

Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the AGM & Branch Meeting Held 8th January 2020

Members Present: Bob Hare (RH); Pete Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS); Andy Plews (AP); Jon Wild (JW); Phil Cowan (PC); David

Kennedy (DK); Shane Harle (SH);

Apologies: Fred Hemmerman FH); Sandy Robinson BEM (SR); Jason McCoubrey (JC); Steve Johnson (SJ); Rachael Love (RL);

Not Present: Michael Sutton (MS); Tony Walker (TW); Terry Scholes (TS); Dave Emmerson (DE); Mike Walker (MW); Darren Howlett

(DH); Craig Hemmerman (CH);

Agenda

- 1. Remembrance
- 2. Members Present/Apologies Received
- 3. Absent Friends
- 4. Minutes of The AGM 4th January 2017
- 5. Matters Arising
- 6. Chairman's Report
- 7. Treasurers Report
- 8. Retirement & Election of Officers
 - 8.1. President
 - 8.2. Vice President
 - 8.3. Chairman
 - 8.4. Secretary
 - 8.5. Treasurer
 - 8.6. CESA Rep (Council of Ex-service Association)
 - 8.7. Standard Bearer
 - 8.8. Corps Journal Correspondent
 - 8.9. Web Master
- 9. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
- 10. Matters Arising.
- 11. Communications
- Reports
 - 12.1. CESA
 - 12.2. Standard Bearer
- Social Events
- 14. Project 2020
- 15. Any Other Business
- 16. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Meeting opened at 20.00hrs. AP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received Apologies received from JM who has had to go to a funeral in Scarborough. SR who was on holiday. RL, working. SJ, Working. And FH.
- 3.0 Absent Friends As detailed above
- 4.0 The minutes of the previous AGM where made available. RH proposed that they are a true and accurate representation of the AGM. Seconded by DK. All in favour.
- 5.0 Matter Arising None
- 6.0 Chairman's Report AP stated that the last year has been a learning curve and that it was great to be more involved.
- 7.0 Treasurers Report AS stated that the accounts where in a good place and that she would be making available the full accounts shortly.
- 8.0 Retirement & Election of Officers
 - 8.1 President This is a life appointment currently held by Fred Hemmerman
 - 8.2 Vice President This is a life appointment currently held by Bob Hare
 - 8.3 Chairman PW proposed that AP be retained as Chairman seconded by JW, all in favour.
 - 8.4 Vice Chairman PW proposed that JM be retained PC seconded, all in favour.
 - 8.5 Secretary JW had proposed PW for Secretary in advance of the meeting. Seconded SH, all in favour. PW accepted the position.
 - 8.6 Stand-In Secretary PW proposed that AS be retained in this role seconded by RH seconded. All in favour.
 - 8.7 Treasurer JW proposed AS, seconded by SH, all in favour.
 - 8.8 CESA Rep PW proposed that AS be retained in their positions as CESA Reps, seconded by PC. All in favour.
 - 8.9 Standard Bearer RH proposed that DK and AP remain as Standard Bearer. All in favour.
 - 8.10 Corps Journal Correspondent PW stated that as TW was not present he should be retained until TW says otherwise. AS seconded. All in favour.
- 9.0 Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting AP proposed that the minutes from the previous meeting where true and an accurate representation. Seconded by JW. All in favour.
- 10.0 Matters Arising PW raised the issue of the non-attendance at the Christmas Function.
- 11.0 Communications -
 - 11.1 An email was received from The National Chairman enclosing information of 74th Annual Reunion which will take place on the 15th 17th May 2020 in the City of Portsmouth. The AGM which take place at the Best Western Royal Beach Hotel. Members wishing to attend should speak to the Branch Secretary for further information.
 - 11.2 An email was received from the national Secretary about the first day cover (stamp) that is being issued for 100th Anniversary of the WRAC. The first day cover includes an image of WRAC (Provost) as shown below:





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The cover bears an image depicting women soldiers in various roles during the past century. A Royal Mail Scottish 1st Class definitive stamp (lion rampant) was chosen for the cover to reflect the Association's 'Lioness' theme. This will be cancelled by a bespoke BFPS special handstamp numbered 3225

Two versions of the cover will be available; a standard unsigned version (£7.50) plus a signed and numbered limited edition (£15.00). The latter will be signed by Dame Kelly Holmes, Honorary Colonel of the Royal Armoured Corps Training Regiment. Dame Kelly served with the WRAC and is a Life Member of the Association

All covers include an A4 double-sided information insert and will be presented in a protective cellophane sleeve making a very collectable souvenir of the Association's Centenary.

All profits from the sale of these covers, after production costs, will be donated to the WRAC Association to support their great work.

These very collectable commemorative covers can be ordered from the BFPS online shop from the middle of November 2019.

- An email was received from David Paynter, Chairman, West Yorkshire Branch RMPA, inviting Members to the West Yorkshire Branch Annual Dinner. This will take place at the Guide Post Hotel, Bradford on the Saturday 14th March 2020. The Guest of Honor will be the PM(A) Brig. V. Buck RMP. Ticket for this 3 course dinner are £25.00 per head. There are also reduced accommodation rates available. PW will be attending this event for the third year running.
- 11.4 An email was received from the National Secretary who had been in conversation with the Corps Journal Editor Col. Stewart McClean, who had expressed concern about the lack of submissions from the Branches over the last year. He reminded Branches of the submission dates for articles for the Journal:

April edition – 15th February August edition – 15th June December edition – 15th October

11.5 An email was received from the National Secretary giving indication that a new proposed RMP Tartan has been designed and registered with The Scottish Register of Tartans in Edinburgh:



- 11.6 An email was received from the National Chairman outlining the details for the forthcoming H.M. Tower of London Parade. This will take place on 9th February 2020 at 10.15hrs. This Annual Parade, is a special honour to the RMP who have a long association with H.M. Tower of London, with the Military Police having been based in The Tower during both world wars and also take over when all Yeoman Warders are not present in the Tower, such as when a new Constable is sworn in. These duties are now undertaken by 253 (London) Pro Coy RMP. PW & AP will be attending this parade, but if other Members wish to attend, please let the Branch Secretary know in advance.
- 11.7 An email was received from the National Secretary informing members of the sad death of former PM(A) Brig. Bill Warren at the age 58. Brig. Warren had been unwell for a number of years. His funeral will take place at Salisbury Cathedral on Monday 13th January. The Association will be represented by the Salisbury Branch Standard Bearer.
- 11.8 An email was received from the National Secretary regarding the Association Insurance. This has now been updated as the previous version was not fit for purpose. This will further be discussed at the AGM. The new insurers will be Bruce Stevenson Insurance Brokers.

12.0 Reports

- 12.1 CESA Report . No report as AS did not attend the last meeting.
- 12.2 Standard Bearer AP confirmed that the Branch Standard was carried at Pavlo Andusiak's funeral in November.

13.0 Social Events -

- 13.1 PW stated that we need to set a full calendar of main events at the AGM
 - 13.1.1 Spring Social Event Saturday 4th April 2020 Venue to be confirmed.
 - 13.1.2 Summer Social Event Saturday 4th July 2020 Venue to be confirmed.
 - 13.1.3 Annual Dinner Saturday September (TBC) Masonic Lodge Beverley Road
 - 13.1.4 Christmas Social Event Saturday 28th November 2020 Venue to be confirmed.
- 13.2 Annual Dinner AS to confirm availability of the Masonic Lodge on Beverley Road for September.
- 13.3 Menu We want a new menu for 2020. AS to liaise with the chef, based on 3 choices for starter/main/desert
- 13.4 Honoured Guests JW to get details of the new CO 1RMP for invite to Annual Dinner.
- 13.5 Live Music PW to get pricing for Tallulah and Dave Walkington as a duet for the event.
- 13.6 Raffle Keep as it was.
- 13.7 Cheese Board as no one used this last year this should not be done this year. Add cheese board to the dessert menu options.
- 13.8 Port to be continued.

14.0 Project 2022

- 14.1 Next meeting Saturday 25th January 2020. PW to contact Hotel. PW will update the Branch at the next meeting.
- 15.0 Any Other Business -
 - 15.1 RH stated that he was concerned that there is a reduced amount of member, although he stated that there was a lot more people on the Facebook group.
 - 15.2 Recruitment Drive. A discussion was had by all attendees regarding the recruitment of new Branch Members. PW stated that he would look at producing a new poster (now done)
- 16.0 The time being 21.34hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 18.00 hrs. for food with a 20.00hrs start for the meeting, at The Hop Pole, Willerby.

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 Wed

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Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House

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Feb 5 @ 18:00 - 21:00

 Sun

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H.M. Tower of London Parade @ H. M. Tower of London

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Feb 9 @ 10:15 - 13:00

MAR 4 Wed 2020 **Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House** <u>Edit</u> Mar 4 @ 18:00 – 21:00 MAR Wed 2020 Royal Air Force Police Association Parade at the National Memorial Arboretum @ National Memorial **Arboretum** Edit Mar 11 @ 22:30 - 23:45 APR Wed **Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House** Edit Apr 1 @ 18:00 – 21:00 MAY

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Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House

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May 6 @ 18:00 - 21:00

<u>M A Y</u> <u>15</u> <u>Fri</u> 2020 74th Association Annual Reunion Weekend @ Royal Beach Hotel Southsea Edit May 15 - May 17 all-day 3 Wed 2020 **Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House** Edit Jun 3 @ 18:00 – 21:00 <u>JUN</u> 6 Sat 2020 Annual Memorial Parade at the National Memorial Arboretum @ National Memorial Arboretum Edit Jun 6 @ 10:15 - 13:00 JUN 27 Sat 2020 Armed Forces' Day National Event @ Scarborough

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Jun 27 all-day