



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the AGM & Branch Meeting Held 7th February 2018

Members Present:	Bob Hare (RH); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Pete Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS); Andy Plews (AP); Phil Cowan (PC); Jim Anderson (JA); Tony Walker (TW);
Apologies:	Dave Emmerson (DE); Jon Wild (JW); Terry Scholes (TS); Sandy Robinson BEM (SR); Bob Boreland (BB); Frank Maunder (FM); Callum Garton (CG); Jason McCoubrey (JC); Mike Walker (MW); David Kennedy (DK); Darren Howlett (DH); Steve Johnson (SJ); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Capt. Whitehead RMP; Bernadette Robinson-Hutton (BRT);
Not Present:	Steve Woods (SW); Scott Jenkins (SJ2); Michael Sutton (MS); Brian Petch (BP);

Agenda

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Absent Friends
4. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
5. Matters Arising.
6. Communications
7. Reports
 - 7.1. CESA
 - 7.2. Standard Bearer
8. Social Events
9. Any Other Business
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- 1.0 Meeting opened at 20.04hrs. RH gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received from SR who had had a fall, DK and SJ who are both at sea. JW who is at 243 Pro Coy. DH is working. PW stated that it was good to see JA up and about and looking so well after his recent bout of ill health.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – As detailed in the apologies.
- 4.0 Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting - AP proposed that the minutes from the previous meeting were true and an accurate representation. Seconded by PC. All in favour.
- 5.0 Matters Arising – None.
- 6.0 Communications –
 - 6.1 A letter was received from David Paynter, Chairman of West Yorkshire Branch RMPA inviting members to attend their Annual Dinner which will take place on 7th April 2018 at the Guide Post Hotel, Bradford. Tickets for the three course £23.00 per head. Accommodation deals are also available. PW stated that he had attended last years event and cannot recommend it highly enough. Members wishing to attend should contact the Branch Secretary in the first instance.

- 6.2 An email was received from the Association Secretary which forwarded the following from the British Legion:

Subject: Help us find WW2 Veterans!

To: All Branches

Please circulate this email to as many members as possible.

The Royal British Legion wants to take all surviving veterans of the Second World War on a free Remembrance tour to where they served during their time in the Armed Forces.

Tours will take place throughout 2018 and will give WW2 veterans the chance to meet up with fellow veterans and pay their respects at battlefield sites, cemeteries and memorials. The Treasury is enabling these free tours to be funded by Libor fines, and will enable the veterans to return with a family member and carer.

No database exists of WW2 veterans who are still alive today, so the Legion is asking the public to help us make sure every surviving veteran can take part. If you're a grandchild, neighbour or carer and know someone who fought in WW2, please tell them about this opportunity and encourage them to sign up!

For more information, please visit the Legion's website using the following link:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/community/news/remembrance/help-us-find-ww2-veterans-for-free-remembrance-tours/>

Regards,

*Alanna Meharg
Membership Support Officer*

- 6.3 An email was received from the Association Secretary promoting the 'Ride to the wall' event. A poster of which was passed around to members and will be displayed on the Facebook site.

7.0 Reports

- 7.1 CESA Report – . The following information was passed by SR who had attended the event:

7.1.1 Nuclear Vets and the Aden Vets was in talks with each other regarding the collaboration of a service at the Minster. This will take in the annual CESA and AVA church service also will incorporate the laying up of the BNTV standard. Further information will be presented to CESA meeting as and when it is available.

7.1.2 Mr M. Heron said that Perris Coupland passed away and 4standards, 4 other members of Associations attended. Due to the fact that he was Jewish the funerals take place within a day or so not enough time was available to inform other branches. (PW Note: Mr. Coupland was a dedicated veteran and worked tirelessly for CESA and other Associations over the years. He was one of the driving forces behind the organisation of the Remembrance Parade in Hull for many many years and will be sadly missed.)

- 7.2 Standard Bearer – PW confirmed that the Branch Standard was carried at the "Englishman 'Tug'" Remembrance Service at the Hull Minster during January.

8.0 Social Events –

- 8.1 Annual Dinner 2018 – PW raised the point regarding Honoured Guests. RH proposed that we have just one honoured guest, plus partner. TW seconded. PW proposed that we invite the OC of 150 Pro Coy RMP plus partner, AS seconded. All in favour. PW will write to the OC.

- 8.2 PW proposed that we create an entertainments committee to better manage the events side of the Branch, including but not exclusively the Annual Dinner. This is something that PW, RH and FH had discussed in an impromptu committee meeting during the Aden Veterans Annual

Dinner!! PW believes that the committee should include AP and JW, but should any other member want to join the committee they would be most welcome. AS seconded. All in favour.

- 8.3 Next event – Members agreed that we should continue to meet socially as this strengthens the bonds between us all and fosters the ‘esprit de corps’ that we have all much garnered during our time in the Corps. We should meet as a minimum of once a quarter in a social environment where partners and friends could also attend. It was agreed that the next social event would take place on Saturday 24th March 2018, 17.00hrs, at the Punch Hotel, Queen Victoria Square in the centre of Hull. Again, this will be a pay-as-you-dine event as we feel that this is a much better way moving forward as it removes the burden of cost from the Association. Could members please let the Branch Secretary know as soon as possible if they want to attend, so that provision can be made with the Punch Hotel.
- 8.4 TW kindly (or foolishly!) offered the use of his house for a summer barbeque and proposed that it should perhaps take place on the 21st July 2018, from 14.00hrs onwards. He offered to provide the food but stated that member should bring their own alcohol! AS stated that perhaps members could bring some food to compliment TW’s food and I’m sure that no member would complain. There was no need to vote this proposal through. The date has been pencilled in but will remain fluid.
- 9.0 Any Other Business –
- 9.1 FH enquired whether the cheque for £30 has been sent to RHQ. PW confirmed that it had.
- 10.0 The time being 21.00hrs. and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 19.30 hrs for a 20.00hrs start, St. Vincent’s Social Club, Queen Road, Hull.

Agenda for March’s Meeting

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