



Newton Abbot & District Branch Royal Engineers Association

Meeting Minutes for Meeting Dated Sunday 22 February 2015

<i>Branch Officials:</i>	Mr Brian Cocker	Branch President
	Mr Tony Franklin	Branch Chairman
	Mr Roger Andrews	Branch Secretary
	Mr Keith Tapp	Branch Treasurer

Members Present: 13

Appologies: Bob Herbert; Martin Jones

Meeting Opened: 11:32 Hrs

1. Opening Address

The exhortation was recited by the Branch Chairman and silent tribute observed.

2. New Members

None

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Branch Secretary read the minutes from the last meeting and confirmed that all matters arising had been dealt with.

Proposed By: Mr Dave Duffield
Seconded By: Mr Dave Cairns
That the minutes as presented be accepted.
Vote: Carried

4. Correspondence

1. Alister Reed Ties: Ref REA Ties
2. REA HQ: Confirmation of branch membership to this & Bomb Disposal Branches for Paul Lloyd.
3. SW Group REA: Ref Group AGM and Standard bearers Competition.
4. SW Group REA: Ref 22 & 26 Engr Regt's Families day on Sat 30 May 2015.
5. Mr Vince Manley: Request for Branch Standard for the funeral of his Brother an Ex-RE. On 9 February.
6. REA HQ: Calling notice for 2015 Chilwell Weekend being held on 5-7 June 2015.
7. Army HQ Land Forces Directorate: ref Centenary of Gallipoli Campaign and ANZAC Day on April 25.

Please note:-

1. All correspondence received is now published on the Branch Website www.newtonabbot-rea.co.uk as soon as is possible after its receipt (sensitive items and information excepted).
2. Members may view the original hard copies of any or all incoming correspondence, at the branch meeting following its receipt, or by contacting the Branch Secretary and agreeing a mutually reasonable time.
3. Hard Copies of correspondence will be retained by the Secretary for three (3) months. A digital copy will be retained on file.

5. Branch Treasurer's Report

The Branch Treasurer, Mr Keith Tapp, gave a report of the Branches finances, confirming that as at the start of today's meeting we have £2109.9 (excluding fixed assets) in Branch Funds.

Proposed By: Mr Richard Underhill

Seconded By: Mr Dave Duffield

That the Treasurers report as presented be accepted.

Vote: Carried

6. Welfare Report

Update given by Secretary on Mr John Chant and Mr Bob Herbert.

The President Mr Brian Cocker is to contact Bill Freeman to obtain update on his welfare.

7. Other Business

The following subjects were raised:

1. Proposed by Mr Dave Cairns
Seconded by Mr Dave Duffield
That as a vote of Thanks for their contributions to the Branch, that Mr And Mrs Allum of Serenity Bridal Wear be granted membership to the Branch as "Friends of the Branch" this being a non voting membership.
Vote: Carried
(Branch Secretary to formulate a letter to The Allum's confirming the members decision and thanking them on behalf of the branch).
2. It was confirmed by the Chairman Mr Tony Franklin that members travelling on Official branch business such as Parading the Branch Standard at local events Etc' where expenses were not payable by HQ REA or SWG Group REA would be able to claim mileage allowance which at the present time stood at £0.45 per mile from Branch funds.
3. Date of the Spring Summer Lunch was set for Sunday 14 June 2015. The Secretary to invite the surrounding local REA Branches.
Proposed by Jason Downey
Seconded by Alan Duncombe
That a sum of £300.00 be set aside from branch funds to cover the cost of the lunch
Vote: Carried.
4. Mr Richard Underhill reminded members that Newton Abbot Decoration day is on June 7 Alan Duncombe confirmed that he was available for that date as the Branch Standard Bearer.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Branch Meeting was set for Sunday 22 March

9. Closing Address

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at: 12:05 hours.

Original Signed 22 Mar 15

Signed:
Mr A Franklin (Chairman)

Signed:
Mr R Andrews (Secretary)

Date:

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