



THE ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BRANCH MEETING
OF THE GRAVESEND & DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS
ASSOCIATION
HELD IN THE GRAVESHAM COURT ON TUESDAY 5th Sept 2017

1. **Members present 10 Meeting Opened at 1930 hrs**

Branch Website, www.gravesendsapper.uk

Welcome to all Retired Sappers and Associate Members/Friends/Guests of the Association to the meeting of the Gravesend and District Branch of the REA,

Mr R Bardsley	President
Mr M Dobson	Branch Chairman
Mr D Spurgeon	Honorary Treasurer
Mr R Ellis	Honorary Secretary
Mr R Ellis	Standard Bearer
Mr K Trevor	Welfare

Friends of the Association: 2 Guest : None

New Members: None

3. **Apologies: Mr J Hoadley Mr S Dixon Mr O Foster**

4. **Previous Minutes.**

As emailed & displayed, dated 1st August 2017. Be accepted as read.

Proposed by: Mr D Spurgeon

Seconded by: Mr K Trevor

Carried

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes - Nil

5. **Honorary Treasurer's Report.**

a. Accounts to date £ 1.878.24p

b. Subs £20 Raffle £ 22

Proposed by: Mr B Stanley

Seconded by: Mr M Dobson

Carried

6. **Honorary Secretary's Report.**

The Honorary Secretary spoke on the following points.

- a. Letters in : None
- b. Letters out : None
- c. Sarah Reilly Gravesend RNA invited member's to their functions.
- d. Army v Navy tickets RERFC allocated 2000 tickets to REA members £25 for tickets & £5 for Sapper bar wristband.
- e. Corps Memorial Weekend 15th-17th September.
17th Sept Corps Memorial Parade Brompton Barracks 09-30 am
Rochester Cathedral Service 11-30am
Freedom of Medway Parade 12-45pm
- f. Laying up of the Meopham RBL Standard 17th Sept St John's the Baptist Church
09-15 am .Wrotham Road Meopham DA130AA.
- g. REA AGM Victory Services Club London 14th Oct at 16-00 hrs.
- h. REA Annual Dinner Victory Services Club 14th Oct at 18-30 hrs Tickets £22.
- i. Sapper Sunday Royal Hospital Chelsea 15th Oct assemble 10-15am by Chapel.
- j. Branch Christmas Dinner Three Daws Pub 12th Dec at 20-00 hrs £20pp
- K. Branch Standard paraded and wreath laid at SE Group visit to NMA 20th Aug

Any comments from the floor: Nil

Proposed by: Mr D Ward
Seconded by: Mr K Trevor

That the Honorary Secretary's Report be accepted as read:

Carried.

7. **Welfare Report.**

The welfare Member updated the branch on the welfare issues of branch members.

8. **Entertainment Report.**

No Report

Proposed by:
Seconded by:

Fund Raising.

Bread Pudding £21.00

9. **Chairman's Report.**

The chairman spoke about the Army v Navy rugby match.

Proposed by: Mr R Finney

Seconded by: Mr K Trevor

carried

10. **Proposals from the Floor.**

a. A thank you letter to be sent to SE Group for organising the NMA visit.

b. Branch funds pay deposit for the branch Christmas dinner .

Proposed by: Mr K Trevor

Seconded by: Mr M Dobson

11. **Any other Business.**

a. Donations of Port required for the November meeting.

b. Three wreaths to be purchased.

c. REA Battlefield tour 2018 approx cost £350 pp more details TBA.

d. Tour of poppy factory Aylesford Kent to be arranged.

Proposed by: Mr R Fiiney

Seconded by: Mr BFrost

12. **Next Meeting.**

The next meeting 3rd Oct 2017

Meeting closed.

20-00 hrs

13.

MR R BARDSLEY
(President)

Mr M DOBSON
(Chairman)

MR R ELLIS
(Honorary Secretary)

Mr D SPURGEON
(Honorary Treasurer)