**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING (29)**

**YEOVIL AND DISTICT BRANCH RBL (BR2555)**

**HELD AT 1900hrs ON 29 AUG 24**

1. ACT OF REMEMBRANCE BY THE CHAIRMAN

2. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed all those present for attending the meeting. He also thanked the Treasurer for hosting this evening’s meeting at his house.

3. MEMBERS PRESENT

Christopher Le Hardy (Hon President), Simon Woodrow (Chairman), Tim Tatler (Vice-Chairman), Andy Kendal (Treasurer). Roger Law (Webmaster) and John Emery (Secretary).

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

5. MINUTES OF MEETING 28

Copies of this meeting had been distributed and copies were made available to all present. It was agreed by all present that they were a true and accurate record of that meeting. The minutes were then signed off by the Chairman and the Secretary.

6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

7. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reminded members that any requests for wreaths for Remembrance Sunday needed to be to him ASAP.

He stated that he held the Branch Asset Register and that it was updated regularly as required.

8. VICE-CHAIRMENS REPORT

The Vice-Chairman reported that there would be a detachment from RNAS Yeovilton at this years Remembrance Parade and that he was liaising on behalf of the branch.

9. PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

The President stated that he would not be unable to attend this years remembrance service in Yeovil due to other commitments.

The following outlets for the sale of “Tommy Silhouettes” were currently being pursued:- Tintinhull, Yeovil Rugby Club and Yeovil Town Football Club.

He reminded the meeting that expenses incurred by the Chairman and himself for the remembrance service in Tenby had still to be settled. How these were to be paid had yet to be decided and the matter was currently in hand.

10. TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer stated that the year end accounts were currently with County for approval.

He informed members that several Armed Forces Outreach Service events were currently planned to be held at the Westland Entertainment Venue in Yeovil.

11. SECRETARY’S REPORT

The Secretary had nothing to report.

12. WEBMASTER UPDATE

Roger stated that he had updated the webpage today. It now includes Branch history and a diary of events. Please let him know of any other information that that you may feel would be useful to members.

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13. PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE RBL CONSTITUTION

At the 2023 RBL Annual National Conference the motion to change the balance of the Board of Trustees away from membership had not been approved. This motion was currently being re-addressed and would now be submitted to the 2025 Annual Conference. The President stated that any proposed future changes to the RBL Constitution would be looked at in more detail by the Somerset RBL.

This subject will remain on the agenda, as a watching brief, for future committee meetings.

14. VISIT TO THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Planning for this possible future event was ongoing.

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were currently no items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Branch Committee Meeting will be held after the AGM at the YESS Club on 29 Oct 24.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting closed at 2030hrs.

17. KOHIMA CLOSING PRAYER

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Branch Secretary Branch Chairman