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Chairman – **Mick Walker**

Secretary – **Gil Nicol**

Treasurer – **Craig McQuade**

Minutes of Meeting held at The Royal British Legion, Rodney Street, Edinburgh EH7 4EL at 1300hrs on Sunday 31st August 2014.

- Members Present;** Mick Walker, Gil Nicol, Gordon McLeod, Bob Hamilton, Alex McWhirter, Kenny Wratten, Norrie Bishop, Ron McCartan, Frank Murray, David Henderson, John Donaldson, Kim Panton, Doug Archibald.
- Apologies;** Craig McQuade, Roy Kay, Ronnie Drummond, Willie Grant, Tom Ormiston, David Brock, Eoghann McLachlainn, Raymond Mannion, Andy Paterson, Eoin McIntyre, Andy Mullen and all overseas members.
- Chairmans Welcome;** Mick Walker welcomed all present and thanked them for attending .
- Welfare Report;** (1) Roy Kay is not very well at the moment and his daughter is looking after him.
- (2) Raymond Mannion attended The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh for a pre-op discussion with the consultant and has been put onto the waiting list for an operation on his shoulder. Still awaiting details regarding his prostrate operation. However, he managed to celebrate his 70th birthday, last week, as well as celebrating his grand daughters birthday.
We wish both our lads a speedy recovery and also send them our best wishes.
(3) Mick Walker met Jimmy Simpsons widow and informed us that she is coping as well as can be expected. We send her and her family our best wishes.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting;** The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as accurate by Doug Archibald and seconded by Gordon McLeod
- Matters Arising;** It was pointed out that the Xmas Lunch was booked for Sunday 29th November 2014 when it should read **SATURDAY 29TH** November .Please take note and accept the Secretaries apologies.
- Secretary's report;** (a) Names are required for the Xmas Lunch to be held at The Royal Scots Club , Edinburgh on Saturday 29th November 2014. We require as many people as possible to attend as we will be charged for a minimum of 20 personnel.The cost is £25.00/person and we must notify The Royal Scots Club no later than 19th November. Please ensure that Gil Nicol is aware of all meals required and who will be attending, no later than 12th November 2014. The latest Gil will accept payment is at the A.G.M on Sunday 16th November 2014.
(b) Grangemouth Memorial Service—Sunday 28th September 2014—G.N. has been in contact with Peter Duff (Falkirk Sappers Group) and still needs names for the lunch (cost £12.00/person).

Anyone interested in attending the lunch please contact Gil Nicol(0141-631-2092/07707468530) or email:gilbertandmyra@gmail.com Please inform Gil no later than 8th September 2014.

The memorial service will be held on Sunday 28th September at Zetland Park , Drummond Place , Grangemouth—1100hrs for 1130hrs (beat bib & tucker). After the parade we will be adjourning to The Leapark Hotel, 130 Bo,ness Road, Grangemouth ,FK3 9BX –it is approx. 300 yards from the memorial.

(c) Cenotaph Parade –Names required—we will be issued with a minimum of 4 places and I feel we must keep attending or we will lose our allocation

(d) Arnhem 2014– all is in hand and we are looking forward to the trip.

(e) Gil informed all members that there was a book available called “Operation Muskateer” by Stevie Stephenson who is an ex member of 9 Sqn. and SAS respectively. The book will cost £10.00+£1.50 p&p , however if anyone can wait until after the October reunion then the book will be available at £10.00 only from our A.E.A. Shop . All proceeds from the sale of this book will go to “Help For Heroes”. We have been assured by Dave Rutter (Journal Editor) that it is a good read.

(f) Annual Golf Outing –it was agreed that the golfers in the unit will contact each other with a view to arranging a suitable date and venue.

(g) We have received an invite to attend The Old Comrades Annual Dinner , to be held at XV Para HQ , New Pearson Hall , Houldsworth Street , Glasgow on Saturday 18th October 2014. The cost will be £15.00/person for a 3 course meal. We have to be at the hall for 1930hrs for 2000hrs (Traditional dress –Blazer , flannels , shirt , tie or suit and tie) Anyone wishing to attend please contact Gil Nicol before 29th September as we must notify them by 1st October 2014. This is a good opportunity to meet up with some “old comrades” and have a good night out.

8. Treasures Report; Craig McQuade was not present however Mick Walker presented a verbal report stating that we were still financially healthy.

The Financial report was accepted as being accurate.

9. Website Report; John Donaldson informed us that all is reasonably well , still having problems with the video but hopes to have this sorted soon and our website is still attracting more visitors.

10. Shoebox Appeal; No report as appeal suspended.

11. Future Meetings; All future meetings will be held , on the 3rd Sunday of the month, every 2nd month starting from and including January 2014.

Meetings will commence at 1300 hours.

12. A.O.C.B.; (1) Kim Panton will either send or deliver a card to Roy Kay on behalf of the branch.

(2) John Donaldson will liaise with Roy regarding updates on his situation.

(3) John Donaldson has received a request for a donation , from Erskine House , Edinburgh. This was discussed amongst the members and Gil Nicol proposed we send a donation of £50.00 and this was seconded by Gordon McLeod . Mick Walker will send a personal cheque and be reimbursed from our Treasurer..

(4) We received an email from Olaf Dudley inviting us to attend the Freedom of Harrow Parade for 131 Commando Engineer Squadron but unfortunately we had to decline as most of our members will be at Arnhem 2014.

(5) We have also been informed that plans are being proposed for a remembrance service , next year , on the 40th Anniversary of “Cromwell Lock”. It was agreed , unanimously , that we should be

represented at this service. We will discuss in more detail at our A.G.M in November 2014.

(6) Olaf Dudley has requested the use of some of our photographs from our website and requests captions for photographs. John Donaldson and Gordon McLeod will liaise with Olaf regarding this.

(7) Ron McCartan has sent details of the building of a road in Mallaig in 1961 to Dave Rutter (Editor of The Journal). Hopefully this will be in the next issue of The Journal in December, along with photographs.

The meeting was brought to a close at 1400 hrs with a vote of thanks to the chair after which we adjourned to the main hall for some refreshments.

13. Date of Next Meeting;

AGM on Sunday 16th November 2014 (1230 hrs) at R.B.L ,Rodney Street , Edinburgh—

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