



Royal Military Police Association

Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 1st April 2009

Members Present: Bob Hare (RobH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Pete Watson (PW); Ted Johnson (TJ); Peter Ovis (PO); Geoff Blakeston (GB); John Louis (JL); Steve Johnson (SJ); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Patrick Howlett (PH); Dave Emmerson (DE).

Apologies: Brian Hudson (BH); George Smith (GS); Tony Steventon (TS).

Agenda

- 1.0 Remembrance
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting
- 4.0 Matters Arising
- 5.0 Absent Friends
- 6.0 Communications
- 7.0 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Social Events
- 10.0 Any Other Business
- 11.0 Date Of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Remembrance – RobH opened the meeting at 20.00 hrs and the Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Members and Apologies received as listed above. Nothing heard from Keith Hill and Trevor Goodfellow.
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – TJ proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record, this was seconded by DM, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising from last month's minutes.
- 5.0 Absent Friends – The members wish to send our best wishes to those members who are not present due to ill health.
- 6.0 Communications – As GS was not present, RobH stated that the following communications had been received:
 - 6.1 A flyer has been received advertising the following event: The Hull Circle Catenian Association present a charity function: The Battle of Britain Ball featuring the Frank Cleveland Orchestra, at the Lindsey Suite, Staff House, Hull University, Friday 11th

September 2009 at 20.00hrs in support Help for Heroes, supporting our wounded servicemen and servicewomen. Tickets are £15.00 including a buffet supper.

7.0 CESA Report – No meeting was held in March 2009 and therefore no minutes are available.

8.0 Website –

8.1 PW reported that the Hull & East Riding RMPA Website was now up and running. Members are encouraged to go to the following address to view the website:
<http://hull-rmpa.org>

8.2 PW outlined the content of the website and how it is expected to run and outreach to potential new members and friends around the globe.

8.3 PW stated that he had already received contact from various other RMPA Branches that had visited the website and that we had been linked onto various other websites as a result. PW also stated that he had placed a direct link to the website on the official Royal Military Police Wikipedia website, the only RMPA Branch to do so.

8.4 PW Stated that the new 'Branch Members' section of the website, had each member listed with space for a brief synopsis of the members military career. PW asked that all members complete the questionnaire at the end of these minutes and return them at the next meeting, he further requested that members attend the next meeting wearing there Regimental Ties and Blazers so that portrait photographs can be taken of each member for the web site.

8.5 TJ asked what else was been done to attract new members to the branch as, he stated, "not all people have access to the internet or indeed a computer", PW stated that this was only the bedrock of new venture in order to attract new members and that within the very near future, contact will be made with the local papers and radio stations and that an article would be written to be placed within the RMPA section of the Corps Journal.

8.6 PW stated that he would endeavour to get some 'screen grabs' of the individual web pages so that members without access to the internet can see what all the fuss is about!

8.7 RobH thanked PW for all his work on the website and asked that it be minuted accordingly.

9.0 Social Events –

9.1 The Ladies Evening is the next Social event. PW proposed that we look at the Springhead Golf Club for this event CH seconded. RobH will look into the venue for either the 18th/25th June 2009. RobH stated that numbers need to be known for this venue as we pay for exactly the numbers booked. Guests are welcomed and this event will be put onto the website. All members in favour.

9.2 The Annual Dinner is booked for the 26th September 2009 and will be held at the Masonic Lodge, Dagger Lane, Hull.

10.0 Any Other Business - No other business.

11.0 The time being 20.55 hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RobH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

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Branch Members Questionnaire

Name: _____ Rank: _____ No.: _____

What date did you joint H.M. Armed Forces? _____

Which Depot did you train at/pass out of? _____

Which Corps/Regts/Services have you served with? _____

What year where you discharged? _____

Please give a brief synopsis of you military career, include dates and theatres in which you served.
