



# Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



## Minutes of the AGM & Branch Meeting Held 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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| <b>Members Present:</b> | Pete Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS); Andy Plews (AP); Phil Cowan (PC); Sandy Robinson BEM (SR); Rachael Love (RL);                                 |
| <b>Apologies:</b>       | Fred Hemmerman (FH); Bob Hare (RH); Shane Harle (SH); Jason McCoubrey (JC); Steve Johnson (SJ); Jim Savage (JS); Jon Wild (JW); David Kennedy (DK); |
| <b>Not Present:</b>     | Michael Sutton (MS); Tony Walker (TW); Terry Scholes (TS); Dave Emmerson (DE); Mike Walker (MW); Darren Howlett (DH); Craig Hemmerman (CH);         |

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- 1.0 Meeting opened at 20.01hrs. AP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received from RH, JS, DK, SH
- 3.0 Absent Friends – As detailed above

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting - AS proposed that the minutes from the previous meeting where true and an accurate representation. Seconded by AP. All in favour.

5.0 Matters Arising – None

6.0 Communications –

6.1 An email was received from the Association Secretary as follows:

*Good afternoon t you all, following the recent and it seems prolonged flooding to the NMA, there has had an impact upon our own Corps plot, it has been out of bounds for some time now unless reached by rowing boat I think!*

*Bob Potts at Derby Branch is on the case so to speak in regard to reparations need to return the plot back to pristine conditions ready for the year ahead.*

*Please ask anyone visiting the NMA to refrain from launching any impromptu cleaning or tidying assault on the plot, no matter how well intentioned, as Bob along with the NMA Team have indeed got a plan of works arranged, costs involved are also managed, this being done in association with the Regimental Secretary and his team.*

*Much obliged*

6.2 An email was received from the Association Secretary as follows:

**Gift Aid**

*Attached you will find an aide memoire in respect of Gift Aid this really is an important source of funds that we have not been capturing for various reasons in the past, but that is history and we learn from history. We stand to earn 25% of every pound in subscriptions, remember branches will not lose out, but that 25% will allow us to carry on with the movement forward in the support we are starting to be able to give to the Association.*

**De Activated Fire Arms**

*I have been asked to remind anyone who has deactivated firearms in their possession or management for what ever purpose or intent, that it is now incumbent upon them to ensure that any such item is registered with the Home Office (though Lord knows how the are going to keep any register up to date!) there is an on line form a copy is attached, the penalty is likely to be a £200 per weapon and destruction of it.*

**Association Members running a business or hobby generating income**

*If you have members or know of members of the Association (so any former Corps personnel) who are them selves running a business producing goods or service that are possibly useful to other members of the Association I ma hopeful of trying to start an Association "sponsored" list of such people, some where we can turn to for an particular service or item knowing that we are doing one of our own a favour whilst they do us a favour. We may also be able to start to "advertise" such things "in house" so have a think and get anyone to contact me it is still in discussion but I think may be useful.*

**Welfare Assistance**

*As you all know the Association is NOT a welfare charity bit one of esprit de corps our home welfare charity is the RMP CBF, however often people will come to myself or others in the Association for guidance and sign posting in a cry for help, this seems to have become an increasing part of my day to day life of late, I don't mind and I always assist where I can.*

*I am aware though and I have said this many times that the only way to get financial or other aid OFFICIALLY is to be registered on the Veterans Gateway and be signed up onto a CMS Form A, which once completed enables folks like the CBF to assist (they cannot do so without a form A), the CBF are not placed nor are we to open form A and to enter details on the CMS system (nor do I want us to be) signing on and engagement must be done via SSAFA or the RBL or others like the ABF for example. However I am aware that amongst our members we do have those that are registered as case Workers with one of the organisations, if you have any such members it would be useful to know who they are and who they work for and WHERE, it may just make it easier to get people to engage if they know the person they are speaking with is one of their own. So if you have anyone ask them please to contact me.*

*Hopefully you will have seen the social media post etc about the funeral of the late Brigadier Bill Warren on Monday – needless to say it was a grand occasion and with over 350 people paying respects to him in the Cathedral it was certainly a funeral to remember. The serving members of the Corps were superb in appearance and bearing and the pall bearers were exception in their duty. I hope I manage dot thank them all on your behalf. I have said in previous emails but will reiterate what a great job Salisbury Plain Branch did in being the lynch pin in the organisation of it all.*

6.3 An email was received from the Association Secretary giving final admin instructions for the H.M. Tower of London Parade, which only affects PW & AP

6.4 An email was received from the Derbyshire Branch via the Association Secretary as follows:

*"Today, I received an email from Bernard Walsh, RAFFPA, advising that the Annual RAFFPA/RMPA Snowdrop Parade will take place **on Wednesday 11 Mar 20.***

*A buffet lunch is available following the parade, at RBL Club, Alrewas (cost to be confirmed but previous years has been £5 per person).*

*I haven't received timings as yet but I assume it will take the form of previous years, with a Parade to the RAFFP memorial first at about 11.15hrs, followed by a parade to the RMP Memorial*

*Bob & myself will be attending And hopefully the Derby Branch Standard (other Standards welcome). Can I ask you to circulate to all secretaries please? Hopefully we can drum up support from other branches and possibly even members from the serving cohort this year.*

*Names please to Bob Potts [potts8@me.com](mailto:potts8@me.com)*

*Regards,*

*Kath Potts  
Secretary, Derby Branch"*

6.5 An email was received from the Branch Vice-President as follows:

*Advance notice of apologies.*

*It is my regret to inform the branch of my decision to take no further part in branch meetings forthwith.*

*Regards*

*Bob.*

6.6 An email was received from the Association Secretary as follows:

*To mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the disbandment of the RMP Mounted Troop the British Forces Philatelic Society will be launching in late February the commemorative cover as below.*

*50 will be signed by Col JT Green OBE the last Commanding Officer of the Troop, the remaining cover will be unsigned, each will have an A4 insert outlining the history of the Troop.*

*This has been a collaborative piece of work between the Association, RHQ RMP and the BFPS, I hope members will support it, as it seeks to support our Association.*

*Further details will be available from*

*[www.bfps.org.uk](http://www.bfps.org.uk)*

*[www.facebook.com/BritishForcesPhilatelicService](https://www.facebook.com/BritishForcesPhilatelicService)*

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25TH ANNIVERSARY - DISBANDMENT OF THE  
ROYAL MILITARY POLICE MOUNTED TROOP



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British Forces Philatelic Service  
BFPO 707  
www.bfps.org.uk

6.7 An email was received from the Association Secretary as follows:

*Good afternoon one and all, an investigative journalist has again approached members of the Association with a view to exploring more about the Corps, any such approach by this individual or others like him should be treated with caution, the following advice is issued by the MoD*

*"It is entirely up to you to decide whether or not to respond to media enquiries regarding investigational activity you ...may or may not have been part of during your career, but it is worth noting that your obligations under the Official Secrets Act continue even after you have left the Army. With this in mind you may prefer to refer such enquiries to the MOD Press Office, on 0207 218 7907, who will engage and ensure all enquiries are handled appropriately. You may also wish to consider the amount of career detail that you post on your social media profile as this is one way that journalists will identify people to contact."*

6.8 An email was received from the Association Secretary as follows:

*The AGM of the Association is due to take place during the reunion weekend 15th – 17th May 2020.*

*This serves as a reminder that the agenda for the AGM (Saturday 16th May) will be published as of mid/end April 2020.*

*Branches are reminded that items for discussion – renewal – inclusion – adoption – etc etc must be the subject of an agenda note.*

*Now folks is the time to go out to members from across the Association and seek views and proposals and then to draft up those said proposals for forwarding to me by end of March 2020 please.*

*I again attach the terms of office of the current trustees and refer you to The Association Rules as adopted at the AGM 2019 and previously distributed to all branches.*

*It is not for me to direct the membership on what they may wish to debate at the AGM, I can only guide. However an AGM with no proposals is not an AGM simply a gathering.!*

PW responded to this email as follows:

*Stewart,  
Agenda Point – Rule 11.1 – '5-Year Cycle'.*

*I wish to raise the relevancy of Rule 11.1, specifically the 5-year cycle of returning to the Depot Branch.*

*Previously, I would have endorsed this rule whole heartedly, however, I now do not see the relevancy of continuing.*

*My reasoning for this is the fact that the RMP Training Centre and Corps Chapel no longer plays any part of the Reunion weekend. This years event is a Depot Branch sponsored event, but whereas previously, we would have been able to attend OUR Corps Chapel for the Sunday Service, this is no longer been made available to us, a decision that I think is misguided.*

*The hotel we are using for the reunion is 9 miles away from 'The Home of The Royal Military Police', yet we are having our church service in a conference room in the hotel, rather than remembering our colleagues who have made the ultimate sacrifice in OUR Corps Chapel.*

*So I ask, if we no longer make use of our Training Centre and Corps Chapel, then what is the relevance of returning to the Depot Branch on a 5 year cycle?*

- 6.9 An email was received from the Association Secretary giving details of the proposed RMPA NA Reunion. Details in Annex A
- 7.0 Reports
  - 7.1 CESA Report –
    - 7.1.1 A new Secretary is required for CESA
  - 7.2 Standard Bearer – AP confirmed that the Branch Standard was not carried in January.
- 8.0 Social Events –
  - 8.1 PW stated that we need to set a full calendar of main events at the AGM
    - 8.1.1 Spring Social Event – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Venue to be confirmed.
    - 8.1.2 Summer Social Event – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – Venue to be confirmed.
    - 8.1.3 Annual Dinner – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Masonic Lodge Beverley Road
    - 8.1.4 Christmas Social Event – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Venue to be confirmed.
  - 8.2 Annual Dinner – AS confirms that the Masonic Lodge has been booked for the 19<sup>th</sup> September
  - 8.3 Menu – We want a new menu for 2020. AS to liaise with the chef, based on 3 choices for starter/main/desert
  - 8.4 Honoured Guests – JW to get details of the new CO 1RMP for invite to Annual Dinner.
  - 8.5 Live Music – PW has spoken to Tallulah and Dave Walkington and unfortunately they are not available. PW will speak to Newlands Entertainment.
  - 8.6 Raffle – Keep as it was.
  - 8.7 Cheese Board – as no one used this last year this should not be done this year. Add cheese board to the dessert menu options.
  - 8.8 Port – to be continued.
  - 8.9 Branch Invites to be sent out in February.
- 9.0 Project 2022
  - 9.1 The Committee had a meeting with the events management at the Royal Hotel which was a constructive meeting.
  - 9.2 The date has been confirmed as 21-23 May 2022, and this has been provisionally booked.
- 10.0 Any Other Business –

10.1 Recruitment Poster Done. See annex B. PC is to send around local police stations.

11.0 The time being 20.45hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 18.00 hrs. for food with a 20.00hrs start for the meeting, at The Hop Pole, Willerby.

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## **EVENTS**

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### **Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House**

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**Mar 4 @ 18:00 – 21:00**

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**Royal Air Force Police Association Parade at the National Memorial Arboretum @ National Memorial Arboretum**

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**Mar 11 @ 22:30 – 23:45**

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**Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House**

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**Apr 1 @ 18:00 – 21:00**

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**Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House**

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**May 6 @ 18:00 – 21:00**

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**74th Association Annual Reunion Weekend @ Royal Beach Hotel Southsea**

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**May 15 – May 17 all-day**

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**Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House**

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**Jun 3 @ 18:00 – 21:00**

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**Annual Memorial Parade at the National Memorial Arboretum @ National Memorial Arboretum**

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**Jun 6 @ 10:15 – 13:00**

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**Armed Forces' Day National Event @ Scarborough**

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**Jun 27** all-day







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**MP** Did you serve with the ROYAL MILITARY POLICE?

**MP** Either Regular or Reserve?

**MP** Or, did you serve with RAFP or RNP?



The Hull & East Riding Branch  
Royal Military Police  
Association

## We want to meet you!

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Hop Pole Pub in Willerby at 18.00hrs for food, drink and banter!

Interested?

email: [secretary@hull-rmpa.org](mailto:secretary@hull-rmpa.org)



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### Annex B