



National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Branch Delegates Meeting

Yew Lodge Hotel Kegworth
Saturday 17th April 2010 the meeting opened at 10.00 hrs

NEC in attendance

Mr Allyn Rees (National Chairman) Mr F Burden(Vice Chairman) Ted Williams(Secretary) John McAulay (Membership Secretary) Grahame Bamford (National Treasurer) Mrs Annie Burden (Webmaster) Malcolm White Postal North & Committee member) Brian Roche (Postal South & Committees Member)

Branch Delegates in attendance

DONCASTER & NORTH YORKSHIRE Bob Haywood & Mrs Gillian McAulay NOTTINGHAM Fred Hallam & Ian Glover GRANTHAM & DISTRICT Ian Newton BEM & Dick Richardson LEICESTER John Crossley & Owen Lawrence MBE, LINCOLN David Rigley & Ernie West BRIDGEND & DISTRICT Clive Boyles MSS & Gillian Bowtell SURREY Charles Timms MBE & Debby Lofts BIRMINGHAM Geoff Parkes & G. Clarke Leeds & Bradford Branch Mr Paul Thompson & Eddie Seville

HOMAGE Allyn Rees National Chairman

- 1 The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking members for attending, hoping that delegates would enjoy the meeting and gain some benefits from it. He also pointed out that the members from Leeds and Bradford had no right to attend. However they could remain in an observer roll only.

Apologies

- 2 Mr Frank Rhodes, North Wales Branch, Carmarthen & West Wales Branch, North Yorkshire & Dales Branch

Minutes of last Meeting

Held on the 25th April 2009 at the Stage Hotel Leicester

Proposed by J Crossley and seconded by Fred Hallam that the minutes be accepted as a true recorded. carried

- 4 Matters arising Nil

Branch Delegates questions received.

1 Presentation and Review of the First National Magazine. By Mal. White and Brian Roche. “The Keris”. This will be distributed through an agent to members home address. It will be sent initially to all members on the database, but thereafter only to paid up members. The Draft copy of the magazine was passed around to all the present’

2 Nottingham Branch Fred Hallam:- ROSETTE CAMPAIGN

Fred Thanked the Association for it’s support, made an excellent presentation issuing all present with a photo and leaflet, explaining the campaign However the forthcoming election has delayed any parliamentary debate on the matter by MP supporting the campaign

3 Grantham Branch

Discussion took place on the NMBVA memorial at the Arboretum. Mr Fred Burden MBE was chairing a sub committee reviewing the current memorial, however due to the pressure of work is unable to commit the time, therefore Ian Newton BEM will take over the chair. Ian will be happy to receive any suggestions or observations regarding the NMBVA monument so he can prepare a report for the NEC

3a PJM Fred Burden informed the delegates regarding the current position and changes surrounding venues had been difficult to manage. There are also problems regarding the number of medals available, and varying information coming from the Malaysian High Commission ; WATCH THIS SPACE !

4 Birmingham Branch, this part of the meeting is difficult Geoff Parkes aided by G Clarke informed the meeting that Birmingham would leave the association unless a number of issues were clarified (see attached) The debate got very heated and out of control and the Treasurer went through the accounts step by step and even those certain statements made by Birmingham were proved to be untrue they would not accept it The debate went on, and in the middle, I believe out of pure frustration the National Chairman resigned. Mr John Crossley, got the Chairman to stay in post until the end of the meeting, Geoff Parkes agreed that he would take the answers back to his members, but Mr Clarke immediately read out a pre-written statement informing the meeting that the Branch had now withdrawn from the Association. At this point the Chairman requested that the Birmingham representatives leave the meeting, they were followed by Leeds Bradford.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1 Garden Party Buckingham Palace, organised by The Not Forgotten Association 6 Members are invited Ted said he would be informing all Branches

2 Eden Camp. David Rigley informed of the event, saying that he will be contacting all Branches

3 There was a query regarding the distribution of NEC minutes The Chairman explained there were ongoing confidential legal matters, which were not appropriate for general circulation and therefore the request was declined

4 The Chairman was requested to reconsider his resignation. He declined