



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

**Meeting Date: 3rd December 2015**

## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting open: 1930 hours**

**Present:**

Glenn Ternent	Robert Newman	George Nash	Fred Barrett
Barbara Barrett	Tommy Love	Heather Love	James Barrett
The Revd Kevin Garrett BA. Dip. Theol.			

**Apologies:** Lt. Col. R Gray. MBE

Martin Prime, John Frackleton, Gary Sayell Tony Killelay

**Previous minutes**

Previous minutes read and proposed as an accurate and true copy of last meeting by George Nash and seconded by Fred Barrett

**Matters arising from last meeting -Update on:**

**Remembrance Parade: 2015**

The chairman updated the committee and praised the turnout of members and thanked those that had paraded, again the populace took us to their hearts and we had a strong return to the Club for drinks and free food, The parade at the India Memorial was impressive with even a local MP in attendance, our Padre The Revd Kevin Garrett BA. Dip. Theol. took the service and wreaths were laid, amongst our happy band were 3 Ghurkhas who were welcomes as were some other regiments in lue of there being no Dover RBL or local regimental associations, the Raffle paid for the food (£120) as 201 tickets were sold and the association made £120 profit which will be added to our charity pot for presentation at the BBQ 2016. In addition 16 members paid subscriptions.

**Xmas Party:2015**

The committee discussed the Xmas Party and its conduct and the feedback from member's and guests was that it was indeed a cracking do, 210 tickets sold, the duo was well received as was Carlos and his disco, we had letters from members and mentions from guests

thanking the committee for their hard work. The chicken and chips went down well this year again with only one member suggesting perhaps a carvery for next year, but after discussion it was found to be too expensive in both monetary terms and with space and manpower requirements. The raffle brought in £844 which gave us a profit of £344 (prizes £500) which offset the cost of the function giving the branch a profit on the function of £229.29. Our Auction went well the committee thank you to those who donated items the auction raised £420 which will be added to the charity pot in addition Karl Lee Construction in the form of Karl Cowie (John's boy) handed over £400 to pay for the coach for the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday Horse Guards Parade event, thank you Karl. Also thanks go to Fred, Norman Micky Dalton and Iris and Linda for their contributions and letters will be sent out by our Media Coordinator Fred Barrett.

What did not go so well was the drinks service, we found that staff had been adding drinks to the bills by mistake we add but something we will look to at future events, there was a complaint that a guest was harassed by a member after he had won the fob watch, it's a free draw and anyone can win it. Reserve seating at the event was for committee members as they had duties to perform so couldn't "keep" their table but in future events anyone who has a party of ten or more can ask for a table to be reserved. Ran out of beer (bitter) this will be addressed.

In addition it was thought that a pre event welcoming party should be at the Albert that evening before and the day after to welcome and say farewell to our long distance travellers, discussion to follow.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

Xmas party profit £229.29

Sponsorship £400

Cash in bank £6,524.96

#### **Membership / Website report**

56 paid 4 Honorary - the site has been updated with the Xmas party pictures taken by Bob and awaiting pictures from Photographer

#### **Update on events**

50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Horse Guards – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

The coach has been paid for tickets are £30 each and will be block bought (30) by Fred.

Anniversary card to be produced for event

BBQ at the Cricketers on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Venue booked more info in 2016 but improvements need more staff on BBQ and bar staff, look at member assisting BBQ or change vendor or even location - Railway bell to be looked at.

Remembrance Day 2016

Copy format including food

Discuss 2016

Xmas Party 2016

Venue booked format worked this year to incorporate improvements as noted from 2015

AOB

The Padre talked about setting up an a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary church service in Dover Castle church (Castle Keep) perhaps with the resident padre David Slater assisting if we broach normal service timings, we are looking at November the 20<sup>th</sup> with the service at 11 o'clock then followed by a buffet Lunch in the Club.

Branch Charity: Some members were not pleased with the performance of our SSAFA Divisional Secretary, what is said does not always take place and asked if we would change charities, the consensus was that SSAFA is more than one person but we could look to support a second charity since we only present once or twice a year, Babs was tasked to call the new charity – Name supplied

Our Committee member Mr Andy Redman and his Wife asked to address the committee reference his temporary suspension from the committee (by the committee on an extraordinary meeting) as a consequence of his personal performance at events notably the 2015 BBQ, He made an impassioned plea as to events but the committee reiterated the actions leading up to including due process his suspension, Mr Redman then declared that they have both resigned from the committee immediately and from the branch membership.

Proposals

Chairman proposed that a sum of £900 be made available for the branch to purchase 30 tickets @£30 each for the horse guards parade en-block, tickets to be sold to members

Meeting Closed: 2100

Meeting dates

	Committee	Branch
December		10 <sup>th</sup>
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>	15 <sup>th</sup>