



RECORD OF DECISIONS - NMBVA NEC MEETING
Held on 22nd March 2013
At The Kegworth Whitehouse Hotel

Members Present:

David Neil (Chairman); Malcolm White (Vice Chairman and Postal Coordinator North); Ted Williams (Secretary); Dick Richardson (Treasurer); Bob Roberts (Membership Secretary and Postal Coordinator North); Mrs Annie Burden (Webmaster and Regalia Officer) Brian Roche (NEC Member and Postal Coordinator South); Mrs Valerie (NEC Member); Clive Boyles (NEC Member) Guests; Honorary Vice President Fred Burden MBE and NMBVA Padre Rev. Roger Perry

ITEM:

1. **Exhortation** Read by Vice Chairman; Mr Malcolm White
2. Welcome Address by Mr David Neil National Chairman; Thank you all for attending in such awful weather, if all took notice of the BBC weather forecast none of us would have been here, however I do hope the snow eases off so we can get home. I should like to extend a warm welcome to our Honorary Vice President Fred Burden MBE and also to the Association Padre Rev. Roger Perry, We look forward to your contribution to our meeting and hope you both have an enjoyable time.
3. Record of Decisions of the meeting on Saturday 17th November 12 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters arising from Previous meeting held at the Premier Inn Coventry on 17th November 12 that are not on Agenda:**
 - 4a Ted: To put the record straight Item 8 Minutes of AGM, Valerie thought that Item 11 Line 3rd from bottom was not a true reflection on the decision made, Ted; I have listened to the sound recording of this item a number of times, it was a lengthy discussion and I believe the statement to be correct
 - 4b Item 15 St Pauls Cathedral David Neil: regarding the proposed rededication of the NMBVA Plaque, Mal, Ted and I were up in London to see the Malaysia High Commission (Trying to raise funds for new memorial) at the same time I

arranged a meeting at the Cathedral, we had a very good tour and either towards the end of this year or the beginning of next year we shall have to start planning in earnest. If decided at the next AGM according to what the membership wants. This is a premier Cathedral which attracts a lot of visitors therefore keeps the Association in the Public eye

Action National Chairman
National Secretary

- 4c Mal White; I have had a number of letters from Bill Smith who is a Scottish member who with others were member of the Tyneside Branch, at the last AGM it was decided to transfer these members to Postal North. Bill stats he would like to look after these members these. The reasons for transfer these members to Postal North were discussed at length. It was believed that they would be better served by Postal North at less cost. However it was suggested that Bill may like to form a Branch. It was pointed out that this may be difficult, it's hard to get members to take on responsibilities It was agreed that the secretary should write to Bill *(This has been done a copy of letter has been e-mailed to every NEC member and Ted has spoken to bill by phone)*

Action Secretary

5 National Treasurers Report

Update of current FY Budget; National Treasurer Dick Richardson
National Treasurer went through the budget figures, it would appear that on expenditure we are well below budget however there is still three months to the end of the financial year and still a lot of subscriptions to come in, please note in the income column includes £1,000, is from the capital account to pay the initial payment on the new memorial it should be noted that on the income side we have from you £308.6 donations from expenditure also £390 donations from members with their subscription, for which we are more than grateful. The audit cost was £320 last year, which I think is very reasonable, there is a rumour going around that the books were prepared, but not audited The books have been audited every entry in the books and every receipt checked. I am getting a letter from the auditor to explain the procedure and I shall have this put on our website. Remembrance Day: Contribution of £35 towards the Gurkha expenses has not been taken up for the last two years. However Bert Godsiff, is requesting it again. David Neil explained That Bert has gone through a very tough time and things were thrown into confusion and Bert is the official organiser of the Garden of Remembrance an £35 is very little consider the good will we get in return, this helps with the Gurkha travelling expenses. It was unanimously agreed that this payment should continue. The 2012 newsletter came in under Budget, I am too sure of the cost of the Kris yet, Mal we brought out earlier to avoid a postal increase nevertheless it will be a £100 over budget, but we do have £300 in adverts to come in therefore hopefully will be under budget, Memorial fund more detail later, but we have taken a £1,000 out for first payment. NEC meetings well under budget Armed Forces Day not everyone claimed and it came in £73 under budget. To date we are well within Budget final years account will be

issued to members at the next AGM. The Budget for 2013 -2014 will be the same as 2012-2013

Income. Mal questioned the subscription well below budget, Dick we still have still have 3 months to go yet, but on historic figures things are going well

- 6 Regalia Mrs Annie Burden The price of postage has gone up. Since we decreased the price of Christmas cards we have sold 21 extra packs there followed a discussion regarding ladies pendulums, Annie the price has gone out of control, David believes he can get them at a reasonable price both Annie and David to look into. Cuff Links to be discontinued there is very little demand, they come from India and when an is received invariably some are broken and we lose money on them therefore these will be discontinued

Action Mrs Annie Burden
National Chairman

- 7 Clarification Payments of National Subscriptions Ted Williams. There are a number of different interpretations on whether we pay for the current year; some are still using the calendar year, others the financial year 1st July – 30th June. Ted cited NEC Meeting 8th April 2011 confirmed at the AGM 2011 Page 8 motion 16 (The bring payment of National Membership Subscriptions in line with the new financial year (1 July to 30 June) subscriptions should be paid annually to cover the following year. There was a long debate on this and the following was agreed

- a) Existing Members: regardless what date payment is made, it is in advance for the next financial year, provided the members is paid up to date
- b) New Members pay a joining fee and according to the date they join a proportion of the current financial year and therefore have to pay for the next financial year by 30th June
- c) It was also agreed that the Joining application form not very clear on (d) above and is to be redesigned

Action Membership Secretary
National Secretary

- 9 New Database. Bob went over the new dated base main difference there will be 3 Colum 1) Date payment Date 2) Period from 3) Period to. This will make it easier to check on none payment etc. Bob to ensure that appropriate member of the NEC receive copies of the new database, and thereafter up to date copies

Action Membership Secretary

- 10 Overseas Membership Bob Roberts: This is in a mess, who is responsible? After a long discussion:-

- 1) Responsibly for overseas member was our International Liaison Officers Ron Blain, who doing a great job at liaison

- 2) Getting subscriptions in from overseas member was difficult and to make it easier for overseas and also for Ron, it was suggested that Ron crease a Paypal account
- 3) It was agreed that Ron be invites to the next NEC meeting

Action Item 2 Ron Blain & Bob Roberts
3 Secretary

- 11 Data Protection Act: Bob Roberts expressed concern over this act, and suggested that the data database should only be sent by a memory to those nominated by post and not by e-mail this being more secure. After discussion The Following was agreed.
- a) It is most probably more secure sending e-mail (BCC) than any other method without occurring a tremendous expense
 - b) It is the responsibly of those who are nominated to receive the database to ensure its security

Action Membership Secretary

- 12 New Memorial Update New Memorial
All present were given a copy of the written report by Lt. Col Tex Pemberton OBE
All members were delighted with the report, and wished the NEC thanks and application of the excellent work on the memorial don by Lt. Col Tex Pemberton OBE to be recorded

- 12a Time Capsule This was discussed at length.
It was agreed that the secretary should make a list of all teams, to be sealed in the capsule and this should include a memory stick of the potted History and the book of poems by David Neal

Action Secretary

- 12b Progress Fund Raising by Dick Richardson
Dick issued all with a list of donations, saying progress was not great, but study and stressed that everyone us should be involved in fund raising

- 12c Date & Time of Dedication two dates were put forward in case the 1st was booked up 1st Chose Sunday 4th August 13 2nd chose Sunday 28th June 13

Action Secretary

- 12d Structure of the Day
- a) Assemble at Arboretum
 - b) Service in chapel
 - c) March to Memorial
 - d) Unveiling and dedication of memorial
 - e) Refreshments

Action National Chairman

Nation Secretary
With help and advice From
Lt. Col Tex Pemberton OBE

- 12e Order of Service and print there of
Action Rev Roger Perry
Secretary
- 13 The Kris Magazine Malcolm White
Malcolm Passed around copies of the 2013 magazine. The magazine is going out earlier this year to avoid increase in postage He went over the production procedure and requested member to try and get sponsorship too help to reduce cost
- 14 AGM 2013 Royal Court Hotel Coventry Gust of Honour His Excellency Dato'Sri Zarkaria Sulong and Lady Sulong. All Members should have received pack from the IOW Tours Ltd -
- 15 Provisional Date 3rd -6th October 14 at the Tillington Hall Hotel Stafford. NEC to check out
- 16 NEC went over the agenda of Delegates Meeting
- 17 Any Other Business Secretary

Bristol Branch: Regrettably due to the Numbers of member who have gone to pastures new also those no longer able to travel to meeting due to ageing problems Mr Peter Jones Bristol Branch Secretary trying to amalgamate Bristol Branch with Swindon Branch. Unfortunately due to ageing the Association is losing members at an alarming rate.

Carmarthen Branch is threatening to leave the Association, they Object to having the Kris on the new memorial also the Wording they disagree with reference to Civilians. Secretary has written to all members of Carmarthen Branch and still in dialog

The meeting closed at 1715hrs next meeting 2 August at the Tillington Hall Hotel the Secretary has negotiated a very good rate