

Committee meeting held Redcar RAFA club,

Wednesday 31st August 2011.

1/8c/11.

The chairman opened the meeting at 1930 hrs.

Apologies from s/m Jan Harper (Welfare)

2/8c/11. Treasurer.

The treasurer s/m Raymond Coaster reported to the committee regarding the takings for the recent Flag Day (27th August) which realised £1,008.15. Of this £142.72 came from the book stall. The Welfare and Remembrance Fund now stands at £2,479.71.. The treasurer went on to tell the committee that the bookstall monies would not be included in the monies we send to national as that is a separate item. He also told the members that it was unfortunate that we had rain on the day as that had increased our expenses that would also come off the monies sent to national.

On a separate item the treasurer reported that the RAFA club would be open on the coming Sunday 4th September, after the MN Day service and he would be handing out free drinks tickets for Standard Bearers, Police Band and members. There will not be a raffle or a buffet.

3/8c/11. Branch Representative.

The branch rep. s/m Billy Dobson informed the members that the branch display was now up and running in the central library and be going around the district over the next 6 weeks. Another item he was showing was on Piracy. Billy hoped that someone would speak on this subject at the national AGM. A very interesting item was regarding PD Ports and the attempts Billy is making to get them on board with us. Calendars are selling well for 2012.

Branch Public Relations Officer.

Branch PR officer s/m Tony Whatmore reported that all media outlets had been informed of the coming events organised by the branch, and many members have read these items in the local papers He also will have it published that the October branch meeting will be brought forward from the Wednesday to the Monday due to the members going to Hull on the 12th.

4/8c/11 Any Other Business.

4.1. Macintyre.

The sec. reported to the committee that he was getting sick of hearing about Macintyre, who is still calling the branch and telling lies. He went on to say that we are not in any position to tell members who they can or can not talk to but, he thought that the time was coming very fast when we will have to. The sec. went on to say that he had thought that the main people in the branch who are getting all this grief should be sent a letter advising them to totally ignore Macintyre completely. The committee agreed to this.

4.2. Battle of Britain.

The sec. hoped that the branch would have a good turn out again for the Battle of Britain Day 11th September, remembering the letter the branch received last year from the RAFA that said, "Its a good job the Merchant Navy turned up." It will be announced at the MN Day service.

4.3. Branch Photograph.

The sec.said that the branch had not had a photo of branch members taken since 2007 and asked the committee if they thought it a good idea to have another one done. The idea was talked about amongst the members. The sec. said that he would write to all those members who didn't turn up regular and ask them to make a special effort to turn out for this event. Some members thought that could be difficult as with it being dark nights members like s/m Billingham Bob will not travel. This idea will be left on the table!

4.4. Collecting Boxes.

The branch has had to buy some new collecting boxes as our old ones appear to be disappearing and the sec. wanted to know where they all were. The chairman said we will find out and keep a book with them entered regarding who has them and what they are being used for. s/m Billy Dobson has just bought the branch 8 new ones and was instructed to get 8 more.

4.5. Birmingham AGM.

The national AGM in Birmingham will be held on the 15th October, and the sec. thought that it would be good if we could get more members to attend, after all national do think we are getting to be a top notch branch. This will be brought up at the next branch meeting.

4.6. Whitby.

The chairman, s/m Dave Price, told the meeting that he could organise a trip to Whitby for the 24th September but only if all the seats were taken, as he doesn't want the branch having to subsidise the bus.

4.7. Flag Day.

The secretary told the meeting that he was very pleased about the turn out by members for Flag Day. He went on to say that he had always stated from the very first year we started that it was numbers on the street that count, and this year the turn out had been very good with the evidence in the total raised.

S/m Ray Coaster also added that when it came to dedication, we had to look at s/m Des Brown from Billingham who had come to Redcar the day before with his wife and taken Bed & Breakfast just to be there.

With no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 2020 hrs.

Secretary David Backworth

Chairman David Price

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