



# Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



## Minutes of the AGM & Branch Meeting Held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010

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**Members Present:** Bob Hare (RobH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Pete Watson (PW); Ted Johnson (TJ); Steve Woods (SW); Geoff Blakeston (GB); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Joe Matthews (JM); Peter Ovis (PO); Kenneth Manners (KM); Steve Johnson (SJ); Patrick Howlett (PH); Tony Steventon (TS);

**Apologies:** John Loius (JL); Keith Hill (KH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Darren Howlett (DH); Bernard Anson (BA); Dave Emmerson (DE); Michael Sutton (MS).

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### Agenda

- 1.0 Remembrance
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies received.
- 3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- 4.0 Matters Arising
- 5.0 Absent Friends
- 6.0 Communications Received
- 7.0 Confirmation of The Branch Rules
  - 7.1 Vote on acceptance of The Branch Rules or amendments
- 8.0 Chairman's Report
- 9.0 Election of Chairman
- 10.0 Treasurers Report
- 11.0 Election of Offices
  - 11.1 President
  - 11.2 Vice Chairman
  - 11.3 Secretary
  - 11.4 Stand-in Secretary
  - 11.5 Treasurer
  - 11.6 Welfare Officer
  - 11.7 CENCO Representative
  - 11.8 CESA Representative
- 12.0 Any Other Business:
  - 12.1 Subs
  - 12.2 Branch Members Contact Directory
  - 12.3 Branch Calendar of Events
- 13.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.

- 1.0 Remembrance – RobH opened the meeting at 20.00hrs and a minutes silence was held for LCPL Michael David Pritchard of the 4th Regiment, Royal Military Police who killed in Afghanistan 20<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – It was a pleasure to meet another new member! Ex-SGT Mick Walker, who served between 1981 – 1995 with 252 Pro Coy RMP. Welcome Mick.
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – TJ proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting where a true and accurate record, this was seconded by JM, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising – PW apologised to Members who had not receiving their printed minutes in December, this was due to a fault on his printer which could not be repaired. A new printer had been ordered and this should prevent a reoccurrence of this fault.
- 5.0 Absent Friends – Other than listed above, FH stated that he had spoken to Bernard Anson, he said that he wasn't very well, but was pleased to have received the minutes recently. Kenneth Manners has fallen on the ice and hurt his knees and will therefore be absent tonight.
- 6.0 Communications – The Branch had received the following communications:
  - 6.1 An email had been received from Col. Baber RHQ giving the branch details of the RMPA Church Parade HM Tower of London on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010. You should report to the Warders Mess (through the Eastern Drawbridge) and dress is Beret, Blazers, Corps Tie and Medals. Parade will march off at 1040 hrs (very short march). Lunch will be in the Warders' Mess. Tower is available for visitors in the afternoon. Attendance at Church allows for free entry. Wives very welcome. A good turn out would be appreciated, last year there were nearly more RAF then us! General Dannatt may be taking the salute so please polish your shoes!! PW will be attending the event and advised that if any members wished to attend the event, they should contact him in the first instance.
  - 6.2 An email was received from Ken Fowler, the Secretary of the North American Branch RMPA. He attached the latest edition of the Watchdog newsletter. This will be posted on our website, but if any members who do not have access to the internet require a copy, please contact the Secretary who will ensure that a copy is provided. Ken also wished Branch Members all the best for the New Year.
  - 6.3 An email was received from Maj. Mike Seabourne, the National Vice Chairman RMPA, requesting updated Branch Key Personnel details. PW had sent a reply informing Mike that he would inform him after the AGM when committee members are voted in.
  - 6.4 An email was received from the "Veterans Fund" giving details of 'South Atlantic Medal Association 82's' Service of Remembrance 2010. The service will be held in Southport on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Any members wishing to attend should contact the Secretary for further details.

- 7.0 Confirmation of the Branch Rules. A confirmation of the Branch rules was read out by the Acting Secretary
- 7.1 RobH asked members whether they wished to make any amendments to the Branch rules, no member wished to make an amendment. RobH proposed that the Branch Rules be accepted without amendment this was seconded by PW
- 8.0 Chairman's Report – RobH started by thanking DM for his continued support over the last year, and informed members of the huge amount that DM undertakes, not only providing a raffle prize at each meeting, helping with the organisation of the Annual Dinner and the Street Life Museum RMPA Stand, but also with his general duties as Vice Chairman. RobH then wished for his thanks to be put on record for all that PW has done over the last year, including the website. The new members, he said, were a testament to the work carried out trying to get new blood into the branch. He also thanked PW for his role as Standard Bearer, as which, he had attended three funerals of the RMP who had fallen in Afghanistan. RobH thanked FH for his work as treasurer and ensuring that ALL members paid their subs! RobH finished by thanking the Branch Members for their continued support over the last year and welcomed all the new members. As is tradition, RobH then resigned from his post as Chairman and handed over the meeting to DM the Vice Chairman.
- 9.0 Election of Chairman – DM whether any members wished to put themselves forward for the Chairman's role, no members were forthcoming. TJ proposed that RobH be re-elected as Chairman of the Branch, this was seconded by TS, all members were in favour. RobH thanked the members and accepted the role as Chairman and consequently, retook the seat as Chairman of the meeting.
- 10.0 Treasurers Report –
- 10.1 Branch Accounts - FH started by giving a break down of the Branch Accounts which are recorded as being in a healthy state. A full break down of the account is available to members; please speak to the Treasurer if you require a copy.
- 10.2 Ladies Night - FH stated that the last Ladies Evening had been a success financially due to the fact that it had been well supported by the members; this had not been the case on previous events, which had cost the branch due to members not turning up. FH reminded members that it would only be financially viable to set up event if members were going to attend and asked Members to continue to support events as they had the last Ladies Evening.
- 10.3 Annual Dinner – FH proposed that a change be made in how gratuities are given to the waiting and kitchen staff. Previously, waiting staff had been given a gratuity to the value of two meals, whereas the kitchen staff had not received a gratuity. FH stated that the waiting staff are well paid for their time and that the Kitchen staff are in attendance all day and proposed that a gratuity to the value of two meals be given to the chef and kitchen staff, paid by cheque. Bar staff are equally well looked after by Members when purchasing drinks so it was further proposed that Bar Staff are not further remunerated by gratuity. This proposal was seconded by DM, all members in favour.

- 10.4 Street Life Museum – FH stated that he had received a donation of £100.00 from the staff of the Street Life Museum in gratitude of the branch putting on a stand during there Remembrance Weekend celebrations. FH asked that the secretary write to Mr. Murdoch of the Museum staff to thank him for the Museums continued support. PW stated that this would be taken care of. TS stated that this letter was very important as a measure of how the museum is thought of by outside agencies.
- 10.5 Corps Journal – FH stated that the branch pays for three copies of the Corps Journal, one he received, one was received by RobH but he was unsure of where the third copy currently went to and asked members whether any of them had received a copy, they had not. He stated that he would further investigate it with RHQ.
- 10.6 Donation to the Humberside Police Social Club – FH proposed that a donation of £60.00 be paid to the Humberside Police Social Club, this was seconded by RobH, all members in favour. FH further proposed that a donation of £20.00 be paid to the Club Steward, again this was seconded by RobH all members in favour.

## 11.0 Election of Offices

- 11.1 President – PW: “Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a nomination to the elected life office of President of the Royal Military Police Association, Hull & East Riding Branch. On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1951, this person joined the British Army and served his National Service for the next two years; he then went on to serve for a further 3 years in the TAVR. Not content with this spell of service, this person then went on to serve for a further 20 years in the TA with the Royal Military Police. It is for this service, and his continued service since with the RMPA that I would like to nominate 22456970 SGT Fred Hemmerman, to the appointment of Life President of the Hull & East Riding Branch of the Royal Military Police”. This was seconded by RobH, all members where in favour. FH thanked members and accepted the role.
- 11.2 Vice Chairman – FH proposed that DM be re-elected as Vice Chairman, seconded by TS, all Members in favour. DM accepted the role.
- 11.3 Secretary – RobH proposed that PW be elected as Branch Secretary, this was seconded by TJ, all members in favour. PW accepted the role.
- 11.4 Stand-in Secretary – DM proposed TS for the role of Stand-in Secretary, seconded by RobH, all in favour, TS accepted the role.
- 11.5 Treasurer – PW nominated FH for the role as Treasurer, this was seconded by DM, all Members in favour. FH accepted the role.
- 11.6 Welfare & PRO – RobH proposed the DM retain his role as Welfare Rep and PRO, this was seconded by FH, all Members in favour.
- 11.7 CENCO Rep – DM stated that he wanted to retain his role of CENCO Rep, FH therefore proposed that DM retain this role with TJ as stand-in should DM be unavailable. Seconded by PW, all members in favour. DM and TJ accepted the roles.

- 11.8 CESA (Council of Ex-Service Associations) Rep – This role is currently not required as DM has been elected by the Council as CESA Chairman.
- 12.0 Any Other Business –
- 12.1 FH reminded members that there Annual Subs are now due!
- 12.2 PW proposed that the Branch Contact Directory be reprinted as there had been a number of new members this year, he reported that the costs for reprinting would be around £30.00. DM stated that this expense should be met by the branch, RobH agreed. All Members in favour. PW stated that he would need to contact all Members in order to confirm that there contact details where correct.
- 12.3 Branch Calendar of Event – PW stated that it would be a good idea to set out now the proposed dates for certain events throughout the year, such as Ladies Nights, Annual Dinner, so that these could also be inserted into the Branch Members Contact Directory. These dates where 'pencilled in' to the diary, but could be changed if required, nearer to the event.
- 13.0 The time being 21.03hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RobH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

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- 6.0 Communications
- 7.0 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Social Events
- 10.0 Any Other Business