



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 3rd August 2022

Members Present: Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS); David Kennedy (DK); Daz Young (DY);

Apologies: Jim Savage (JS); Bernie Robinson (BR);

Not Present: Jason McCoubrey (JM); Shane Harle (SH); Rachel Love (RL); Dan Joyce (DJ); James Nylan (JN); Paul DeLay (PD); Paul Clark (PC2); Paul Calderwood (PC3); Jon Wild (JW); Bob Hare (BH); Phil Cohen (PC); Sandra Robinson (SR)..

Agenda for August 2022 Meeting

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. Communications
6. Reports
 - 6.1. CESA
 - 6.2. Standard Bearer
7. Social Events
8. Any Other Business
9. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

1. Meeting opened at 20.02hrs. AP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
2. Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received JS, BR. Welcome to Daz Young (served 1986 – 2008).
3. Minutes of the previous meeting – ANP proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were correct.
4. Matters arising – National AGM P&L. PW suggested that the committee meet this weekend.
5. Communications – All published online and attached in Annex 1.
6. Reports
 - 6.1 CESA – No report – AS did not attend the last meeting and we have not received any minutes. PW to email the Chairman of CESA to ask for minutes to be sent out.
 - 6.2 Standard Bearer – ANP confirmed that the Standard had not been carried during July.
7. Social Events – A general discussion was held regarding the holding of events this year and the general agreement was as follows:

- 7.1 General Discussion on Events. It was agreed that we should increase the social side of the Branch, with increased social events with at least one event per quarter.
 - 7.2 Old Town Beer Crawl, Hull – It was agreed that Members will meet up for drinks in the Old Town on Saturday 10th September at 13.00hrs. We will meet up at The George Public House, Land of Green Ginger.
 - 7.3 Marina Pub Crawl – Saturday 22nd October 2022 – meet up at the Humber Dock Bar & Grill, 9 Humber Dock Street, Hull, HU1 1TB (AKA "Green Bricks").
 - 7.4 Annual Dinner – Members present agreed that for this year, we would not commit to an Annual Dinner.
 - 7.5 Christmas Function – In the spirit of moving events around and away from Hull, it was agreed that this year's Christmas Function will be held in Beverley (location to be confirmed) on Saturday 26th November 2022.
 - 7.6 Second half of the year (Jan to May) to be discussed later in the year.
8. Any Other Business –
- 8.1 (From July's meeting) 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.
 - 8.2 (From July's meeting) BR reminded member that we had agreed to move the location of the Branch Meetings, is this still happening? ANP asked if we put a survey on Facebook asking for different locations? JS asked whether it would be good to use The Norland, which is the location of the AFVBC? PW stated that we would keep this in abeyance until a greater number of members attend meetings.
 - 8.3 (From July's meeting) Increasing members attendance. What else can we do? Facebook countdown for the meeting? Yes, we will trial this. Posters? Yes, but where? Teams meeting as well? Yes. PW to look into this. (Post meeting note, we are purchasing a suitable webcam and Office 365 subscription to enable meetings to be broadcast on the internet. This will be done using the Microsoft Teams platform, which members can download from here:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/teams-for-home>)
9. The time being 20.36hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th September 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 – July 2022

1. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding the Crosses for Field of Remembrance:

Morning again on behalf of Clare at RHQ who coordinates the Poppy Cross Orders may I ask please that you get the orders back to her NO LATER than Friday 2nd September 2022 that will allow her to transpose your order to the central one.

Please do check that you have the details correctly stated and that payment has indeed been made, this is a frustrating duty for Clare and it is not made easier if we don't get the basics right.

Again Cheques made payable and BaCS payable as per the order forms no need to check – they are right.

2. An email was received from Stewart Leach as follows:

Good afternoon / evening all Branch Secretaries

I do hope that the heat is at least within your scope to manage, here in Devon today it's certainly been warm but not a scorcher as such – thunderstorm at lunchtime and rain for an hour.

Topic One.

Remembrance (1)

We sent out details of how to order your Crosses for inclusion and placement at our plot at West Minster Abbey, if you have not yet got around to discussing it then please do and get the orders off asap, this will assist Clare at RHQ.

Remembrance (2)

If you have members who wish to be part of the RMPA contingent at the RBL Muster on Remembrance Sunday please do get them, if they have not already done so, to email Bob Potts with their interest and details – we need ideally to get 75 names however if we can only achieve 50 then that will have to do, the consequence is that we will be cut in our allocation by the RBL for future years, the reason being that Whitehall has a total capacity in terms of safety and event security and control – each veteran place is therefore counted in the overall figures, if the RBL can cut soe contingents due to lack of uptake then they will.

Applications to Bob on potts8@me.com asap please.

Topic Two - Association affiliations and support

Its been brought to our attention that recently a charity stated that “the Royal Military Police Association are supporters of this particular charity”. May we just caution that as a charity the Association has not directly supported financially, other than for an individual known Association member benefiting in some way by means of needed support, or by way of referral any charity other than our own RMP CBF. We do often refer people to various charities in accordance with the CoBSEO panel or the Veterans Gateway signposting – such as the ABF or RBL etc. We do also from time to time promulgate a charity approach particularly if one of our members is involved in that cause as a fund raiser or case worker etc. We have not endorsed therefore any charity above another or in favour of one or other. We do occasionally authorise our logo to be used for a specific and stated reason – such as the Hotel in Hull signposting our recent event there. If you spot our logo being used by anyone other than a Branch or member, please let us know.

THAT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MONTH'S COMMUNICATIONS.