



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Members Present: Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS); Jon Wild (JW); Bob Hare (BH); Bernie Robinson (BR); Phil Cohen (PC)

Apologies: Jason McCoubrey (JM); Rachel Love (RL); Dan Joyce (DJ); Jim Savage (JS); James Nylan (JN); Paul DeLay (PD); Paul Clark (PC2); Paul Calderwood (PC3);

Not Present: Shane Harle (SH);

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 - 6.1. CESA
 - 6.2. Standard Bearer
 - 6.3. Corps Journal Correspondent
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1. Meeting opened at 20.00hrs. AP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
2. Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received JS, DJ, DK, PD, RL, PC2. We'd like to welcome Bernie & Gary Robinson who, due to the closure of the South Yorkshire Branch, have transferred across to our Branch.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting – AS proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were correct. AS seconded.
4. Matters arising – None
5. Communications – All published online and attached in Annex 1.
6. Reports
 - 6.1 CESA – Falklands 40 event will take place 17-19th June. This replaces the Veterans Weekend this year. If we want to have a stall it is £25 per pitch.
 - 6.2 Standard Bearer – ANP carried the standard at H.M. Tower of London on Sunday 13th February.

7. Social Events – A general discussion was held regarding the holding of events this year and the general agreement was as follows:
 - 7.1 Annual Dinner – PW asked AS to speak to the Masonic Lodge for availability. JM asked whether we could do something a little less formal. Still have a meal, but then entertainment. PW also asked AS to look into the Kingston Theatre Hotel for availability and pricing.
 - 7.2 Christmas Dinner – JM suggested a fun event, for example a beer train. JM will look into it and report back.
 - 7.3 Ad Hoc meet ups – PW stated that as pubs are now open, there's no reason why ad-hoc pub meetings. If anyone wants to set one up, please let members know on the Messenger Group.
 - 7.4 Race Day – At Pontefract and also at Beverley. PW to look in to. (Post meeting note: The only Saturday fixtures for this year are 28th May (Two-Year-old Trophy), 2nd July, 27th August (William Hill Beverley Bullet)).

8. Project 2022
 - 8.1.1 PW updated members with the critical information regarding the Royal Hotel. It has been confirmed that the Royal Hotel are unable to facilitate our Reunion this year and have formerly cancelled the event.
 - 8.1.2 New Venue – PW stated that both he and ANP had been working hard behind the scenes to secure a new venue and that we are please to announce that this years reunion will be held at DoubleTree by Hilton on Ferensway. PW has had a meeting at the hotel and believes that this location is far superior to the Royal Hotel in every way.
 - 8.1.3 Costs – Cost for the accommodation is higher at £85.00/night B&B for single occupancy and £95.00/night for double occupancy. The cost for the Reunion Dinner has also increased to £30.00 per person.
 - 8.1.4 Friday Evening Meal – there is no set meal being planned due to an event taking place in the main ball room.
 - 8.1.5 Menus – Need to discuss variations based on dietary intolerances but the hotel has confirmed that they can cater for all intolerances.
 - 8.2 Church Service - ANP stated that we have secured the Holy Trinity Chapel. Zebedees yard is unfortunately in use that weekend, but the rear courtyard will be available to us. The is a cost of £250. PW & ANP to do Recce
 - 8.2.1 Recce has taken place and we believe that this is a suitable venue.
 - 8.2.2 AS to arrange a cheque of £250 to be sent to the chapel.
 - 8.3 Welcome Packs - tba
 - 8.4 Raffle - tba
 - 8.5 Contact Humberside Police Band – Initial contact made by PC, but since then no further contact has been made. PC confirmed that hew will chase up the band.
 - 8.6 Aklams Coaches – PW to contact

- 8.7 Padre – PW has made contact with the Padre and can confirm that he will be able to take the service. ANP has put the Padre in direct contact with the chapel.
 - 8.8 1RMP – contact made with Col. John Alecock, CO 1RMP
 - 8.9 AFVBC – contact made with Derek Hardman
 - 8.10 Hull4Heroes – contact made with Paul Matson
 - 8.11 Additional Veterans Charities – JW stated that he would like the other veterans' charities in the area to be represented at the event, such as Project Nova. PW stated that we could have a display board titled "What Hull Does For Its Veterans"
 - 8.12 Social Media – need to push social media engagement
 - 8.13 1 MP Brigade – JW stated that we need to push this to 1 MP Brigade so that they can push it down the chain of command.
- 9 Any Other Business –
- 9.1 Break-Fest – PW reminded members that he is organising a fun music festival for the local AFVBC branches. This will take place on Saturday 16th July 2022 at the Manor Farm Camp Site, Therne Lane, Beverley (opposite Colletta & Tyson garden centre). Tickets can be purchased direct from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/break-fest-tickets-252938805777>
 - 9.2 Gauntlets – During our recent event in London, ANP & PW had a discussion regarding the state of the Standard Bearers Gauntlets. These are very very old and are in need of replacement. PW will get a quote from Newton & Newton Flag and report back at the next meeting.
 - 9.3 Raffle – PW stated that there and not been a raffle at the meeting for some time. This has been due to low numbers, lack of meetings etc, but we should recommence raffles from next month. They are the only source of income for the Branch over and above the yearly subs.
- 10 The time being 20.42hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 20.00hrs at the Hop Pole Hotel, Kingston Rd, Willerby, Hull, HU10 6LN. Members as usual, can meet up from 18.00hrs for food and drink.

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Communications Received – February 2022

1. An email was received from Stuart Leach

Good afternoon,

As has been previously promulgated (several times now) and indeed advised in the Journal itself, Branch notes in the format that they were once submitted are currently NOT being used by the Editorial team, there are, as also previously stated various reasons for this, and I am not about to again repeat them.

However, suffice to say that what we have asked for previously and I again ask it of you today is to submit more editorials to Bob for inclusion in the regular newsletters, these are by their very nature more up to date and more readily available and wider distributed, this it is thought is a better way to get branch news out and about whilst it is still current and therefore of interest.

The Journal editorial team will include items of historical import or unique in their occurrence, such as the reaching of 100 years of age of a member, or Branch engagement and involvement with a local or national prime event. Where the serving Corps and past members engage on a joint venture perhaps, or where direct support to the serving is given by the retired cohort or indeed vice versa, these are the sort of entries that it is felt are more relevance to the Journal given all its previously discussed time bounds etc. We will of course continue to use the Journal as a place of official record of the passing of members if we have been informed. (I wonder how many of you have submitted your own obituaries as suggested previously?) Again, it can't be published if we don't know it!

So please do get regular updates to the Newsletter Editor currently Bob as Chairman, saving headline editorials for the Journal.

The idea of the Journal is to record the history of the whole Corps and its retired cohort, but that must be done in an interesting and engaging manner. It's interesting to note how many of the retired cohort regularly say "I don't know what half the acronyms used by the serving units stand for (or similar). The Journal will also now be used as a wider base of information for ALL readers, you will have seen in the last Journal that the Editor included items of assistance reference and signposts to pathways etc.

It is also felt that more contribution of properly constructed Corps history related pieces (such as the White Mice pieces by Dick Bland) will balance the submissions made by the serving cohort (which of course in due time will themselves no doubt form the basis of recollection and historical note by those who serve today but will be in the retired cohort tomorrow!).

*The Journal is an evolving piece of work and obviously it will be the subject of ongoing review. The Newsletters and indeed Old Comrades Newsletters are all entered now onto the Corps historical reference library by the Museum Team, and we are looking at now actually assigning such things an ISSN reference (An International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) is **an eight-digit serial number used to uniquely identify a serial publication**, such as a magazine. The ISSN is especially helpful in distinguishing between serials with the same title) as oppos dot the ISBN system for books etc.*

Hope this helps, please don't shoot the messenger – that's been done before! It hurts and simply wastes lead.

The Journal is of course also a vehicle for advertisers to sell to ALL – they pay a great deal and that supplements the income – again as previously advised – if you run a business you may like to advertise in Your Journal - it costs money to print and distribute.

2. An email was received from Bob Eggleton regarding the forthcoming 'Provost Day':

'Provost Day 22. 23 July 2022. Provost Day 22 is the major event in the social calendar for the Provost family in 2022. After over two years of COVID restrictions, please join us this summer in celebrating the Platinum Jubilee, the 75th Anniversary of the granting of the Royal prefix to the Royal Military Police, as well as the 116th Anniversary of the Military Provost Staff and the 25th Anniversary of the Military Provost Guard Service. To register for the event, please scan the QR code with a smartphone and follow the prompts to provide your details. Alternatively, you can register for the event at <https://provostday22.rsvpify.com>.

The day is shaping up to be a truly special occasion, with entertainment for young and old, military re-enactors, food and beverage stalls and unit capability demonstrations. Please feel free to share the registration details around your friends and family as it really will be a case of 'the more the merrier'!

