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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CHICHESTER CITY CLUB
ON 29th OCTOBER 2014

The meeting started at 1930 hrs with a minute's silence for fallen and missing comrades.

Present were: Fred Hill, Mick Bright, John Bailey, Eddie Drew, Allen Drew, Peter Edwards, Eric Hensby, Peter Alner, David Beveridge, Paul Daines. Dave Tilley, Barry Cobbold, Bob Keen, Trevor Booker, Graeme Maidment, Stuart Ingrey.

Apologies: James Cooper, Bill Dixon, Phil Mead, Liam Wildish, Tony Tilley, Tony Talman, John and Dave Covey, Pete Catchpole.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman has now moved to Somerset. Barry Cobbold asked if anyone would like to become Vice Chairman and stand in for him if he was unable to get up from Somerset for a meeting. Dave Tilley volunteered to be Vice Chairman just for the January meeting, and would then see how it goes.

Secretary's Report: Paul asked that if you change your email address please let him know. Paul will not be here for the Remembrance Day parade and the Xmas Dinner as he will be away on holiday. I hope you have a good Remembrance Day and a joyful Xmas Dinner.

Treasurer's Report: Eddie gave a good record of the accounts. Any member wishing to examine the accounts should arrange this directly with Eddie.

Welfare Report: Nil

Any Other Business:

1) Remembrance Day Parade. Parade will form up in East Street at 1020 hrs, march off

1035 hrs. Eddie will order 10 tickets for the buffet at the City Club after the parade.

2) The President said that he knew that members were not happy to turn up for a formal meeting only to find that neither the Chairman nor Secretary (who both now live a long way away from Chichester) were there and there was nothing to discuss. He suggested cutting the number of formal meetings to two per year: one in March for the AGM and to discuss arrangements for the Albuhera Dinner; and the other one in October to discuss arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade and Christmas Lunch. All other meetings would be social meetings, with emails to members with any urgent info. Dave Tilley suggested waiting till the January meeting before taking a vote. John Bailey said that twice yearly would be enough for official business. Some members said that they did not have a computer so they would not get email info.

It was decided to take a vote at the AGM in March to see how many formal meetings we will have a year.

3) The 2015 meetings until March are as follows:

- January 28th formal meeting
- February 25th social meeting
- March 25th AGM

4) For the Queen's Association AGM in London on 7th March 2015 there will be a minibus laid on at Chichester for all those who want to go. 10 members indicated they would want to use this. There was some debate about whether you need to buy a ticket to get into the Union Jack Club or if the ticket was just to pay for the meal (and control the numbers in the banquet room). The President said he thought the tickets were just for the meal, but he would check with Alasdair Goulden at RHQ.

5) Eddie Drew spoke about the Xmas Dinner on 3rd December. The cost is £20.00 per head. Time is 1200 for 1230. Dress is casual. All returns to be sent to Eddie by the 19th November with the money and choice of starter and dessert. A raffle will be held and any raffle prizes would be welcome. Raffle proceeds to go to Help the Heroes.

6) Eddie has had a letter from the RNA Branch for a trip to the National Arboretum Staffs. Date 12 - 14 April 2015. Names to Dave Tilley by end of November 2014 if you would like to go. Dave Tilley will give you all the information about the trip.

7) Bob Keen visited the Bridge over the River Kwai and has some books on it for anyone to read. Please contact Bob for info.

Date and Time of Next Meeting : The next meeting will be a social meeting at the City Club at 1930hrs on Wednesday 26th November 2014. The next formal meeting will be on Wednesday 28th of January 2015, also at the City Club at 1930hrs.

The meeting closed at 2022hrs.

Paul