

Committee meeting held Redcar RAFA club,

Wednesday 28th September 2011.

1/9c/11.

The chairman opened the meeting at 1930 hrs.

Apologies from s/m's John Cook and Noreen Sowden.

2/9c/11. Correspondence.

The secretary only related to two items of correspondence, both were in relation to the September branch meeting. The first letter was from the secretary to the chairman about the negative attitude within the branch and opened the letter, “ This letter is not my resignation, but, it is the one before it.”

The second letter was from s/m Ian Barnes also in relation to the September branch meeting. Ian outlined what people were doing to better this branch, and that there was a negative attitude.

The secretary had received an e-mail from s/m Noreen Sowden apologising for her attitude at the September meeting by talking over the secretary whilst he was outlining a ladies section within the branch.

The secretary told the committee that every member had a copy of the branch constitution and they should read items 15.1 and 15.4.

3/9c/11. Treasurer.

Treasurer s/m Raymond Coaster, reported to the meeting that September had been a good month for monies coming into the branch, he went on to say that the sales of calendars for 2012 had raised so far £290 with more to come yet. An artiste had been booked for the Christmas social at the RAFA club, December 10th, and arrangements made for the buffet

4/9c/11. Branch representative.

In Memoriam Book and Web Site

The secretary Has completed a review of the Memorial Book and I am getting ready to post it onto the branch web site

Calendars

Calendars now on sale selling quite well. I have 47 left and I need about 8 or 10 myself.

Easington PO 5 - 2 sold

Redcar Tourist Info - 28 sold at last check

Would like to see more support from the members regarding sales this year.

We have 50 members, and we certainly did not get get sales via every member last year.

Coasters

Sales continuing. Don't forget that I have Branch Badge coasters and can do personalised ones.

Birger Anchor Plaque

I was asked to check with James Godbold if it would be possible to have a MN badge profile cut to go on the base of the plaque. He is going to put a price together and let me know.

Have still to check price with James Godbold for an MN profiled cut badge to go on front of memorial.

Confirmed via folk club member that we should be able to get the Marske Fishermen's Choir for the dedication ceremony. I will liaise with Vince Parker who wrote the song for us and the choir. He is of the opinion it would be better sung by the choir.

Dave has already set out a preliminary order of service. Provisional date of 3rd June 2012.

Library Exhibition

Thanks to Tony for his excellent publicity. There have definitely been visitors to the exhibition who would not have seen it if it were not for the publicity.

Exhibition progressing well. Currently at South Bank. Final week next week at Skelton.

It has been suggested (lady from Loftus) that we should produce a book on the branch based on the material used for the exhibition. We could sell the books for raising funds.

Would suggest possibly for 2013 - the 20th Anniversary of the branch.

Initial research has found £1.80 to £2.50 per book, based on 100 copies.

5/9c/11. Branch Welfare officer.

Welfare officer s/m Jan Harper reported to the committee that since coming off her holidays she had visited all those branch members who are under the weather and requiring her attention, and in general they are all doing pretty well. Jan handed over a bottle of rum from s/m Peter Willis and his good lady wife Iris, for the members to have a tot on them at the next branch meeting. Thank You Peter.

6/9c/11. Branch Public relations officer.

S/m Tony Whatmore thanked Billy Dobson for his kind words thanking him for the work he was putting in with public relations. Billy had made it quite clear that people had read the snippets of information in the press. Also brought to the attention of the committee was that Craig Colebrook of the tourist information office was another outlet for the branch. Tony also stated that 'knowing the treasurer was looking for someone to take over the running of the 25 club, he was prepared to do it.'

All the reports were well received.

7/9c/11 Any Other Business.

7.1 Ladies section.

With regard to the proposed ladies section within the branch, the secretary said he was going to push on with the idea regardless of any negative attitude. The secretary then went to read out the 8 point law on the ladies section that will be entered into the branch constitution.

S/m Raymond Coaster thought that it should be brought up at the next branch meeting again to let the ladies of the branch have there say on the subject. Raymond also went on to tell how monies within the branch were moved around into there own accounts.

7.2. Branch constitution.

The secretary reported that, not only was he writing up the articles on the ladies section, but he was also wanting to open the branch constitution to make an entry under finance that would allow the branch to move money from the branch 'Welfare and Remembrance fund' into the general account.

Last year we had moved £500 in this manner as the general fund at that time was getting low. The secretary said that this was another one of those items that he works on to that will keep the branch legal at all times.

The secretary also hopes that the the branch constitution will be renumbered in time for the branch AGM in January 2012, so that it can be fully ratified.

7.3 Branch Memorial book.

The secretary passed round the meeting a new branch Memorial book that he had done for branch members, plus another book that would be for all the other names that were in the old book.

7.4 Branch Photograph.

With regard to having a branch photograph taken, s/m Billy Dobson told the committee that he knew a photographer who would do the shot for £95 plus the cost of each separate photograph for each member. The secretary said the last photo was taken back in 2007 and that had cost £100 and £5 for each photo after that.

Chairman s/m Dave Price said the ideal time to have this done would be in the spring of 2012 when nights are pushing out as some members won't come out on dark nights.

This was agreed and looked into, the dress for the photo will be Full Rig with Standards and with decorations worn.

7.5 Branch Patron.

The secretary read a letter from Colonel Stewart OBE, TD, DL who has agreed to be the branch Patron.

Col, Stewart has supported the branch for many years now at our MN parade. Col. Stewart has served on board ships working his way around the world, plus serving on the board of the now defunct Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority as well as being chairman of the HMS Trincomalee trust at Hartlepool. The secretary will write to Col Stewart thanking him for his support of the branch and welcoming him on board.

7.6 MNA AGM Birmingham.

This item was to have been brought up at the last branch meeting but was by passed, however, the chairman asked who would like to go to the MNA AGM 15th October. A possible 9 members will attend and the chairman will drive the bus. This will be paid for by the branch.

7.7 Combined Services dates

S/m Ian Barnes gave out dates for coming events:-

- October 14th Police band concert at the Tabernacle, Stockton, tickets £6*
- October 16th Grosmont War weekend - Grosmont Station Parades at 1130 hrs and 1330hrs.*
- October 21st Police Band concert-St Marks church Marske, 1900 hrs*
- October 29th launch of the Poppy appeal and band concert – 1030 hrs Redcar High street.*
- November 2nd Poppy Appeal Evening Coatham Rd, RBL 1900 hrs.*
- November 5th Veterans afternoon and Band concert 1400 hrs Coatham Bowl doors open 1300 hrs.*
- November 11th Redcar High Street, Remembrance day parade and service 1045 hrs. Blue Clock.*
- November date to be confirmed, Redcar & Cleveland College 1230 hrs.*
- November 13th Redcar Remembrance day parade Cenotaph parade will form up at the RBL 1045hrs*

Secretary David Buckworth

Chairman David Price

Proposed-----Seconded-----