

8th Carrickfergus Boys' Brigade.

A meeting of the above company took place at the home of the captain on Thursday 21st October 1993.

Those present were:- Mr Drew Buchanan captain , Mrs Stella Neill, Mrs Donna Harrison, Miss Lisa McIlwaine, Mr John McClenaghan, Mr Maurice Dalzell, Mr Andrew Neill, Mr David Stewart and Mr Billy Cooke.

Meeting opened with prayer led by the captain, Mr Buchanan, who also acted as Chairman.

First item on the agenda was review of programme. Mrs Stella Neill was satisfied her programme was now beginning to fall into place, the only thing she was a bit concerned about was collecting dues from her Anchor Boys. Mr Maurice Dalzell then spoke of the Junior Section and said he was happy with the way we were going with the quiz competition and was happy with the progress. Mr David Stewart spoke on the Company Section and said he was happy with the way things were going.

The captain, Mr Drew Buchanan, then said he was pleased with progress and happy with his officers and thanked everyone for giving of their time and energy for the good of 8th Carrickfergus Company. The captain then said there was a need for additional officers in the Anchor Boys and Junior Section and appealed for anyone who knew of someone who could help to let him know.

Enrolment forms were then discussed and the captain asked the officers to make sure that all forms were filled in.

Enrolment Service - The captain went through the form of service for our enrolment service and how we would take our places on the day. It was proposed by Billy Cooke and seconded by David Stewart that the Captain read the lesson in Church on enrolment Sunday which is to be 31st October.

The captain told the meeting that the Company would get a grant of £390 from the NEELB. £300 up front to go into the account in the bank.

It was agreed the anchor boys be allowed to buy what ever equipment they needed, skittles, chime bars, triangles etc. It was agreed we buy a tape recorder for use in the Company. It was suggested that if anyone knew of someone with mats for sale to let the captain know, if not, we would buy some in the new year.

Battalion meeting would be on Tuesday 16th November in Ballyclare at 8pm. The captain asked anyone available to try and get to that meeting.

Christmas party would be on Monday 20th December. The captain suggested the company section boys be asked what they would like to do, if they would like to go ten pin bowling, lazer quest or ice skating etc. Party for Anchor Boys and Junior Section - Mrs Stella Neill to organise food etc for boys. The

officers to supply food. The captain to organise Santa. Anchor Boys 6-30-8pm, Junior section 7-9pm. Santa to arrive 7-15pm. Both sections together for food between 7-30 and 8pm. Boys to get a present each.

Battalion Visit - The only complaint from the battalion after their recent visit was that there were some boys in the Anchor Boys who were under the recommended age. The captain was confident that we would become 8th Carrickfergus in time for our enrolment service.

BB camp - The Company Section boys plus the the older boys from the Junior Section to go to camp in Lisnaskea on Friday 29th July returning Sunday July 31st. Price £33 per boy. Built into this price was three sessions at the Share Centre.

BB Week - It was suggested we have a BB week sometime in November, also a collection on retirement from church on enrolment Sunday if this could be agreed with the Rector.

Mr Drew Buchanan, captain, suggested that sometime in the future that all officers and boys get together to have a group photograph taken.

It was recommended that all boys bring their attendance cards along to church on Sundays to have them marked. Company section boys to have their marks announced at the end of the month.

Tea was provided by Mrs Karen Buchanan, the wife of our captain. It was proposed by Billy Cooke and seconded by Maurice Dalzell that our grateful thanks be forwarded to Karen for providing this for everyone.

This being all the business the meeting closed with the grace.