

**Committee meeting held Redcar RAFA club,
Wednesday 30th November 2011**

1/11c/11

The chairman, s/m David Price, opened the meeting at 1930 hrs.

Apologies received from s/m Ted Dobson.

2/11c/11 Treasurer

The treasurer, s/m Ray Coaster, reported that the Christmas draw was going to be a big success again this year. He also reported that he had purchased a bottle of Single Malt Whisky as a present for Branch President Parker's 90th Birthday (3rd December). S/m John Cook had handed in a donation of £25 from Thomas Clarke. Prizes were required for the Christmas draw as well as the branch Social, any person wishing to buy Christmas cards will have to have them printed on demand.. Branch and national subscriptions will be due at the January AGM.

3/11c/11 Secretary

The secretary reported that he had stopped reading out all correspondence so that it can all be read at the branch meeting but he did read three e-mails from national one regarding national meetings at Birmingham, a request from national for members to pay their subs by Gift Aid so that they could claim an extra 25% (£1.75) tax back and a another regarding a retired Rev. George Callender who has strong ties with the MN through his past great great and great grandfather who served in the MN . The Rev Callender is offering his services free to any association that may require a chaplain.

4/11c/11 Branch Representative

Branch Rep. s/m Billy Dobson had very little to report except that all the calendars for 2012 had now all been sold. Well done Bill.

5/11c/11 Branch Welfare Officer

Welfare Officer, s/m Jan Harper, reported on her work visiting our ill members. She was pleased to say that s/m Cec Nichols was looking very well. She also reported on seeing s/ms Peter Willis, Con Warrinier, Doug Blenkinsop and Brian Warrior, who are all holding their own.

6/11c/11 Ladies Section

s/m Jan Harper, spokesperson for the branch Ladies Section, reported that, she had been out with s/m's Brenda Coaster and Beryl Carling to empty 8 of the 17 collecting boxes that the ladies have around the towns public houses etc. and that they had collected £103.22. All the boxes will be emptied on a monthly basis when Jan comes off of her holidays in January. Jan also reported that the ladies have some very good ideas for raising monies for the branch Welfare and Remembrance Fund.. Praise is given to the Ladies for their endeavours so far.

S/m Ray Coaster said we had a small problem with the monies being collected by the ladies as we will have to send off a cheque to national so that they can take their 10% Charity share, but how are we going to pay this money as he doesn't want to be writing cheques out every month. It was agreed that the secretary will ask national treasurer, s/m Willie MacFarlane, if he will take the branch on trust and pay this money quarterly, All agreed. There was a very good input into this debate by s/ms Cyril Kitchener the treasurer and sec, and Jan Harper.

7/11c/11 Branch Public Relations Officer

Branch P R Officer, s/m Tony Whatmore reported that he had sent off the normal publications for our meetings etc., to the media, as well as to the Redcar Town web-site, this information was also in connection with the Redcar lifeboat crew scattering poppies upon the sea on MN Day as well as our meetings

8/11c/11 Any Other Business

8.1 Presidents Birthday

With regard to the presidents 90th Birthday, s/m Capt. Ken Parker, five members said that they would like to pay him a visit on the day, 3rd December, The secretary said they will use his car and he will get us all in. It was agreed that half an hour would be enough time to visit as they didn't want to have him getting too tired.

8.2 Branch Officials for 2012

The secretary read a list that he had completed for the branch officials that will have to be sent in to national. The list read as follows:-

President, Capt. Ken Parker, Vice Presidents, Mrs Vilma Collins and Cllr. Raymond Goddard, Chairman, David Price, Treasurer, Raymond Coaster, Secretary, David Buckworth, Branch Rep. and Web Master, Billy Dobson, Branch Welfare Officer, Mrs Jeanette Harper and Branch PR Officer Anthony Whatmore. Ladies Section:- Mrs Brenda Coaster, secretary, Mrs Marjorie Goddard, Treasurer and Mrs Jeanette Harper, Spokesperson.

8.3 Branch Events for 2012

The secretary produced an Events List for the branch for 2012, he made it clear that any changes in the list will be up-to the individual member to keep his/her list up-to-date

8.4 Branch Subscriptions for 2012

Again the secretary told the committee that subscriptions for 2012 will be due as of the 1st January 2012 and asked if the committee were of a mind to do as so many years in the past and pay £2 for each members dues, with a warning that national subs are to be increased in 2013 by £1. The committee agreed to pay £2 towards all members subs again.

There was a general debate off the agenda regarding trips to Whitby with the chairman saying he was wary of the branch having to make any short fall in the amount of monies paid by the members on the trips. Ray (Sugar) Robinson told the meeting that it was not long back that we only paid £5 for a seat. The treasurer said he wasn't bothered about the branch having to make up a small short fall. It was also put that a trip to Whitby once a month would be a good thing. The trouble is its always the same faces that put their names forward.

Secretary *David Buckworth*

Chairman *David Price*

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