

**Branch AGM, held Ennis Square Social club, Dormanstown,  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**1/1/agm/12**

*The chairman opened the meeting at 1930 hrs. The tribute to the fallen was given by s/m Billy Hendrie.*

*Apologies received from s/m's N. Sowden, L. Ireland, John Ingram and Colonel R.M. Stewart OBE, TD, DL.*

**2/1/agm/12 Minutes**

*The minutes of the December branch meeting were read and approved.*

*There were no matters arising from the minutes.*

**3/1/agm/12 Correspondence**

*The secretary told the meeting that he was stopping down loading all the one line items of correspondence as he forwards them on to all those members who are on line, but items of importance will be kept.*

*There were 6 items to be read. As follows:-*

- 1. From the Redcar Sea Cadets TS 'Zetland' regarding trophy presentation'.*
- 2. From Middlesbrough Borough Council regarding the Band of the Yorkshire Regiment.*
- 3. An events list from the Redcar branch RNA.*
- 4. Correspondence sent out by the secretary.*
- 5. From national thanking the branch for all its help in 2011 and the donations.*
- 6. From Redcar in Bloom wanting help.*

*Matters arising from the correspondence*

- 1. The branch already has a trophy that is given each year to a sea cadet. TS 'Zetland' have been in touch with the branch again as they wish to give another trophy to the sea cadet who shows the greatest commitment to the community. The award will be in the form of a glass model of HMS 'Victory' in a glass bottle and mounted on a wooden plinth. The cost will be £50. The members agreed that this trophy should be sponsored by the branch under the wording, "The Seafarers Trophy - Sponsored by Dormanstown and Redcar MNA".*
- 2. Middlesbrough Borough Council are to hold a concert in Middlesbrough Town Hall with the Band of the Yorkshire Regiment playing.*
- 4. The secretary reported that he had sent out a request to Redcar & Cleveland Council for an application form to hold a street collection. He had also sent out letters to members who do not attend meetings reminding them that subscriptions are now due for 2012.*
- 6. Redcar in Bloom are looking for members of the public who can spare a little room in their greenhouses to grow plants for the summer*

**4/1/agm/12 Yearly Reports**

**4.1 Chairman**

*The chairman s/m David Price, started the reports by thanking the members for all their support over the past year, and looked forward to getting stuck in to 2012. He did put forward*

some ideas for future trips out. He ended his report by thanking the officials for all the hard work that they do on behalf of the branch.

#### **4.2 Treasurer**

S/m Raymond Coaster had had a bit of a push to get his report put together due to the branch books having just been returned from the accountant. The branch finances to the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 stood at:-

Income stood at £892.27, expenditure at £812. 52, giving the branch a balance of £1,790.17. Yorkshire Bank statement £2,141. 17. The branch Welfare and Remembrance Fund stood at £1,375.53. There were no questions for the treasurer and the report was accepted. Proposed by s/m Keena Hill, and seconded by s/m Raymond Robinson.

With regard to the balance sheet from the accountant, the treasurer did put out some copies for the members to read, He went on to explain the difficulty that had befallen the accountant now that we need 2 separate accounts due to having the charity number and accounts having to be kept separate. However now that last years accounts have been done, future accounts regarding charity will be easier! With regard to the annual payment the branch makes to the accountant ( £50), the treasurer thought that now that he has two separate balance sheets to complete, we should increase this form of honorarium to £75, the members agreed.

#### **4.3 Secretary**

The secretary gave his usual 3 page account of the year 2011 and what he had been doing for the branch. He did state that though the correspondence side of his book work was stable, there had been a rise in his postage due to having to send out double items because of the work on the seafront. Form filling never gets easier and someone must have a job somewhere just altering forms as 2 years running the forms are always different. The secretary ended his report by telling the members that in his opinion the branch was in good condition and one of the best in the MNA.

#### **4.4 Branch Representative**

S/m Billy Dobson gave a very good account of what he had been doing on behalf of the branch members. Calendar sales for 2012 had been very good again. Billy was sorry that he was unable to continue as a national councillor due to an ongoing problem he unfortunately has at home due to an illness. Billy also made a good account of writing to national regarding the time wasted at meetings due to unnecessary talking, and he was sure that what he had written had been acted upon.

#### **4.5 Branch Welfare Officer**

S/m Jeanette Harper, reported on what she had been doing over the past year, and one of her greatest achievements had been that she had managed to get 3 members who had been ill back to attending branch meetings. However her work is, as ever, ongoing and she shows no sign of wilting along the road. The membership are very supportive of Jan and her work. Following her Welfare report Jan went on to talk about the; 'Ladies Section', she told the meeting that the section was up and running and that they will be wanting items of bric-a-brac as they will be having stalls. The Ladies Section works for the branch Welfare and Remembrance Fund.

#### **4.6 Branch Public Relations Officer**

S/m Tony Whatmore gave his report on how he had dealt with the media in getting branch events published. He did add, that it was not always straight forward, however the members

are grateful for what Tony gets done, and the secretary has reported in the past that he has never known the branch have as much publicity over the past 19 years the branch has been in existence.

All reports maybe sighted on request to the secretary except the chairman's report, as he always ad-libs. All reports were greeted with a good round of applause.

### **5/1/agm/12 Any Other Business**

#### **5.1 Football Card & 25 club**

A football card was run, with thanks to s/m Tommy Graham, and won by s/m Jack Robson with Blackburn Rovers,

The branch 25 club was drawn, 1<sup>st</sup> prize No 6 s/m Keena Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize No 17 s/m Tommy Graham.

#### **5.2 Honorariums**

As honorariums can only be altered at the branch AGM, the sec told the members that honorariums at the moment stand at:- secretary and treasurer receive £100 each, and £25 each going to the chairman, branch rep, branch welfare officer and branch public relations officer. The members agreed that there should be no change to these figures, and honorariums will be on the agenda for 2013 AGM.

#### **5.3 Morrisons**

The secretary asked if the members wanted him to apply for a space in Morrisons supermarket to hold a collection, he reminded them that we should apply early but we were not in any position to state which date we required. The members said that we should go ahead as there is no guarantee that we would even get a date as there are that many groups now seeking help with collections.

s/m Keena Hill also wants a letter from the secretary stating who we are, our charity number and what we do with our monies. This letter is for Keena to hold a raffle in the new Asda store.

#### **5.4 Presentations**

Framed certificates were presented to s/ms Tommy Graham, John Cook and Raymond Robinson in recognition of their continued support of the branch and fund raising. The secretary made special note of how the three of them cover one another's back in running the football cards.

S/m Ian Barnes was presented with a framed certificate to mark his ten years service as a Standard Bearer for the branch.

S/m David Price was also presented with a framed certificate to mark his first 5 years as branch chairman as well as the work he does in looking after the members on days out.

#### **5.5 Birger Anchor**

During s/m Billy Dobson's report as branch Representative reference was made to the work being carried out by himself and the secretary along with the representative for Redcar & Cleveland Council and the 'Birger' anchor on the seafront. It has come to light that we may have to attend meetings with the contractors on the seafront and the council to explain what our requirements are. s/m Cyril Kitchener took up this reference in AOB to ask about the anchor. The secretary told Cyril that the anchor will be dedicated as a 'War Memorial' and we are to have a flag pole as well to fly the Red Ensign permanently.

**5.6 Branch Constitution**

*The secretary told the members that the new revised branch constitution had now been on the table for two months and each member attending meetings has a copy. At the December branch meeting there had been no reference on request from the secretary regarding any alterations. The secretary then declared the constitution now accepted and it has become branch law.*

*A bottle of rum was presented to the members to have a tot for the New Year from s/ms Keena Hill and John O'Connell*

*With no further business, the chairman thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2045 hrs.*

*Secretary Dave Buckworth Chairman Dave Price*

*Proposed ----- Seconded -----*