

**Committee meeting held Redcar RAFA club,
Wednesday 25th January 2012**

1/1c/12

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

Apologies from s/ms Ted Dobson, Tony Whatmore, Tommy Graham and Taff Jenkins

2/1c/12 Treasurer

The treasurer, s/m Raymond Coaster reported on the Ladies Section, who had been emptying collecting boxes in public houses, the total amount realised was £126.33 The treasurer said that at this rate if the boxes are emptied every six week, the ladies will raise about £1000 pa.

A further donation of £100.86 had been kindly received from s/m Norman Evens MBE.

The treasurer further added that the Christmas Social had been booked in the RAFA club for the 8th December 2012..

3/1c/12 Secretary

The secretary reported that he had received confirmation that the branch is allowed to hold a collection day in Morrisons supermarket on Saturday the 14th April. The secretary went on to state that the members will have to get their heads together to sort out who was doing what times on the day.

He also was pleased to report that he had also received notification via s/m Keena Hill that fundraising will be allowed up at the new Asda store on Roseberry Road. He went on to say that he did not think it would a very good spot for holding a collection, but the manager was keen to help in anyway he can. The secretary thought it would be best to leave it to Keena, but s/m Jan Harper asked if the Ladies Section could have Asda, the committee agreed.

With regards to holding collections etc in stores, s/m Billy Dobson told the committee that he was retiring this year from his picture restoration work, so the display boards will belong to the branch, and it could be a good idea if the boards were used to show the public what we are all about.

The meeting thanked Billy and agreed to do something along those lines.

4/1c/12 Branch Representative

Branch Rep. s/m Billy Dobson reported on the latest regarding the 'Birger' anchor, as we now have to put in a drawing of how it will look with the new plaque included, Billy said that the secretary had done all the writing regarding why we wanted the anchor and flag pole. The council do not want the plaque to be stood alone!

Billy went on to report that he was sorting through photographs for the 2013 calendar. He said we had done very well with the last one and thought it better if we stuck with the same number again and not increase the numbers printed as we would be better off selling all and not to print extra to have some left on our hands. The committee agreed with Billy, and it will be left to him.

Coasters are always there to be bought and Billy said that you can now have them personalised. Billy asked the committee to accept his apologies for being a little late in updating the branch web-site, but he had managed to get it done now. This delay was due to his work load on his private business. The committee accepted Billy's apology and understood his work load.

5/1c/12 Welfare Officer

Welfare Officer s/m Jan Harper reported on her work going round visiting those members who are under the weather, she went on to say that they were doing OK and send their regards to the branch. Jan has also being doing hospital visits with s/m Peter Willis's wife Iris. These visits are above and beyond her call of duty, and the branch should be grateful for Jan's commitment to her position.

With regards to the Ladies Section, Jan told the members that the ladies, Mrs Brenda Coaster, Mrs Beryl Carlin and herself, who had been round opening the collection boxes had had a good day and enjoyed themselves doing the job.

6/1c/12 Any Other Business

6.1 Trophies

The secretary was pleased to show some silver cups that had been donated by s/m Raymond Robinson. They will be passed on to TS Zetland to see if they can use them for awards for the sea cadets.

TS Zetland has asked for two members to attend the annual award s night for the sea cadets. The branch have sponsored another award to a cadet who has done the most for work in the community.

The awards night will be held at 2000 hrs on Thursday 9th February. The new award is a glass model of HMS 'Victory' in a glass bottle mounted upon a wooden plinth. It will have the Merchant navy inscribed on it. The cost of the award is £50 but the committee agreed to make a donation of £70.

6.2 Whitby

The chairman told the meeting that he was trying to organise the first trip of 2012 to Whitby for the 11th February. This brought smiles to members faces.

6.3 Combined Services

S/m Ian Barnes, informed the committee that so far there had been no call made for a combined services meeting, but he went on to add that he was expecting one for the 9th February.

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

Secretary *David Backworth*

Chairman *David Price*

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