



Royal Military Police Association

Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 7th July 2010

Members Present: Bob Hare (RobH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Pete Watson (PW); Ted Johnson (TJ); Steve Woods (SW); Geoff Blakeston (GB); Joe Matthews (JM); Michael Sutton (MS); Patrick Howlett (PH); Tony Steventon (TS); Steve Johnson (SJ); Peter Ovis (PO).

Apologies: Fred Hemmerman (FH); John Loius (JL); Keith Hill (KH); Phil Newton (PN); Dave Emmerson (DE); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Darren Howlett (DH); Bernard Anson (BA); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Mike Walker (MW); Kenneth Manners (KM).

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 Annual Dinner
- 10.0 Any Other Business
- 11.0 Date of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Remembrance – DM opened the meeting at 20.10hrs and the Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – PW reported that he had received apologies from CH stating that he was looking after FH who was still suffering from a bad back. GB sent apologies from JL.
- 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 GB, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising –
 - 4.1 NMA – PW attended the NMA for the RMP Service of Memorial with SJ. Good turnout by RMPA with 16 Branch Standards and The National Standard in attendance. Pictures are available on the website.

- 4.2 PW stated that he had looked in to the Eden Camp Event and this would be taking place on the 12th September 2010 (Sunday).
- 4.3 PW reported that had now received the official Standard Bearers Badge from RHQ.
- 5.0 Absent Friends – FH as stated above.
- 6.0 Communications – The Branch had received the following communications:
- 6.1 PW that he had received an email from RHQ who had forwarded on an email from COSEO regarding the forthcoming dedication of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Military Cemetery, Fromelles, northern France on the 19th July. Special trains have been put on for the event, travelling on the Eurostar at a cost of only £40.00 per person. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the secretary.
- 6.2 PW further reported that he had received an email from the Isle of Mann Branch inviting our members to the Dedication of the Standard. The Isle of Mann Branch is the youngest RMPA Branch only formed in November 2009. The Deication will take place on Saturday 4th September 2010 at the Royal Chapel, St. John's, Isle of Mann. Members wishing to attend should inform the Secretary so that he can furnish them with the necessary details.
- 7.0 CESA Report – DM reported that due to the recent sad loss of Hazel, he had been unable to attend the last meeting although he had been sent a copy of the minutes and other than the Eden Camp event that has already been covered in 4.2 there wasn't a great deal to report.
- 8.0 Website – PW reported that the following updates had been completed on the website:
- 8.1 RMP Memorial – A memorial section has been added to the website covering our RMP colleagues killed in action in both the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns. The memorial section has a photograph of each RMP NCO that was lost with a brief description of how he died and a link to the MoD notice of death.
- 8.2 Photographs of the recent RMP Memorial Service and re-dedication of the MP Memorial at National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire.
- 9.0 Social Events –
- 9.1 Ladies Night – FH was not available at this meeting so he was unable to give a financial report. PW thanked DM on behalf of the Branch for paying for the event, he stated that it was his privilege as he wanted to thank the members for their support during the recent sad loss of his wife Hazel.
- 9.2 Annual Dinner – RobH stated that DM had supplied the tickets for the event and these can be purchased NOW for the event, £14.00 per head. It is essential that we achieve numbers in excess of 60. In a straw poll of members in attendance, 31 tickets so far would be allocated.

10.0 Any Other Business –

- 10.1 RobH stated that he wanted the minutes sending through within a week. PW stated that whilst he always tries to achieve this, it is not always feasible due to work constraints and other mitigating factors. He personally apologised to PO who had attended the Ladies night on the wrong night as a consequence of not getting the minutes in time. Having said that, PW did remind RobH that the Ladies night was discussed at length during the last meeting and that PW had rang all members twice and indicated the date of the Ladies night on both occasions.
 - 10.2 TJ stated that he had recently attended Wootton Bassett whilst holidaying in the area and it happened to be whilst a Repatriation Ceremony was taking place. He stated that the ceremony was very moving indeed and the locals welcomed him attending.
 - 10.3 PW sent his apologies for the August Meeting as he will be on holiday. TS will take the minutes in his capacity as Stand-In Secretary.
- 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 4th. August 2010 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

Agenda for August's Meeting

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