



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on Wednesday 7th June 2023

Members Present: Bob Hare (BH); Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS); Jason McCoubrey (JM); Phil Cohen (PC);

Apologies: Dan Joyce (DJ); Jim Savage (JS); Rachel Darling Love (RDL); Steve Johnson (SJ); Shane Harle (SH); David Kennedy (DK); Bernadette Robinson (BR);

Agenda for the 2023 Annual General Meeting

- 1 Remembrance
- 2 Members Present/Apologies Received
- 3 Minutes of The AGM 14th June 2021
- 4 Matters Arising
- 5 Chairman's Report
- 6 Treasurers Report
- 7 Retirement & Election of Officers
 - 7.1 President
 - 7.2 Vice President
 - 7.3 Chairman
 - 7.4 Secretary
 - 7.5 Treasurer
 - 7.6 CESA Rep (Council of Ex-service Association)
 - 7.7 Standard Bearer
 - 7.8 Web Master
- 8 Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
- 9 Matters Arising
- 10 Communications
- 11 Reports
 - 11.1 CESA
 - 11.2 Standard Bearer
- 12 Social Events
- 13 Any Other Business
- 14 Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

- 1 Meeting opened at 20.14hrs. ANP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
- 2 Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received from BR, JS, DK, FH
- 3 The minutes of the previous AGM were made available. ANP proposed that they are a true and accurate representation of the AGM. Seconded by AS. All in favour.
- 4 Matter Arising – None
- 5 Chairman’s Report – ANP stated that there have been many meetings that have had to be cancelled over the last year. The Branch has also tried to organise a few social events, but the take up was so low that they had to be cancelled. ANP also mentioned the proposal to start on-line meeting and that he was surprised that there hasn’t been a response from the grant request that we had put into RHQ for IT equipment. We still need to encourage more members to attend Branch Meetings.
- 6 Treasurers Report – AS stated that the accounts where in a good place and that she would be making available the full accounts shortly. Unfortunately she is having to tend her resignation from the position due to family commitments.
- 7 Retirement & Election of Officers
 - 7.1 President – This is a life appointment currently held by Fred Hemmerman
 - 7.2 Vice President – This is a life appointment currently held by Bob Hare
 - 7.3 Chairman – PW proposed that ANP be retained at Chairman, ANP proposed BH as Chairman. A vote of the members was carried out and ANP carried by majority. ANP accepted the position.
 - 7.4 Vice Chairman – PW proposed that JM be retained with the proviso that JM accepts the role/ ANP seconded, all in favour.
 - 7.5 Secretary – AS had proposed PW for Secretary in advance of the meeting. Seconded PC, all in favour. PW accepted the position.
 - 7.6 Stand-In Secretary – Vacant
 - 7.7 Treasurer – Currently vacant. PW proposed that ANP look after the role alongside his Chairmanship until a suitable candidate can be volunteered. BH Seconded. ANP was happy for this arrangement.
 - 7.8 CESA Rep – Last year, JM stated that he was happy to share the role with AS as CESA Reps. PW proposed that we continue the status quo, AS said she was happy to attend.
 - 7.9 Standard Bearer – Last year, PW proposed that DK and AP remain as Standard Bearer. Seconded by BR All in favour. PW proposed that we continue the status quo. All in favour.
- 8 Minutes of the previous meeting – There were no minutes from the previous month’s meeting as a meeting had not taken place.
- 9 Communications – See attachments below.
- 10 Queries from the published communications – None.

- 11 Social Events – A general discussion was held regarding the holding of events this year and the general agreement was as follows:
- 11.1 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.
 - 11.2 Old Town Beer Crawl, Hull was proposed for last year and this event is still on the agenda once members make it clear that they will support the event.
 - 11.3 Annual Dinner – Members present agreed that for this year, we would not commit to an Annual Dinner as current commitment could not guarantee that an event would be viable.
 - 11.4 Christmas Function – PW confirmed that again, this event was still on the table, but it was incumbent on members to show that they would be willing to attend the event. ANP stated that this would most probably be an informal event, perhaps in a local pub.
 - 11.5 Second half of the year (Jan to May) to be discussed later in the year.
- 12 Any Other Business –
- 12.1 Subs – Are now due, they can be paid in cash in person, by cheque in the registered address, or by BACS to the following account:

Account Name: Hull & ER RMPA

Account No.: 25939663

Sort Code: 05-05-05
- 13 The time being 21.10hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 20.00hrs at the Manor Farm Public House, 194 Willerby Rd, Hull HU5 5JW. Members as usual, can meet up from 18.00hrs for food and drink.

Agenda for July's 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

Communications Received – May 2023

1. An email was received from the Regimental Secretary regarding the passing of Maj. Guy Blackmore as follows:

Dear Friends and colleagues,

It is my sad duty to inform you that Major Guy Blackmore passed away on the 25th April after an 8 year battle with cancer. He was 69.

Guy commissioned in the Royal Marines in 1976, serving with 'The Corps' until 1981 when he joined the Army serving briefly with the Army Air Corps, before transferring to the Corps of Royal Military Police in 1983.

The immediate family only will conduct a short service at Chichester Crematorium before holding an open Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary The Virgin Church, Apuldram, PO20 7EG, on Monday 15th May, starting at 2pm, followed by refreshments at the Dell Quay Sailing Club.

He leaves behind his wife Rosie and two sons: Major (for Lieutenant-Colonel) Tom Blackmore RMP and Major Sam Blackmore AAC.

Letters of condolence should be sent to:

*Mrs R Blackmore
Orchard House
14 Parchment Street
Chichester
West Sussex. PO19 3DA*

Yours sincerely,

SIG

*J T Green OBE
Colonel
Regimental Secretary*

2. Email received from Association Secretary regarding disablement due to North Ireland service as follows:

Good afternoon all

Please distribute amongst members for onward and wide promulgation, I hope.

If you are permanently physically or psychologically disabled as a result of an injury related to the Troubles in Northern Ireland, you may be entitled to payment from the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme.

I have further background and signposting material if required.

The geographical scope of entitlement includes mainland UK and Europe.

The devil will be in the detail, but maybe someone will be able to benefit.

Email me for more

secretary@rmpa.org.uk

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/troubles-permanent-disablement-payment-scheme#:~:text=If%20you%20are%20permanently%20physically,Troubles%20Permanent%20Disablement%20Payment%20Scheme>

3. A email was received from Association Secretary regarding Tudor (King's) Crown RMP Cypher as follows:

All RMPA Branch Secretaries

This is from RHQRMP

Dear all,

I am pleased to be able to attach jpegs of the RMP Cypher with the Tudor Crown, for use on stationery etc., as you see fit.

Update on the Transition to the King's Devices PS12(A) advise:

"The small supply of badges for the Coronation should no longer be worn. We will now start the full tried and tested process to transition the whole Army across to the King's devices. This process normally takes 9 months to a year just for one item and involves a review of the specification, production and approval of prototypes, manufacture in quantity and then codifying with a NATO Stock Number (NSN.)

The plan for the transition is to provide a complete package of new badges, buttons and insignia to each Regt and Corps in turn starting with each being asked to list all the current clothing NSNs that are still relevant to their Corps/Regt and highlighting those NSNs that need to change. These will then be manufactured and issued to each Regt and Corps in a priority order – the first unlikely to receive all its new badges and buttons etc much before mid/late 2025. How long it will take to complete the transition will depend on the additional resources that the Army would wish to provide."

I anticipate that I will be in my Care Home by the time the RMP receives its "complete package of new badges, buttons and insignia." 😊

Jeremy

Colonel (Retired) J T Green OBE, Regimental Secretary Royal Military Police,

A further note from the Association Secretary reads:

Further to my note below of yesterday – herewith guidance on when and what the Cypher is all about, kindly provided by Jeremy Green at RHQRMP .

"The RMP 'Cypher' would have been designed by the Corps 'Regimental' Committee (probably with advice from the College of Arms and/or the Army Dress Committee), but at the time the task appears to have been given to the then SO3 PM1 in Headquarters Provost Marshal (Army); a junior Staff Officer.

At an extraordinary meeting held on Saturday, 11th November 1961, in the War Office (taking advantage of Armistice Day and before the Provost Marshal embarked on a protracted tour of RMP Units based in the Far East) the Corps Committee discussed just two agenda items namely: the final design of a new Corps silver centrepiece and a proposed 'Officer's Tie.'

The cypher - then called a "monogram" - was adopted unanimously at that meeting and placed (and then repeated) on a blue silk tie to be designated as 'The Officers' Dinner Club Tie'. An initial order of two-hundred ties was placed with Beale & Inman of New Bond Street and each tie sold for 25 shillings (£23 at 2018 values). The cypher was also used by Officers on personal stationery.

In November 1994, the Corps Committee authorised its use by all RMP Ranks.

The cypher is of far lower importance to the Cap Badge, which always takes precedence as only the design of the Cap Badge has been graciously approved for wear by His Majesty, The King. The RMP Association has its own official emblem.

Strictly speaking, the only convention as to the cypher's use now, is that it should only be used on correspondence by those serving or by those in Regimental appointments such as the Regimental Secretary and then only on demi-official correspondence. However, it is also used on Regimental Silver, on place mats and furniture etc. It may also be worn as a brooch, a lapel pin or as cufflinks by anyone who served with the RMP and other items for sale in the Regimental Shop are so emblazoned".



4. An email was received from the Association Secretary regarding the North East Branch Annual Dinner as follows:

Good afternoon all

Kindly distribute accordingly (Lucia / Kris – be great to see some serving folks there.)

Please find attached information form our colleagues in the North Eats in regard to their Dinner on the 21st October 2023.

All responses to Bob Hodgson : bobhrmpa@mail.com please as indicated on the information

See Annex A

THAT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MONTH'S COMMUNICATIONS.



ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION NORTH-EAST BRANCH

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RMPA NE Branch

10th May 2023

RMPA NORTH EAST BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER INVITATION

The RMPA NE Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday 21st October 2023 in the Copthorne Hotel Newcastle, The Close, Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3RT. Arrival 6:30pm for 7:30pm. The hotel has its own car park which is FREE. There is disabled parking at the front of the hotel. There will also be rooms at a reduced price of £132 which includes breakfast and parking. If you require one you can book this by ringing the hotel on **0191 201 1393** and quoting **ROYA211023** at a date nearer to the function.

- Reception: The room we will be using is The Cuthbert Suite which is located to the right of the entrance door. This will contain a full pay as you go bar.
- Dinner: This will commence at 7:30pm. Service at 20:00hrs.
- Cost: £25.00 per person.
- After Dinner: Dinner will be followed by Paul Watson Disco and DJ and will be held in the same room as the dinner.
- Wine: This can be purchased on the night if you require wine. A wine list is available.
- Dress: Formal (Black tie and Miniatures)/Mess Dress/ Lounge Suits. Ladies' equivalent.
- Hotels: Other hotels in the area are The Station Hotel and the County Hotel. Both are adjacent to the station.

It is very much hoped that you will be able to attend. If you wish to attend, you are kindly requested to complete the proforma below and return it together with your remittance as soon as possible - **but not later than Fri 6th October 2023** to the Treasurer please:

Mr Ray Walker, 6 St Edmunds Court, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 3PF

Cheques should be made payable to **RMPA (North East Branch)**

Or

BACS Transfers may also be used. Bank is Lloyds A/C 17845860 Sort Code 77-20-31. Inform Ray that you have used a BACS Transfer. rayw361@googlemail.com

There will be a raffle on the night, if you wish to donate, please do so.

RC Hodgson

Hon. Secretary

Please email or telephone me should you require any further assistance.

I wish to attend the RMPA NE Annual Dinner on Saturday 21st October 2023.

I * shall / shall not be accompanied by my wife / husband / partner.

I enclose a cheque payable to 'RMPA (North East Branch)' for £25.00 per person.
(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

NAME:

GUESTS:.....

ADDRESS:

POST CODE: TEL No: EMAIL:

Any special dietary needs/requests:

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* Delete as appropriate - Return to Mr Ray Walker, 6 St Edmunds Court, Gate

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