



The Royal Green Jackets Association  
Suffolk Branch.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROYAL GREEN JACKET ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT THE ARMY CADET DRILL HALL ON FRIDAY THE 5TH JANUARY 1996

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1. Those Present: Joe Mills, John Bevan, Alfie Adams, Larry Lamb, Mick Burtenshaw, Jim Hitches, Ken Napier, Stu Duckett, Tom Evans, Mick Read, Frank Moss & Barrie Gilmore.
  2. Apologies: Gordon Pilcher, Dave Hazel, Vic Steedman, Jim Crack, Brian Pepper, Del Hemsley, Mick Downey & Craig Thomas.
  3. The meeting was opened at 20.00hrs by Joe Mills, with best wishes to everyone for a happy & prosperous New Year.
  4. The minutes of the previous meeting were read out, proposed by Alfie Adams and seconded by Jim Hitches that the minutes as read be passed.
  5. Matters arising:- Nil
  6. Correspondance: Sent Xmas cards to, Town Clerk, Safari Lodge Hotel Marwell, Marlborough Hotel Felixstowe, RBL Felixstowe and St. Elizabeth Hospice with a thankyou note enclosed.  
Recieved several Xmas cards from Members who have sent their best wishes to all members.  
  
Sent also a letter of invitation to Maj Gen Charles Vyvyan.  
  
Recieved Reply from Maj Gen Vyvyan see below, also letter from John Fritz-Domeny expressing his and Debby's sadness over the death of their friend Curly. Recieved also a letter from Ron Cassidy giving details of the new Regimental place mats, Ron also sent us some prints which are away being framed.
  7. Finance: Saving a/cc 1881.25 & Gen a/cc 884.90 in the bank with Mick Burtenshaw holding 230.00 cash towards band and incidentals for the Ladies Dinner Night.
  8. Benevolence Report: John advises that all are well and that it was good to see Mick Read and Barrie Gilmore at the meeting after their recent illnesses.
  9. Ladies Dinner Night:  
  
Timing 1900 for 1930hrs. Dress Lounge Suits Sherry on arrival  
  
Wine & Port during the meal with dancing to the Zephyrs or most importantly the bar stays open until 0100hrs.  
  
Unfortunately Maj Gen Charles Vyvyan flies to Nepal on same the day as our dance so sends his apologies with a promise that should we invite him again next year, he would do all he could to attend, he also sends his best wishes and looks forward to seeing us in Winchester in July.

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9. continued:-

Toasts: Jim Hitches Grace, The Ladies: Tom Evans, The Regiment: Mick Read.  
Raffle Star prize: 50.00 worth of vouchers.  
ANY ONE WHO HAS NOT YET PAID FOR THE DINNER PLEASE DO SO ASP.

10. R.G.J. Re-union Weekend Winchester.

Gordon has provisionally booked the Marwell Hotel for Friday and Saturday evening the 12th and 13th of July. A return requesting names and deposits will be sent out in March.

11. Any other business:-

a) Gordon advised that after the service for Curly Hooper his Sister Mrs Doris Sullivan advised us that we could have all Curly's military collection which includes badges, books and memrobilia, this has been collected and Gordon will send her a letter of thanks from the Assc.

b) Gordon has contacted George Elliott to hold space in this years News Letter for Curly's Obituary, this has been fax'd through to Ron Cassidy for his help in checking and passing onto George.

c) An invitation has been given to Ron Cassidy to view Curly's collection with a view to having some of it on show in the museum. We need to discuss what we want to do with it as its quite extensive and possibly quite valuable.

considerations: 1. subject to us getting our own premises we should only loan the museum what they want for show.

2. Books, should we sell them off at auction proceeds going into the Assc funds.

3. Should we have the complete collection evaluated before we do anything further.

4. Please feel free to put forward any additional suggestions.

What ever we decide Curly's sister wants on his behalf to ensure that the Assc gets full benifit and enjoyment from what is a considerable lifes work and love of the Regiment.

d) So far we have only recieved two donations from members towards Curly's request for donations to be given to the St. Elizabeth Hospice, would any of our members like to contribute is so please make your cheques out to the RGJ Assc, so that we can forward our cheque on ASP.

Perhaps a proposal could be considered to withdraw funds from the savings a/cc for the purpose of boosting our donation.

e) Proposal from Tom Evans that a vote of thanks should be sent to Curly's Sister for her kind donation of his military merobilia to the Assc, this was seconded by Frank Moss and agreed by all. In hand.

f) Proposed by Mick Burtenshaw and seconded by Alfie Adams that a big vote of thanks be given to John & Margaret Bevan for all they have done throughout Curly's illness and for the numerous visits they made to the hospice on our behalf. Passed by all with our thanks.

g) Date of the next meeting this will be on Friday the 2nd of February 1996 same place same time.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 2040hrs.

Joe Mills  
Chairman

Gordon Pilcher

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