee, to remember what cap they wear when on the committee and not too exceed that role. He stressed that it is particularly important to speak up whilst in a meeting and not to start speaking out after the meeting has finished.

AOB

1. Our Domain names are due for renewal on 30/09/2018 for a further 36 months the costs are
 - a. rgjrasoutheastkent.com: £47.99
 - b. rgjrasoutheastkent.co.uk: £27.99

total cost for 36 Months £75.98

2. RGJ Reunion at Winchester changed to first Saturday which is 6th July
3. Due Process: The Committee run the Branch, they make the day to day decisions to enable to Association to survive nay flourish, where there is a decision that may affect the Branch as a whole we look to the Branch to vote on such decisions enabling members to be responsible for the branch and have a voice, There is always preliminary talks and investigations going on about different things but unless they are presented and voted upon at Committee or Branch Meetings they are nothing but whispers, We plan at least a year ahead on some functions and once the event/ Activity/ Entertainment is booked then that will go ahead, so any voted on changes will take effect for the event after the one already organised unless in extreme

circumstances. This is necessary to ensure confidence and reliability in the South East Kent branch brand and Committee so important when dealing with Authorities.

4. SSAFA: The Branch discussed the Financial assistance we as a branch give to SSAFA, SSAFA is our main Charity with The Shelter Programme being the other, There is discontent within the Branch membership as to how SSAFA is perceived as failing to assist our Terminal Veterans especially in a week where we lost two upstanding Riflemen, Ray discussed the successes of SSAFA and has promised to give us a paragraph or two as an update prior to meetings, if we had a vote to discontinue SSAFA as our main Charity it would have failed by just one vote,

Proposals

1. Glenn Proposed that the Branch set aside £75.98p to pay for 3 years Domain Name registration, Seconded by Tommy Love - unanimous
2. Bob proposed that £600 be set aside for Xmas Party Raffle Fund, Seconded by Don - unanimous

	Committee	Branch
November	22	29 24 th is Xmas Party

Meeting Closed – 21:15 hours

Afternote: The Members where disappointed at the refreshments presented after the meeting, Cooked Sausages and Bread Croquets, certainly not enough for twenty people as ordered. Secretary to discuss with DSAC