

THE RIFLEMANS ASSOCIATION NORTH EAST
Association Meeting
Sunday 2nd August 2020



Committee Present:

Chairman: David Nichol (DN)
Vice-Chairman: Brian Hall (BH)
Secretary/Treasurer: Darren Roberts (DR)
Entertainment: Dean Nichol (DJN)

Attendees:

Mark Munt
Jeff Cornell
Kenneth Richardson
Peter Fenwick
Jeff Cornell
Russ Holman

Apologies:

James Ramsbothan
Heather Trow
Michael McCormack
Michael Robinson

1.0 Minutes of Last Meeting:

Previous Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th May 2020 were read:

Voted: All Correct

Proposed: Jeff Cornell

2.0 Matters Arising:

2.1 Welcome:

DN: Welcomed everyone to the Rifleman's Associations NE first meeting at the Lakeside Inn, Hebburn (Face to Face).

DN: Introduction of the Rifleman's Association NE and the concept. Explained that the Association was hoping to hold meetings at D Company 8 Rifles Gilesgate Reservist Centre Durham. DN confirmed that he was still waiting for confirmation from Capt McNab. DN stated that the Association have approached Capt Leslie McNaughton at Bishop Auckland, Headquarters 8 Rifles with a view of holding future meetings at that location, which has been confirmed and agreed. DN confirmed that once dates for these meetings to take place, information would be placed onto the website and vi social media.

DN: Discussed the Rifles Association social Web App, "Swift" and their Facebook page "Old and Bold" which has been developed to aid in the communication process between

Regular, Reserves and Veterans. DN provide those present with information regarding how to gain access to these social media platforms.

DN: Stated that a meeting with Capt (Retd) Bob Roberts (Rifle Association) had taken place where upon discussions around the concept and development of the Rifleman's Association North East Website. DN confirmed it took a number of weeks of hard work from Heather Trow and the committee for the development of the website to take place, and then making it a live site in early July.

DN: confirms that the impact of the new website has been extremely good, which has increased the Associations viewing numbers considerably. DN stated that the website has been well received by RHQ Rifles who are looking at further Regional Associations being developed on a similar path.

DR: expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all present for the hard work, time and effort that it had taken Heather Trow to develop the website and then to make it a live site in a short period of time. This was echoed by all those present.

DJN: Explained that confusion has arisen around the membership area contained within the website, and the process for applying for membership. DJN logged into the Association website and showed all members present how to enter the members page and successfully complete individual log on procedure.

2.2 Membership:

DR: Membership to the Association is now completed via our Website and once approved and payment received, individuals will receive a receipt of payment and details of the Association App along with instructions of how to log on to the members area (As explained earlier by DJN)

DR confirmed that the Association has a total of 30 members with new member requests being received daily as individuals become aware of the new website.

2.3 Forecast of Events:

3rd October: Oktoberfest – Confirmed at Bishop Auckland 8 Rifles. Tickets £20.00

7th November: Remembrance Dinner – Confirmed at the Radisson Blu Hotel. Tickets £20.00
We also have the Venue for Drinks and a hot lunch for all those who want to attend following the Remembrance Parade in Durham.

December:

Rifleman's Children Christmas Party TBC

3.0 Correspondence and Email:

3.1. Nil

4.0 Treasures Report:

DR: Provided Current Association Bank Balance as of the 31st July 2020

Cash at Bank: £525.00

Raised Invoices: £325.00

Net Assets: £850.00

7.0 AOB:

DN Highlighted that the Association may potentially be involved in some Breakfast Clubs within the North East Region.

DR Discussed the Potential Setting up Fund from Rifles RHQ of £500.00 being available.

DN Discussed the potential of holding a Rifleman's gathering for the North in 2021, which was something that the Rifleman's Association North East was considering.

DN Highlighted potential social events involving 8 Rifles within the North East Region that we may be invited to become involved in, Details to follow.

DN Confirmed that all future meetings will be held at Bishop Auckland, Headquarters 8 Rifles with dates to follow

Date of the Next Meeting:

September 2020 (Date and Location TBC)