



Royal Military Police Association

Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 5th August 2009

Members Present: Dave Mitchell (DM); Pete Watson (PW); Ted Johnson (TJ); George Smith (GS); Patrick Howlett (PH); Steve Johnson (SJ); Darren Howlett (DH); Steve Woods (SW); Geoff Blakeston (GB); Peter Ovis (PO); Dave Emmerson (DE); John Loius (JL); Tony Steventon (TS); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Joe Matthews (JM).

Apologies: Bob Hare (RobH); Bernard Anson (BA) Craig Hemmerman (CH).

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 – DH opened the meeting at 20.00hrs and the Remembrance was observed by all members. DH passed on the branches condolences to FH on the death of his brother.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Members and Apologies received as listed above. DH reported that RobH was on holiday and consequently he will be chairing the meeting.
 - 2.1 DM reported that we had a new member. Joe Matthews who had served with 252 Pro Coy RMP(V) back in 1975 – 1984 as a chef with Royal Catering Corps. He was welcomed by all members. Joe has many stories to tell, so don't be afraid to say hello to him!
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – GS proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record, this was seconded by FH, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising – None.
- 5.0 Absent Friends – As detailed above.
- 6.0 Communications – PW stated that he had received the following communications:

- 6.1 A letter was received from Col. Baber MBE regarding the Central Committee Meeting of the RMPA on 12th September 2009. The meeting will be held in the Officers Mess at the Regimental Headquarters, Southwick Park. Once elected, our CENCO Rep will attend this meeting.
- 6.2 A letter was received from Maj. A.K. Barley the National Events Co-ordinator RMPA, regarding the Remembrance Weekend 2009. The weekend will commence on the Thursday actually, with the opening of the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. On Saturday 7th November 2009 the RMP/RMPA Service of Remembrance will take place at Westminster Abbey at 12.00 hrs. The RBL Cenotaph Parade will take place in Horse Guards/Whitehall. Any members wishing to attend should speak to the Branch Secretary in the first instance.
- 7.0 CESA Report – DH reported that he had attended the CESA meeting but there wasn't a great deal to report.
- 8.0 Website – 147 visits during the previous calendar month.
- 9.0 Social Events –
- 9.1 DM reported that tickets for the annual dinner will be available from next month.
- 9.2 FH stated that rather than spend a lot of money on raffle prizes, we would prefer to receive donations from members as of the next meeting, e.g. bottles, chocolates, or anything else that would be worth winning.
- 9.3 FH reported that the menu was as follows:
- Tomato Soup
Roast Beef & Yorkshire Puddings
With seasonal Vegetables
Black Forrest Gateaux
Cheese & Biscuits
Coffee & Mints*
- And all that for £12.00!!!*
- 9.4 DM asked that a letter be sent to the NVA to invite them to attend the Annual Dinner at cost.
- 9.5 A members return will be attached to the end of this set of minutes, all members are asked to complete this and return it to the Treasurer at the next meeting, failing this please send them directly to the Branch Secretary at 23 Sigston Road, Beverley, HU17 9NS.
- 10.0 Any Other Business –
- 10.1 PW stated that after the sad loss of Bernie Harries, the Branch hadn't replaced our representative on the Central Committee of the RMPA (CENCO). He stated that it was important that we keep our attendance at the CENCO meetings and that we should

elect a new rep as soon as possible. FH proposed DM be elected this was seconded by PW, all members were in favour. DM agreed to take the post and was duly elected as CENCO Rep.

10.2 GS stated that as he was not now with the RBL, we would require to purchase wreaths for Remembrance Sunday. It was decided that we should order 2 wreaths, one for Beverley and one for Hull.

11.0 The time being 20.36hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RobH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd September 2009 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

Agenda for Septembers' Meeting

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The Hull & East Riding Branch Royal Military Police Association Annual Dinner 2009

26th September 2009

I will / will not* be attending this years Annual Dinner.

I will / will not* be bringing guests with me.

I enclose payment of £..... for No. tickets.

Signed..... Date

* = delete as applicable