

Minutes of BMS meeting 7.10.2021

1. Welcome by Roger Bragger.
2. Apologies received = 9.
3. Statistics: meal 11, drink 16, ONS 1.
4. No new members.
5. Library Questions and Research Questions – Message from **Roy Painter** requesting help with identification and research of an Omani medal group of a soldier in the Truchal Omani Scouts. Secretary will circulate photo and details.
6. Functions/Visits – none to report.
7. Committee points: – several from tonight’s committee meeting as follows:

BMS ZOOM subscription to continue this year to be funded out of the BMS bank account – This allows participation for anyone unable to attend, for out of town members [especially in the future if live webcast of meetings develops] plus allows BMS monthly social ZOOM meetings and a January meeting where we don’t normally have one.

BMS non-ZOOMers are encouraged to try participation in the ZOOMs – individual or group practice sessions can be organised if needed – Please contact Dave Seeney or myself and remember we were all novices in mid 2020! Committee accepts that the technology and the ZOOM experience isn’t for everyone.

A general review of the meeting notes over recent years resulted in the following points [1] Secretary would now request of anyone presenting a talk verbal permission to use materials used in the talk [this would include use of slides, photographs of medals/recipients etc] to be reproduced as part of the meeting notes: [2] Permission would also be sought to determine whether the said notes would be available in the public domain or only available in the private members’ area and [3] Apologies presented in future meetings will be listed by a figure not by names [Secretary will keep a hard copy list of apologies received].

A proposal to price up a BMS specific laptop was approved. This has obvious advantages for the society. Martin Harrison is tasked with this.

Our next and subsequent meetings return to the Holiday Inn at Bromsgrove.

8. Tonight’s talk. ‘The 1938 Markham Pit Colliery Disaster’ by Paul Murray.
9. Next Talk: ‘Battlefield Identification of Casualties’ by Nicola Nash.