



# Royal Military Police Association

## Hull & East Riding Branch



### Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009

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**Members Present:** Bob Hare (RobH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Pete Watson (PW); Ted Johnson (TJ); Peter Ovis (PO); Patrick Howlett (PH); Dave Emmerson (DE); Steve Woods (SW); Trevor Goodfellow (TG).

**Apologies:** George Smith (GS); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Tony Steventon (TS); John Loius (JL); Steve Johnson (SJ); Darren Howlett (DH); Geoff Blakeston (GB); Fred Hemmerman (FH);

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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 Ladies Night
- 10.0 Any Other Business
  - 10.1 RMP Annual Service and Parade
- 11.0 Date Of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Remembrance – RobH opened the meeting at 20.05 hrs 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 where a true and accurate record, this was seconded by DM, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising – None.
- 5.0 Absent Friends – Nothing has been heard from George Smith. PW will call him tomorrow. (Post meeting note: PW spoke rang GS and he is in good health and was unable to attend due to family reasons.)
- 6.0 Communications – GS was not present, RobH stated that he had not received any communications.

7.0 CESA Report – DM reported that 20 members attended the meeting and a treasurers report was given, please see DM for further details of this report. DM was asked whether we could provide at least two collectors for when they are collecting funds, this, is was agreed by members present, would not be a problem. DM also reported that a representative from the Hull & East Yorkshire Primary Care Trust (NHS) was present at the meeting; he reported that as a Veteran of the Armed Forces, members are entitled to priority care on the NHS waiting list. Further details are going to be released to the press for publication, but in essence members need to inform the GP to ensure that their Veteran status is recorded on their records. TS reported that the Government are looking into giving Veterans free transport and admission to the Museums in London, but this was still going through Parliament.

#### 8.0 Website –

8.1 PW reported that he had received an email from Beverley Town Council regarding the Armed Forces Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> June. Details are available on the website and will be attached to these minutes.

8.2 Members Questionnaire Returns – PW asked if any member had returned their completed Members Questionnaires that where attached to the third page of the minutes of the last meeting,

8.3 Dearly Departed Section - PW reported that this had not yet been completed.

#### 9.0 Social Events –

9.1 The Ladies Evening – RobH stated that he had contacted the Springhead Golf Club to confirm the arrangements for the Ladies night on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. He further reported that they had reduced the price of the meal to £4.50 per head based on 25 people attending. All agreed that this was a good reduction. It was stressed again that we need to get as many members to attend as possible.

*Please try to get as many members and guests to the Ladies Night as possible to ensure that it is viable for this year and future years.*

9.2 The Annual Dinner is booked for the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and will be held at the Masonic Lodge, Dagger Lane, Hull.

#### 10.0 Any Other Business –

10.1 RMP Annual Service and Parade – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – PW asked whether any members wanted to attend this event this weekend, SJ and TS stated that they would attend. PW stated that he would give a report of the event at the next meeting.

10.2 PW also reported that he had attended the funeral of RSM Douglas 'Taffy' Haines RMP as Standard Bearer. Taffy had served with 252 Pro Coy RMP(V) in the sixties. It was an excellent turnout and his family greatly appreciated the RMP and other Association Standards being present.

- 11.0 The time being 20.54 hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RobH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 at 20.25hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

#### Agenda for July's Meeting

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  - 10.1 Report - RMP Annual Church Parade – National Arboretum