



**British Gurkha Veterans Association  
Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, 18 August 2019  
Time: 1400 hrs**

Attendance – (as per the register book)

Apology:

- Mr Tika Rai
- Mr Kamal Kumar Rai
- Mr Indra Joseph Rai
- Mr Nanda Gurung
  
- The new elected President Mr Om Gurung MBE welcomed and thanked everyone for their time to attend the meeting on the day. He also thanked everyone for re-electing him as the President and promised to do all what he can for the better future of the association in coming days and years.
  
- Mr President then announced the executive committee members for year 2019/21 and conducted the oath taking ceremony for all elected committee.
  
- Mr President handed over to the new General Secretary to run the programme.
  
- The general secretary began the meeting by requesting all respective members to take the chairs and went through the agendas. The outcome was as follows:

Ser	Description	Action	Remarks
1	Welcome speech	Mr President – Mr Om Gurung MBE	Mr President once again thanked everyone and requested all members to attend the meeting so that they would know all decisions being made and implemented for the better future of the association. He also emphasised and asked everyone to stay away from the blame culture.
2	Finance update	Treasurer - Mr Balaram Gurung	<p>Mr Treasurer's gave an update on finance and the summary were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No money was received or moved anywhere until 26 May 19 due the ongoing election process.</li> <li>- Total subscription received since 2017/18/19 = £4720.00</li> <li>- Money given to family on death during those years = £4500.00</li> <li>- Profit money from summer BBQ this year = £269.00 (yet to deposit)</li> </ul> <p><b>Money in Accounts as of 18 Aug 2019</b>            BGVA = £23318.04            YOGA = £3112.16            English Class = £1806.30            Monument Fund = £526.00</p> <p>The total money that is in account = £28762.95</p> <p>Conclusion: All agreed and passed.</p>
3	Membership update	Secretary - Mr Tularam Gurung	<p>Mr Secretary gave an update on current total membership numbers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Total members = 215</li> <li>- Members who never became the full members = 25 (some have paid half of the membership fee and some relocated to different places)</li> </ul>
4	Project updates Website ID Card printer	Gen Secretary - Capt Bhim Saru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Gen Secretary briefed on past and also on forthcoming projects that are going to be built in coming few years' time.</li> <li>- Advisor Maj (Retd) Padam Gurung suggested to inquire of having of a someone's biography on the monument wall while he is still alive.</li> <li>- He also suggested to have the proposed statue facing / aligning as 11/11 towards the current monument.</li> <li>- Mr Gen Secretary informed of having the website up and running in few weeks and will keep all the records on it for everyone to view.</li> <li>- He also reminded of buying an ID card printer and start the distribution of the printed card to all members soon.</li> </ul>

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5	Forthcoming events	President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr president briefed on forth coming events. He delegated the tasks of celebration of festivals to two newly elected vice presidents.</li> <li>- Dashain will be coordinated by the Senior Vice President Mr Dilsing Limbu and the Christmas party will be coordinated by Vice President Mr John Dharma Rai.</li> </ul>
6	Constitution update	Senior Vice President Dilsing Limbu	Senior Vice President went through the constitution, however due to the short time the decisions on few points were not finalised. It has been decided that the committee members would sit and finalise the decisions that are in favour of everyone.
7	Any other business (AOB)	Floor / all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advisor Capt (Retd) Bakhat Gurung purposed to have the next of kin details along with the members details and was agreed.</li> <li>- Advisor Lt (Retd) Ram Rana asked to clarify on the electoral committees' right to vote and the decision was 'NO' or the electoral committee won't be able to vote.</li> <li>- Question raised by the senior advisor Maj (Retd) Siri Gurung to scrap the yearly subscription and stop the money that is given to the family was not agreed for now.</li> </ul>
8	Overall summary and conclusion of meeting	President	The President thanked once again and closed the meeting at 1730 hrs.