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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CHICHESTER CITY CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2013

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

Present were: Peter Alner, Robert Keen, Eddie Drew, Allen Drew, Fred Hill, Colonel David, Stuart Ingrey, Bill Bailey, Barry Cobbold, Peter Edwards, Graeme Maidment, Mike Humme, Eric Hensby and Brian Marjoram.

Apologies were received from: Bill Dixon, Clive Gerrelli, George Ayling, Tony Talman, Liam Wildish, Paul Daines, Tony Tilley, Neville Crow, Albert Prangnell, Pete Catchpole, James Cooper. John and Dave Covey and Barry Cooper.

Chairman's Report:

Date for AGM London given (Saturday 2nd March) also the cost of the minibus was given as £10 per head to be collected by Pete Alner on the coach if Grant from RHQ does not cover whole cost.

All branch meetings to start at 1930Hrs in future.

Secretary's Report: Nil

Treasurers Report: Peter gave a good record of the accounts. Any member wishing to examine the accounts should arrange this with Peter.

Welfare Report: Barry's operation will take place at the Spire Hospital Southampton on Tuesday 5th February.

Any Other Business:

Barry suggested returning to monthly meetings instead of bimonthly, this was seconded by Bob Keen and carried unanimously. This will start from the AGM.

Both Eddie and Allen wanted conformation of the transport to the London AGM. The minibus will have only one pick-up point (the Chichester Gate car park – off Terminus Road, where the cinema is). Depart at 1300 hrs. Return pick up from Victory Services Club will be at 2100 hrs. Anyone not there will have to make his own way home!

Brian Marjoram (who is the Surrey SSAFA rep) said he has a mobility scooter to give away for a donation to SSAFA, anyone interested contact him or Paul.

Mike Humme reported the Abdication of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and the fact that her son Prince William will be crowned King on the 30th of April.

Colonel David reported that Major General Mike Reynolds has a new book coming out. He also wanted conformation of invitations to Albuhera Dinner. It was agreed that invitations should go to: Colonel Anthony Beattie (Association President), Major Steve Bream (retiring Association Secretary), The Mayor of Chichester, RSM Allen Drew, Colonel Peter Bishop – Mayor and RSM Drew as Guests, remainder as Paying Guests.

Paul Daines and Branch members would like to wish Barry a speedy recovery from his operation.

Peter Alner gave out the Albuhera Dinner Dates for this year and next two:

18th May 2013

17th May 2014

16th May 2015

Date And Time Of Next Meeting: Next meeting will be on the 27th March At the City Club at 1930hrs and will be the AGM. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Meeting Closed: The meeting closed at 2012hrs.

PAUL