

**CENTRAL ENGLAND BRANCH
THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS ASSOCIATION**



**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
KNOWLE, SOLIHULL**

SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2013



Present:	Mr Mark Picken Mr Peter Page Mr Guy Mynett Mr David Brown Mr Michael Leeming	Chairman Secretary Treasurer PEC Guest Member
Appologies:	Mr Tim Harvey	Recruitment/RIFLES LO - Sick

Agenda (a)	Action (b)
The Chairman opened the meeting at 1247hrs	Chairman
Item 1 – Minutes of the last Meeting :	
The minutes from the last meeting held at The Tally-Ho Social Club on Monday 18 th February 2013 were read and passed.	Secretary/PEC
Item 2 – Liquidity State :	
The Treasurer updated the committee on current finances. As at Saturday 18 th May 2013 cash at bank is: £971.21p (<i>Copy attached to these Minutes</i>).	Treasurer
Item 3 – Matters arising from Last Meeting:	
a. Armed Forces Day – Confirmed + Plan (AO to fol).	Treasurer
b. Debrief Post Functions – Agreed by all.	Chairman
c. Boot Fair/Fundraiser – Agreed, date in June 22 nd ?	Secretary

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<p>d. Recruitment Stand at reunion 2013 – Agreed. e. Branch Identity & Branding – As per Banners. .</p>	<p>Chairman/Secretary Secretary</p>
<p>Item 4 – Chairman’s Points:</p>	
<p>a. The Chairman spoke about the failure to publish the Minutes of the RHQ RGJRA spring Meeting. Not yet published by Brig (ret’d) Jan-Dirk von Merdvelt. However, relevant points will be disseminated shortly</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>b. Branch commitment to the NMA at Alrewas. Members not notified due to point made in sub para a. Plans submitted thanks to Guy Mynett are awaiting approval from RHQ RGJRA. Work Party will commence first cleaning parade on Fri 31 May 13 from 1300hrs.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>c. Spoke about the Memorial in Peninsula (MiP) tribute chairs currently being organised by Steve Barrett (East Mid Branch) and Mrs Julie-Anne Rosser. Wording issues and dates.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>Item 5 – Secretary Points:</p>	
<p>a. The Secretary asked the committee to consider the merits of an independent website due to the cumbersome nature of the current one designed and updated by Mr Kevin Stevens. Member Frank Hone had previously offered to arrange for a site to be built and run at a cost Tbc.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p>b. The sanctioning of a Boot Fair at a date to be confirmed in June to offset the cost of a website.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p>c. The committee were informed of the promise made by RHQ RGJ RA Secretary Brig (ret’d) Jan-Dirk von Merdvelt to supply the branch with a regimental flag, gratis as a thank you for taking on responsibility for the NMA.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p>d. Asked for feedback regarding the article in Swift and Bold and the periodical entries onto the e-zine. Positive, and will continue to write and forward when required.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p>e. Asked about the feasibility of raising funds for C4C at this year’s AFD. Agreed within the confines of our own pitch as the RBL have primary permission to collect.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>

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<p>Agreed.</p>	
<p>Item 6 – Treasurer Points:</p>	
<p>a. The Treasurer spoke about his disappointment at the lack of interest expressed in his offer to arrange a Branch Anniversary Meal. The branch anniversary being 22nd May 2013.</p>	<p>Treasurer</p>
<p>b. He also outlined the concept of Ops for the planned AFD in Birmingham City centre on 29th June 2013. The branch have acquired a pitch which comes with a Gazebo, tables etc. It will be manned predominantly with committee members with additional manning coming from those members able to attend. Full advertising with banners etc and members will wear Blazor, Trousers, with Berets and medals.</p>	<p>Treasurer</p>
<p>Item 7 – PEC Points:</p>	
<p>a. The PEC spoke about combining a branch BBQ in conjunction with the Boot Fair possibly at Bassetts Pole, Sutton Coldfield at a date tbc.</p>	<p>PEC/Treasurer</p>
<p>b. He also spoke about the success of the Branch Families Day at the Cock Inn, Bartley Green on 2nd April 2013.</p>	<p>PEC</p>
<p>Item 8 – Guest Points:</p>	
<p>Mr Michael Leeming was offered the opportunity to add any points and the following were raised:</p>	
<p>a. Funding Initiatives – He spoke about the possibility of donating a purchase order from JCB to the Branch which will allow JCB advertising on behalf of CEB RGJRA. He explained the mechanics of it which essentially mean that a large proportion of a fee in the region of £1000 will go into Branch funds with an amount not exceeding £500 be used for advertising 2013/14.</p>	<p>Guest</p>
<p>b. Possibility of organising a Branch visit to JCB at Rocester to incorporate family members. Dates to be looked at possibly September – dependant on commitments. Wait out</p>	<p>Guest</p>

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Item 9 – Proposals:

1. Proposed by: Guy Mynett

'That a sum not to exceed £200.00 be granted from branch funds to offset the cost of the Armed Forces Day'. (NOBO Board, Pitch etc).

Seconded by: Mark Picken

Carried

2. Proposed by: Pete Page

'That a sum not to exceed £20.00 be granted to offset the cost of the Boot Fair for fundraising purposes'.

Seconded by: Dave Brown

Carried

Item 9 – Any Other Business:

Further research required to sanction the purchase of a website – costing, simplicity etc.

Item 10 – Next Meeting:

There was no date set for the next meeting. However, a warning order and agenda will be issued in good time.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1450hrs.

P J PAGE
Branch Secretary
Central England RGJRA

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LIQUIDITY STATE AS AT:

Sat 18th May 2013

Balance B/F from last statement:	£757.01p
Expenses:	/
RHQ RGJ Official website:	£10.00
AFD deposit to BCC	£25.00
Liabilities:	/
Cash at Bank:	£971.21p
Total Cash Available:	<u>£936.21p</u>
<i>Cash at Bank minus Expenses</i>	<i>-£35.00</i>

**Increase determined by Branch re-newals and Families day Raffle etc*

G MYNETT
Treasurer
CEBRGJRA

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FORECAST OF EVENTS 2013/14:

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| June – Day TBC | - | Branch Boot Fare (Fundraiser)
Bassetts Pole x 4 + BBQ? |
| Saturday 29th June | - | Armed Forces Day (Awareness)
Birmingham City Centre |
| Saturday 13th July | - | RGJ Association Reunion
Winchester. |
| Saturday 28th September | - | Salamanca Day
Tbc |
| October – Day Tbc | - | Dinner/Auction/Speaker (C4C)
Tally Ho Social Club |
| Sunday 10th November | - | Remembrance Parade
ICC B'ham + Social Tbc |
| Saturday 7th December | - | Committee Xmas Drinks - Tbc
(Venue Tbc + Everyone welcome) |
| February – Day Tbc | - | Fundraiser (The Port n Ale)
Hot Food, Music, Raffle |