



# Royal Military Police Association

## Hull & East Riding Branch



### Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010

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**Members Present:** Fred Hemmerman (FH); Bob Hare (RobH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Pete Watson (PW); Ted Johnson (TJ); Steve Woods (SW); Geoff Blakeston (GB); Joe Matthews (JM); Tony Steventon (TS); Mike Walker (MW); Michael Sutton (MS); Phil Newton (PN).

**Apologies:** John Loius (JL); Keith Hill (KH); Patrick Howlett (PH); Steve Johnson (SJ); Dave Emmerson (DE); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Darren Howlett (DH); Bernard Anson (BA); Peter Ovis (PO); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Kenneth Manners (KM).

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#### 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
  - 9.1 Report from Ladies Night – 25<sup>th</sup> March '10
  - 9.2 Annual Dinner
- 10.0 Any Other Business
- 11.0 Date of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Remembrance – RobH opened the meeting at 20.02hrs and the Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – The Branch was pleased to receive a new member. Phil Newton served with 252 Pro Coy RMP during the 80's and 90's. Welcome Phil! DE had just returned from Holiday so was unable to attend.
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – SW proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record, this was seconded by JM, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising – No matters arising.
- 5.0 Absent Friends – Mike Budding had spoken to DM and stated that the weather was crap, even in his new Volvo! Guess they're not used to the snow! RobH asked DM how Hazel was, he stated that there was a definite improvement and that she had been back in hospital

today. So good news overall. DM further stated that she had enjoyed attending the Ladies night function.

6.0 Communications – The Branch had received the following communications:

6.1 Email received from Steve Hawkshaw of the Veterans Fund asking whether Members wished to attend the Southport British Armed Forces Weekend on Victoria Park on the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Any Member wishing to attend should contact the Secretary in the first instance.

7.0 CESA Report – DM reported the Armed Forces Day was currently being planned. A table was available for the Branch in the Main Marquee if we wanted to make a RMPA display, this had been provisionally booked.

8.0 Website – PW reported that the website was now One Year Old! Since it's inception, the website had been viewed 7,819 times by 1,811 people. That's an average of 150 visitors a month! If anyone has any ideas of anything they would like to see on the website, or any ideas of how to keep it shiny and new please speak to the webmaster.

9.0 Social Events –

9.1 Ladies Night Report – The last Ladies night was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. 29 members and guests had attended. FH stated that he had compiled a financial report and that it had been a successful night. £46.00 had been raised by the raffle which was been donated to ex-Sgt Geoff Mitchell as per last months minutes.

9.2 Annual Dinner – DM stated that we ought to start looking at the menu for the event. It was proposed that the menu for the event remain the same as last year as this had been very agreeable, seconded by FH, all members were in favour, one abstained as he would be able to attend. Financial: FH proposed that Tickets are to be £14 per head which still offers great value, seconded by RobH, all members in favour. FH stated that he wanted monies to be paid prior to the event at August and September. A further committee meeting is to be arranged to go over the finer points.

10.0 Any Other Business –

10.1 RobH stated that he did not feel that DM should pay to attend the Ladies Night as he always provided flowers for all the Ladies. He proposed that DM attend these events for free, this was seconded by PW and all members were in favour.

10.2 FH, DM and TS are attending the National Arboretum on the 25<sup>th</sup> April with the Normandy Veterans Association. FH stated that the NVA was subsidising his travel he proposed that the Branch subsidise the other members, to the tune of £5 per head. This was seconded by RobH, all members in favour.

10.3 Personal Details: RobH reported that there were a lot of errors in the contact directory. PW stated that he would check all entries and arrange a reprint at his cost.

11.0 The time being 20.50hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RobH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

### **Agenda for May's Meeting**

- 1.0 Remembrance
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