

Committee meeting held Redcar RAFA club,

Wednesday 27th July 2011.

1/7c/11.

Due to illness the chairman was unable to attend the meeting, so by a show of hands, treasurer s/m Raymond Coaster took the chair.

Apologies received from s/ms Dave Price, Taff Jenkins and Ted Dobson.

2/7c/11. Treasurer.

The treasurer reported that he had received £50 from s/m Billy Dobson for the sale of calendars.

He also reported that he had stopped using re-fill inks for his printer and was using the correct ones which unfortunately are more expensive. He had also bought envelopes for the Christmas cards and even they had gone up in price, he showed round the committee the new Christmas card for 2011 and said that he thought that this year they should be on sale at 5 for £1, everyone agreed.

He also reported that he had paid the sec. £400 for a new computer tower as his old one had frozen out.

3/7c/11. Branch Representative.

S/m Billy Dobson reported on the MNA's constitution would go before the MNA's AGM for 2012. S/m Ray Coaster couldn't see why national couldn't adopt all the work that had been put in by this branch through the sub committee meetings.

Billy also reported that calendar sales for 2012 were doing well and so far 59 had been sold and that another 45 had to be sold for the branch to break even.

With regard to the 'Birger' anchor Billy reported that he had spoken with J. Godbold to get a price on making a MN badge to go with the plaque.

Also on his list was the fact that Redcar library is to be pulled down and the place to be used in the mean time may not be big enough to hold our annual branch display, but he was to see the chief librarian to have a further look.

Billy is also looking to print posters for all the members to take a few and cover the town with them to advertise the 4th September. Also reported by Billy was that the branch web-site had been up-dated. Following an idea from the sec. Billy said he was to contact national and ask that our web-site be sent out to all branches and in return ask branches with their own sites to let us use them as a link, this would further spread the branch to all and sundry.

4/7c/11. Branch Welfare Officer.

S/m Jan Harper reported on her work with the branch members who are under the weather.

S/m Ted Dobson is doing well after his hip operation and starting to get about. Ted also thanks the branch for the 'Get Well card'.

S/m Con Warriner is getting better organised following Jan's visits, Con also thanks the members for his 'Get Well card'.

S/m's Doug Blenkinsop and Brian Warrior are also doing well and send their best regards.

Jan went on to tell the committee that the manager of the Stockton Arms now has a collecting box for the branch and that he has adopted the branch for his collections.

5./7c/11. Branch Public Relations Officer.

S/m Tony Whatmore reported on what he had been doing to get the branch better advertised through the media.

He also stated that he had spoken with a reporter about a recent article that he had sent in that stated that a recent event organised by the branch had been giving credit to the RBL. The reporter in question had apologised for the error.

Tony also thought that it would be good if the branch presented the Stockton Arms with a framed plaque to show our gratitude. All Agreed.

6/7c/11. Any Other Business.

6.1. Scarborough.

The sec. reported that he was now in receipt of a letter that states that Scarborough branch MNA are to hold a 'Summer Warm Up' in the Scarborough Conservative club on Wednesday 17th August from 1200 - 1800 hrs. Names will be taken at the next branch meeting.

6.2. Hull.

It was also reported that the Hull branch IMNA had sent their thanks to the branch for the great day that was had by all at the Citizens club 20th July and that their annual 'Nautical Knees Up' would be held on Wednesday 12th October. The sec. reminded the committee that this would clash with the branch meeting for that month, and s/m Sugar Robinson will see if we can have the room in the Dormanstown RBL and bring the meeting for October forward to the Monday!

6.3 Hull Presentation Picture.

The sec. told the meeting that Hull were very good at giving presents when they came to Redcar, in the form of framed pictures. He thought that on our October visit to Hull we should reciprocate and see if we could get a good photo of the HMAB 'Endeavour' as anyone born between the Tees and the Humber were after all Yorkshiremen. Some thought it would be good for a laugh to have a photo of the members taken outside the 'Endeavour; public house and frame that.

6.4 Ladies Section.

The sec. told the committee that we would soon have enough women in the branch to have a ladies section. This could come under the umbrella of the branch. The sec, thought that women sometimes would come up with ideas that us men may miss. The sec. also thought that s/m Jan Harper would be a good fit person top organise such a group. Jan said she would be delighted to give it a go, and the committee agreed in principle

6.5 Praise for the branch.

It was reported that an article about our Welfare Officer and her work sent into the national vice chairman Cpt. Mathison to use on his blog, had brought recognition from the vice chair in writing

“ Yours is a really pro-active branch and sets an example to us all.” The sec. said that he tried to have something entered into the MNA's magazine 'Full Ahead' every quarter to let everyone know that we are here.

6.6 Whitby.

Members will be going on a trip to Whitby on Saturday 30th July. The sec. will talk with the chairman regarding the pick-up times.

6.7. Combined Services.

S/m Ian Barnes reported that there was no Combined Services meeting for another month, but he did tell of the turn out for the 'Help the Heroes' event on Redcar Race Course recently. On the day the heavens had opened and everyone had been thoroughly soaked, there were 17 Standards present and the race crowd had given a resounding round of applause when they marched down the last furlong of the straight.

With no further business to hand, the chairman thanked the ladies and gentlemen for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2025 hrs.

Secretary David Buckworth

Chairman David Price

Proposed----- Seconded -----