



The Royal Green Jackets Regimental Association

South East Kent Branch

HQ: Dover Sea Angling Association

Meeting Date: 29th August 2020

Location : George Nash's Garden

Committee Meeting Minutes

Foreword: George Nash kindly offered the committee the use of his covered gardens to hold this meeting ensuring Covid19 regulations such as spacing could be adhered to.

Meeting open: 1600 Hours

Presidents Welcome: Fred welcomed the committee and briefed us on the Covid 19 requirements, Fred then talked about the impact of Covid19 on branch business and the community in general noting that several cities and some counties have had restrictions raised or lowered depending on its community focus.

Present: Fred Barrett, Robert Newman, Tony Killelay, George Nash, Sean Sheppard, Tommy Love, Heather Love, Chris Clifford. Also, in attendance Winnie Ng-A-Man.

Apologies, Glenn Ternent, Dave Ivatt, Peter Thomson, Reg Longhurst

Previous minutes read and agreed as an accurate record

Since it has been so long since our last meeting there will be no reading of the last minutes

Matters arising from last meeting

1. Tommy and President to complete paperwork:
 - a. to invite Mayor to Church Service
 - b. to invite Mayor to Remembrance parade at the 60th Rifles memorial (India Memorial).

Update: there has been no answer from the Mayors office in regard to the invitations offered, the correct paperwork has been submitted but due to personal health of the Mayor it was decided that no further progress will be taken on this matter for 2020 but Tommy and Glenn to prepare invitation for 2021.

Treasurers Report : 29/08/2020	Cash in Bank	£2277.65
	Cash in hand	£269.72
	Total	£2547.37
	Monies due: £200 for DSAA for 2019	

Our Treasurer reported that he did not feel he had the confidence in his accounting knowledge at this time, so for a temporary period Babs (our professional accountant) our former treasurer will manage the accounts with Tony and will over time train Tony, To be Clear Tony is our Treasurer and all matters appertaining to that position will be addressed to him.

Membership Report Gary Howe was not present so unable to give his report but the committee discussed that we did not have an up to date excel spreadsheet with membership details at this time, This also impacted the RHQ database as the secretary is responsible for updating this database with the branch details. Gary does not have excel and also has issues with his PC so to alleviate this and to maintain an efficient process the President volunteered to maintain the membership listing / spreadsheet, this will free up the "IT" side of membership secretary for Gary and enable him to concentrate on contacting members and maintaining subscriptions.

The process for registering renewals and new memberships is to use the membership form get the details, get the money and pass on to Tony, once Tony receives the information and subscription then he will contact Fred to add that person or update that persons membership details, once that person appears on the membership list then that persons card is issued (if required), Fred will email up to date membership details to Committee members as and when required.

Webmasters report Peter is on holiday so could not update the committee, the committee discussed the web page and whilst the committee applauded the efforts of peter in creating the website they felt it needed updating more often with old posting being removed and new information being inserted, After I informed the Committee that Peter gets his info from us to update the web and went through the process for getting info to Peter they agreed to communicate with Peter more to feed him information for the website using telephone or text info.

Outstanding issues : The meeting that Glenn and I were to have with the committee of the DSAA did not occur mostly due to Covid19 and the fact that we could not get together with DSAA, so to Simplify and prevent communication issues between us and the DSAA we asked Cliff if he would act as DSAA Liaison for the Branch, Cliff very graciously agreed so from today ALL matters relating to the DSAA will be dealt with by Cliff, including talking to the committee reference the issues we had with them last year, Cliff will be liaising dates and events with the DSAA and if any of us want anything to do with DSAA then Cliff is the goto. Cliff is a member of the club and uses the club weekly and personally knows the staff and committee and so gives us an edge in dealing with DSAA.

Update/ Report on events

1. Church Service 13th September

Parade starts at 10:00 hours 13th September, dress is Winchester dress (no medals) or smart civilians, there are only 24 spaces for the Branch due to Covid19 restrictions, everyone must wear a mask in church and there will be no singing, The Flag will be static mounted prior to the service and recovered after, Seating will be in pairs starting from the rear with the local congregation filling up from the front, Padre will produce service sheet and the Roll of Honour will be read out by the Warden of the Church and the Padre, then the Padre will read out the names of those Riflemen fallen to Covid19 remembered to a family member,

2. 8th November Remembrance Parade Dover

At this time there is no official Remembrance parade being planned due to Covid19 restrictions, if this changes we will be informed, we will be holding a service at the India Memorial starting at 12:00 hours, please walk to the memorial and be in place by 11:50 ready to form up, there will be no marching to or from the memorial everyone must wear a mask and we will observe social distancing, Our padre will be presiding over the service and the parade will be commanded by our Chairman with the President attending, Dress Winchester Dress Medals worn, or smart Civilians. Please note there will be no organised lunch or refreshments afterwards due to local restrictions.

Before the parade starts a risk assessment should be carried out and in addition a safety briefing outlining Covid19 restrictions should be given.

3. Xmas Party 28th November

The Committee discussed the Xmas Party amid the current Covid19 climate and the Committee unanimously voted to cancel the 2020 Branch Xmas Party due to restrictions and difficulties holding such an event in present conditions

4. Golf Society update by Reg Longhurst / President

Reg sent us his apologies so the president gave an update, there was concerns in the committee that a Golf Society had been formed and that its President had been given a seat on the Branch committee without the committee voting on this, after explaining the aims and secular principles of the society and that the society in no way impinges on branch events or funding and that it is in addition but separate (from Branch) to veterans activities, members were more accepting and it was agreed that the concerns were raised from a lack of effective communication, but in future no one would be elected to the committee unless and until the committee voted them in.

Briefing was Golf Society well up and running, 29th September golf competition for 12 members, 1st comp sponsored by Fred 2nd comp sponsored by Robert

2021 Events – Dates were discussed and agreed in principle, Cliff to liaise with DSAA to confirm meeting room for dates and times - Please read overleaf –

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1. Tony suggested that he would like to organise a tiddly winks league but got no support from the committee.
2. George gave a detailed briefing for 2021 Xmas party details for the Phoenix Club, a recce to be carried out.
3. It was asked if the River Cruise in September could be organised for August to take advantage of the better weather plus relieve some pressure of September events

Proposals:

1. Proposed by President to cancel the 2020 xmas party due to Covid19 fears and restrictions, seconded by Tony passed unanimously.
2. Proposed by George seconded by Fred that the AGM for 2020 be cancelled due to lack of activities and functions due to Covid19, Passed.

Meeting Dates 2020 Committee Branch

There are no meetings planned for the remainder of the year

Meeting Closed – 17:40 hours

SE BRANCH ANNUAL CALENDAR FOR 2021

12th June BBQ at The Phoenix Club, River, Dover

10th July Winchester Reunion

TBC July Wimbledon Championships Tickets

TBC July / August Greenstock

TBC Thames River Cruise with Lunch included

TBC September Light Division Gathering NMA

TBC September? Church Parade in Dover Castle

7th November Remembrance Parade Dover

27th November Christmas Party Phoenix Club Dover

Committee Meetings are on Thursdays in the Dover HQ

21st January 1930 hours

18th March 19:30 hours

17th June 1930 hours

16th September 19:30 hours

18th November 1930 hours

Branch Meetings are on Thursdays in the Dover HQ

28th January 1930 hours

25th March 19:30 hours (AGM)

24th June 1930 hours

23rd September 19:30 hours

25th November 1930 hours

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