



Royal Military Police Association

Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 1st July 2009

Members Present: Bob Hare (RobH); 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); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Fred Hemmerman (FH).

Apologies: Peter Ovis (PO); Dave Emmerson (DE); Tony Steventon (TS); John Loius (JL);

Agenda

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- 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 Ladies Night
- 10.0 Any Other Business
 - 10.1 GS Statement
 - 10.2 RMP Annual Service and Parade - Report
 - 10.3 Beverley Armed Forces Day – Report
 - 10.4 CESA Annual Parade and Service - Report
- 11.0 Date Of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Remembrance – RobH opened the meeting at 20.01hrs and the Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Members and Apologies received as listed above.
- 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 PH, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising – None.
- 5.0 Absent Friends – FH stated that he had heard from Mick Budding and that he was in good health, he complained that he had not received copies of the minutes for some time. PW stated that this was due to the fact that we had several different addresses for Mick and asked that FH confirm his address and remind Mick that minutes are available on line.

6.0 Communications – GS stated that he had received the following communications:

- 6.1 Annual Garden Party for War Pensioners' is to be held at Buckingham Palace on the 22nd July 2009 in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, any members who meet the criteria who would like to attend this event should contact GS in the first instance.
- 6.2 RAFA – A Battle of Britain Service & Parade is to take place on Sunday 6th September 2009 at the Yorkshire Air Museum at Lexington. Members wanting to attend should contact the museum on 01904 761077 for further details.
- 6.3 Holidays for Hero's – a leaflet had been received from Holidays for Hero's a registered charity providing free holidays in Jersey for members and past members of HM Armed Forces injured on active duty, asking for donations large or small. Any members wanting to give a donation should contact the following in the first instance:

Holidays for Hero's Jersey
c/o The Treasurer
Point West
Le Chemin des Monts
St. Ouen
Jersey
JE3 2GT

Tel.: 01534 856658

(Post meeting note: links are now available on the News section of our website)

- 7.0 CESA Report – GS stated that he had received a letter from CESA regarding the Healthcare of members.
- 8.0 Website – 134 visits during the previous calendar month.
- 9.0 Social Events –
 - 9.1 The Ladies Evening Report – RH stated that he was upset to hear that the event was poorly attended. He stated that we have to think very carefully about whether we wanted to carry out these events in future. DM stated that the food for the event was extremely good, in fact probably the best we have had. The raffle raised £36 which off set the losses that the evening made. SJ wanted to put on record that it was the first event that he had attended and thought that it was very good and that both his self and his wife had been looked after very well. FH said that the financial figures from the event where disappointing. There is great concern from the committee that we could be at a greater loss for the Annual Dinner. GM proposed that we include a returner for the Annual Dinner that tickets be paid for in advance for the Annual Dinner, so that if members do not turn up then they loose there own money and not the Branches, this was seconded by DH all but one members was in favour, one abstained. Motion carried.

10.0 Any Other Business –

GS stated that due to ill health he will be standing down as Secretary as of the end of the year. A new secretary will be voted in during the AGM in January 2010. (Post meeting note: PW will stand-in as acting secretary until the AGM)

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10.2 RMP Annual Service and Parade – 6th June 2009 – Report. PW reported that he had attended the National Arboretum with TS and SJ to attend the Annual RMP Church Service and Parade. The event was very well attended, so much so that it was standing room only in the Chapel. It unfortunately rained continuously for the duration, which somewhat tainted the otherwise fantastic day. Several new friends were made and it was good to see Col. Baber again. The Provost Marshal was also in attendance. PW suggested that we attend next year's service as a branch.

10.3 Beverley Armed Forces Day – Report – 14th June 2009 – PW reported that he had attended this even with TS and RobH. It was an excellent event, with fantastic weather. It is estimated that 10,000 people attended the event, which could have had something to do with the Ghurkha curry!!

10.4 CESA Church Service – Report – 28th June 2009. PW reported that he had attended this event. It was very well attended with around 14 Standards. The church service was held at the Holy Trinity Church and was attended by the Mayor of Hull and the Lord Lieutenant of Hull and East Riding.

10.5 RobH wanted to place on record the branches appreciation for all that PW and other members had done whilst representing the Branch over the previous month.

10.6 FH stated that on the 18th September 2009 the NVA are going to Normandy for what is believed to be their last time. Any member who wanted to attend should contact FH in the first instance.

11.0 The time being 20.38hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RobH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th August 2009 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

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