



**RECORD OF DECISIONS - NMBVA NEC MEETING**  
**Held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Premier Inn Coventry**

**Members Present:**

David Neil (Chairman); Malcolm White (Vice Chairman); Ted Williams (Secretary); Bob Roberts (Membership Secretary and Postal North Coordinator); Brian Roche (NEC Member and Postal Coordinator South); Valerie Nisbet NEC Member Clive Boyles NEC Member.

**ITEM:**

**Item 1 -**      **Exhortation:** The Chairman and members paid Homage.

**Item 2 -**      Welcome by the National Chairman Mr David Neil, He thanked everyone for attending and hoped we have a productive and pleasant meeting

**Item 3 -**      **Apologies for unavoidable absence:** Annie Burden (Webmaster and Regalia Officer) and Dick Richardson (National Treasurer)

**Item 4**      **Correspondences:**

(a) Received a letter from The Rev Richie Osborne thanking the NEC Members of the Association for allowing him giving the honour to be our Padre and allowing him to represent the Association at both St. Paul's and Coventry Cathedrals

**No Further Action**

(b) Secretary; I have had letters from Carmarthen Branch and phone calls from members regarding the unveiling by the Japanese ambassador to the UK, a memorial, made from the ruins from Hiroshima to the victims of the two atomic bombings of Japan during World War, at the National Arboretum. Secretary issued each member with a leaflet taken off the internet; members could not understand why! Britain did not drop the bombs, if it was in reconciliation and memory to the our POWs who they brutalised this would be applauded

Secretary to draft Letter for NEC Chairman's approval to send to the Arboretum

**Action Secretary**

**Item 5 –**      **Record of Decisions:** The Record of the Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012 was accepted as a true record.

**Item 6 - Matters arising from NEC meeting 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012:, which are not on the agenda**  
Update of German Branch from their Branch Secretary, they no longer have Branch Meetings, because of distance and a lack of attendance. Reasons for this at one time the attraction of joining the NAAFI was they could come into the camp and use the NAAFI. With the introduction of the Veterans badge this privilege is extended to all Veterans' living in Germany. There are difficulties too transferring monies from Germany to the U.K. They have a very good relation with the local population and parade their Standard on special occasions. For the remaining a member of the Association is not feasible, but they would like to form a federation with us. Discussion is on going  
**ACTION: Secretary**

**Item 7** **Armed Forces Day** Plymouth went very well, next year it is at Nottingham, all display material has been handed over to Nottingham Branch who will be hosting the event on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**Action Chairman/Secretary**

**Minutes of the 2012 AGM**

**Item 8** Matters arising which are not covered by the agenda  
Valerie Nisbet; Item 11 Line 3<sup>rd</sup> from Bottom Starting Those members holding Office etc. She believes that the following sentences do not truly reflect the decision made at the meeting; Ted has a full voice recording of the meeting and shall investigate

**Action/ Secretary**

**Item 9** Malcolm White Item 17 increase in subscriptions: This was discussed at length Ted I believe most members have accepted this; He only has one query from Surrey Branch.

Ted; Item 19 Transfer Scottish Members from Tyneside Branch to Postal North, has this been done yet, assurance given By Bob Roberts that it has been done

## **AGENDA**

**Item 10** **Working Together (Team Spirit)** Chairman Mr David Neil  
Mr Neil Introduced himself, and emphasized the following

- 1) He is an Association Man, and will fight for the Association
- 2) We are going to have disagreement, that is why we have meetings, however when we come to an agreement, that decision is the decision of all the committee, and we should be not talk about disagreements outside our group
- 3) Loyalty, I shall be loyal to all of you trust you will all reciprocate
- 4) Please feel at ease to talk to me about anything you like, request information or make suggestions I will listen to your, advise
- 5) Let us work together, with the aim of improving the association and taking care of our members to the best of our ability

**Item 11** The Treasurer unfortunately is unable to be with us. He has sent in a report, but it is very difficult to have a meaningful discussion without his presence.

**Item 12**      **Assistance to the Treasurer** Bob Roberts, It would appear that on the data base there is a large number of members who have not paid. Branches send in a list who have paid, but never a list of members who have not paid. Therefore if we had an assistant to the treasurer who could contact these branches, we may be able to assist the Branch. At the same time this will help to maintain our database. This was a lengthy discussion It was agreed that we should have an assistant. Valerie Nisbet a committee member with experience in this find volunteered

**Action Valerie Nisbet**

**Item 13**      **Maintenance of Database** Malcolm White  
Malcolm, pointed out that our database in not up to date.  
As a guide to all concerned Malcolm produced a flow chart to follow,  
Ted said that a number of members pay in Advance, therefore he suggested that there are three column Date Paid, From, To Malcolm also stressed that he had produced the "Newsletter" and needed up to date information in order to send out to paid up members, after long debate  
a) Valerie to contact Branch's and get information sent to Malcolm  
b) Malcolm would hold up sending out of "Newsletters" to paid up members as long as possible, he has only got until a week next Wednesday to get numbers to the distributors, in order that he can print , packet and get them out to members by the beginning of December  
c) Everyone would to adhere to flow chart and report results

**Immediate Action Valerie and Malcolm**

**Item 14**      **New Memorial**  
a) Amount in fund to date £6,501.67 (Secretary to send list of donors for all Branches  
b) Lt. Col. Tex Pemberton OBE sent sitrep regarding progress  
c) Secretary to coordinate fund raising  
d) Date and arrangements for Dedication:- to be decided

**Action Lt. Col Tex Pemberton, Chairman, Secretary Treasurer**

**Item 15**      St Pauls Cathedral, Chairman 2015. is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the unveiling of the association Plaque, should we have a rededication ?  
Vice Chairman, 2016 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the confrontation, why not combine the 2 events in 2016, this was agreed  
Chairman to investigate and draw up a feasibility report with approximate costing

**Action Chairman**

**Item 16**      AGM 2013 Guest of Honour. Chairman suggested Joanna Lumley, other names were also suggested. It was decided to re-agenda for next meeting

**Action Secretary**

**Item 17**      Shop Stock selling price. Mrs Annie Burden sent written report  
On Annie's report it was suggested and unanimously agreed that the price of Association Christmas card be reduced from £12 a pk. to £6 a pk,

**Action Mrs Annie Burden**

**Item 18** NEWSLETTER Mr Malcolm White; Malcolm passed daft copy around and explained the layout.  
Please see Item 11 for explanation

**Action M. White/ V.Nisbet**

**Item 19** Next NEC meeting Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013 starting 1400hs, this will allow those travelling by train to take the cheaper option.  
More detail later

**Action Secretary**

**Item 20** Delegates Meting Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 @ 1000hrs  
Pro forma been sent to Branch next Week

**Action Secretary**

**Item 21** NMBVA, UK (Inc) Residence NEC Repressive in K.L  
There was two suggestion Dato Pillay and Dato Ahmad Tejuddin  
Taking a number of factors into consideration the committee are to invite Ahmad to be our representative

**Action Secretary**

**Item 22** Sending e-mails Malcolm; explained the ramifications, with examples of the results of sending Blocks of e-mail addresses by using "To" He suggested for security reason we should all use BCC

**Action All**

Meeting Closed at 1145hrs