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PLYMOUTH BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20th MAY 2011

Meeting opened at 20:10

Attending: Capt John Edgell OBE RN, M Pitkeathly, Dougie Stewart, Mike Pitt, Jan Mounce, Dave Williams, Vic Richards, Vic Cavell, Charlie Payne, Steve Biring, Gary Hardwick, Brian Hall, Chris Heaver, Arty Taylor, Martin Burkin Pete Watts, Mo Morris and Billy Dobson.

Apology's:- Alan Jones, Michael Williams, Albert Worrillow, Darby Allen, Nick Addison, Dave Burr, Rod Lampen and Ivor Davis.

Minutes of last AGM accepted as correct.

Proposer: Dave Williams

Seconder: Vic Richards

Vote: Unanimous

Matters Arising:

None.

Auditors Report:

Due to the two original volunteer Auditors being unavailable, Arty Taylor and Vic Cavell stepped into the breach and carried out the Audit on Wednesday 18th May. They found the books well presented which meant the audit was completed successfully in less than half an hour. There were no errors in the paperwork and the Petty Cash balanced. Both Auditors commented that it was a pleasure to Audit such well kept books. BZ Charlie; again.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer gave a full report. Due to the financial information contained, this is not published on this website

Secretaries Report:

Dougie reported that he has finally joined the computer age and even has an email address which he will give out to those who need it. Other than that there are only the following points to bring up:

1. Anyone interested in Golf, the Annual RN Golf Championship is to be held at Chepstow. Any member wanting further details, contact Dougie.
2. Families Weekend to be held later this year. Contact Dougie for more details.
3. Alliance Appeal. Dougie has more details.
4. None member, Mr Ian Clifton has died at the age of 87. He was an X Craft man but no further details as he was not a member of the Association. His funeral will take place at Tamerton Foliot, Anyone wishing to attend needs to contact Dougie for more details.

Membership Secretaries Report:

Dave reported that we have had 4 new members join in 2010. They are:- Christian Prosper, Paul Patterson, James Stubbs, and Steve Towsey. So far this year we have had the following join:- Mick Conway, Charles Knapper, Howard Foster, Steve Hutson & Neil Maitland. This means the membership for the branch stands at 59.

Welfare Officer:

The Chairman is still covering the position and is happy for any member to volunteer to take over. There is currently nothing to report.

Should a member like to find out more about Veteran's issues, they should contact Vet's World by emailing:- veterans.world@spva.gsi.gov.uk or Tel. 01253 330451

Election of Officers.

Chairman -	Billy Dobson was happy to continue, he was unopposed.
Secretary -	Dougie Stewart was happy to continue, he was unopposed.
Treasurer -	Charlie Payne was happy to continue, he was unopposed.
Membership Secretary -	Dave Williams was happy to continue, he was unopposed.
Welfare Officer -	Chairman Billy Dobson – no one volunteered so he will carry on.
Standard Bearer -	Albert Worrillow has made it known that he is happy to continue, he was unopposed.
Webmaster -	Mike Pitt was happy to continue, he was unopposed.
Minute Secretary -	Vic Cavell will continue to produce the minutes.

Agenda items:

1. The Chairman suggested that we should have a Vice Chairman so should he be unavailable for an event then the VC could stand in. He suggested that the VC should either be the outgoing Chairman or a volunteer who would like to be Chairman in the future. There was some discussion but no clear way ahead. Charlie suggested that, as we have a number of Ex Chairmen, should there be a need then one of these could step into the breach and chair meetings or attend an event. Dave Williams, Vic Cavell, Alan Jones (in his absence) agreed that this was feasible. So there was no need at this time for a Vice Chairman.
2. The issue of Standard Bearer still needs resolving. The Standard Bearer should be required to attend three main events, Remembrance Day Parades at, Plymouth Hoe, The Embankment London and Submarine School HMS Raleigh. Other turn outs will be, to all Members funerals (providing the family is in agreement) and any other occasion requested by a Member or the Gravity of the function.

Dougie stated that he had made numerous attempts to contact Albert but never caught him at home. The Chairman asked Dougie to actually go and see Albert and get a final answer to his position. Gary Hardwick had previously volunteered to be Albert's deputy and Pete Watts stated at the meeting that he would be happy to be available. The President told the meeting that Armed Forces Day will be June 25th and we should parade the Standard at this event. He will forward an itinerary of the day to the Chairman.

Dougie was asked to undertake the following:-

- Visit Albert and see if he intends to carry on as Standard Bearer and undertaking the named events.
- If Albert is not happy to give an undertaking to attend the events, Dougie was to get the Standard back.
- To liaise with Crownhill RBL to see if training from their Standard Bearer could be arranged for Gary and Pete.
- Arrange for safe keeping of the Standard.

AOB:

The President said that a visit to HMS Vigilant will be taking place towards the end of summer and that both the Plymouth and Exeter Branches would be welcome to attend. He has given the task to WO1 COXN Jack Hawkins and he will be in contact with the details once known.

Pitt K said it would be good if as many members as possible attend the Remembrance Parade on the Hoe this year. He hopes that we can outrepresent any other Veterans Association on the day and show Plymouth that our Association is still going strong. Most people agreed with the sentiment and will make efforts to attend????

The Treasurer said he now had this year's National Raffle books and should members like to take some to sell he would be happy to make them available.

The Chairman told the meeting that he has been in contact with Dorset Branch about Mr Martin Budgen and they confirmed that he has moved to their area and has joined their branch. However, he was informed that Martin is ill!! Mr S Taylor – We still have no contact details, he has paid his subs, at last years prices, as we are unable to write to him. If any other member knows of any contact details, please let one of the officers know, contact details above.

The Chairman has been asked by the Submarine School if he would address the New Submarine intakes to HMS Raleigh and also present the top student of the passing out class with a trophy. He has accepted the honour.

Capt SM: Gave us a run down of the state of play which was for the attendees only.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 2105.

The Annual Branch Raffle Draw took place with Charlie Payne (Treasurer) winning the main prize, Billy Dobson (Chairman) winning the bottle of rum, Jan Mounce the bottle of wine and Arty Taylor Guinness Baseball cap.

See you all next year hopefully!!

Signed:

Signed:

E V Cavell
Minute Secretary

W Dobson
Chairman

Post Meeting Note:

The Chairman has asked that this observation be included in the meetings. First, a big thank you, to all who attended the AGM. However, as the meeting progressed some members started having their own little meetings within the meeting and the Chairman had to use the gavel a number of times to draw peoples attention back to the meeting in hand. This is disrespectful to the person speaking and whether you agree with what is being said, that person has the right to be heard. It also makes it difficult for the Minute Sec to hear what is being said and he may not get to hear all necessary points raised. The meeting went on so long that the RBL staff had to remind the meeting that they were waiting to conduct the meat raffle. Please do not let this put you off attending in the future, but please have a little thought for the person speaking at future meetings.