



Royal British Legion (RBL) Limassol Branch

Annual General Meeting

26th October 2024

Minutes

The RBL Limassol Branch AGM took place at The Three Keys, Episcopi, 4620 Limassol.

All voting on matters to be resolved and appointment of committee members was carried out during AGM.

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	Action
1. Chairwoman's Welcome	
The Chairwoman, Tracey Hewitt, welcomed the members to the AGM.	
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting	
Not required as no previous meeting	
3. Matters arising	
No matters arising	
4. Chairwoman's Report	
The Chairwoman, Tracey Hewitt, reminded members about the start up of the branch by Brian and Sandra Wilkes, with the help of some others. Tracey mentioned that she had only recently become chairwoman after the previous Chairman, Brian Wilkes, had stood down. Tracey told the members about the teething problems the branch was having due to delays experienced from UK Headquarters. Tracey then spoke about the wake for Wesley Hodgins, it was a very successful day with the pool competition being very popular. The donations for the branch from the wake was €700.00	
5. Officers Reports	
The Treasurer, Sandra Wilkes, reported that the money was held at the Episkopi Garrison Bank. Sandra reported that the first open meeting had raised €200.00 and the money raised for the pool competition and the raffle at the wake was €700.00. The branch had a total of €900.82 as the account had made 82 cents interest. Sandra went on to explain that she was trying to contact the RBL UK Headquarters but had not had any replies. Sandra said officers should have email addresses from headquarters to speed up requests but at the moment none of the officers had received them. Sandra reminded members to check that they are not being charged extra for branches of the RBL they were in prior to joining the Limassol Branch. Jack Wilkins, retiring Poppy Appeal Organiser for Limassol, informed the members that last year the poppy appeal made €19,000.00 and that would have gone to the Limassol Branch if it had been up and running. The branch decide how much of the poppy appeal goes to UK, the rest is kept by the branch. Jack told the members that because no one from the branch had taken over from him London had ordered that Paphos Branch of the RBL would temporarily be responsible for the appeal on the Western Military Bases and the money will go to the Paphos Branch. Jack said he still did a collection in Limassol which he hoped someone would take over from the Limassol Branch. Jack said there was 19 boxes to deliver about 13th October and collect the 14th November. Jack also explained about the problems he was encountering with UK re the amount and time of the delivery of the poppies from UK. There was a query about the charity golf match played for the poppy appeal, it is hoped if the Limassol Branch run it the money will come to the Limassol Branch.	

6. Election of Committee	
The Secretary, Pat Boden, told the members that due to all the teething problems the committee was experiencing with delays that continuity was needed and asked for a vote of confidence in the present committee to help the branch with the problems. Proposed: Drew Elgeti Seconded: Jenny Taylor Carried : Unanimously	
7. Motions Submitted by Members	
There was a discussion on a branch subscription. It was decided the annual branch subscription would stay at £4.00 per year. Proposed: Allan Mcewan Seconded: Jack Wikins Carried : Unanimously	
8. Chairwoman's Address	
The Chairwoman, Tracey Hewitt, thanked everyone for coming to the AGM. Tracey hope the branch could soon move forward and arrange events and hopefully the teething problems would soon be sorted out. Tracey introduced Allan Mcewan who talked about a horse racing event he was organising for the 15th November 2024. Raffle prizes were asked for the Poppy Appeal Golfing Event and the horse racing evening. Members can bring guests to both events.	
9. Close	
The meeting closed at 12.45	

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Secretary

Chairman