



KYRENIA BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (BR3651)
Minutes of the 36th Branch Meeting held at The Ship Inn, Karaoglanoglu, on Monday 4th
September 2023

1. **Act of Remembrance:** The meeting commenced at 1603 hrs. The RBL Standards were present. A minute's silence was held for the passing of Suzanne Kidd, a long-standing RBL member. 3 Members and 8 Committee Members were in attendance.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** There were no apologies.
3. **Chairman's Opening Remarks:** The Chair (Jean Bradley) asked for the approval of the Minutes of the last Branch Meeting, held in June 2023, Mike Burgess approved, seconded by Clive Seager.

4. **Committee Members Reports:**

Chair's Report - Report is attached.

Treasure's Report - Report is attached.

Secretary's and Membership Secretary Report – Report attached.

5. **Upcoming events –**

Poppy Ball – The event will be held at the Kaya Hotel which can hold the maximum of 150 attendees. The cost will be £55 to members and £60 for non-members and the entertainment will be the band Route 66. It will be a buffet style meal and the dress will be black tie / lounge suits for men and the equivalent for ladies.

It was agreed by the committee that no transport would be supplied for this event as it is not cost effective to the Branch and that if a guest reserves tickets, they must pay for them within 7 days. Carol has volunteered to do the raffle on the night.

Poppy Appeal Events – Carol Seager will oversee and organise these events.

6. **Any Other Business** – Mike Burgess asked why the RBL do not advertise events in the center pages of Cyprus Today, as in his opinion the RBL are missing out on the opportunity to improve their PR. Jean accepted and acknowledged his point and went on to explain that without successfully recruiting an Events Coordinator it's impossible to organise functions. The current committee are maxed out with their post responsibilities, plus some are double hatted, therefore it is not fair nor viable to organise and coordinate more events with the current committee. She went on to explain that it takes several months to organise and run an event, taking into an account the need to raise money and recruit volunteers is an added pressure that the present committee cannot sustain, hence the lesser number of events being held over the year. Jean finally reassured the meeting that the vacant Events Coordinator's post is regularly advertised, and the team will continue to try and recruit a volunteer.

Jean thanked Sharon for her dedication and commitment to the Branch as the Honorary Secretary and Membership Secretary over the last few years and personally thanked her for her friendship.

7. **Next Meeting** - The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Monday 13th November 2023. Venue TBC.
The next Branch meeting will be on 17th January 2024.
8. **Conclusion of the Meeting** – The Chair ended the Meeting at 1615 hrs by thanking all members for attending. The Vice Chair recited the Kohima Epitaph.

Sharon Garfield
Honorary Secretary