



Royal Military Police Association

Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 6th March 2012

Members Present:	Fred Hemmerman (FH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Steve Woods (SW); Pete Watson (PW); Joe Matthews (JM); Bob Boreland (BB); Frank Maunder (FM); Michael Sutton (MS); Steve Johnson (SJ); Brian Fenwick, Brian Petch (BP); Tony Steventon (TS);
Apologies:	Jon Wild (JW); Pat Howlett (PH); Bob Hare (RobH); Ted Johnson (TJ) Craig Hemmerman (CH); Darren Howlett (DH); Dave Emmerson (DE); Andy Jefferson (AJ); ; Derrick Garton (DG); Adrian Marshall (AM2); David Kennedy (DK); Andy Doyle (AD); Keith Hill (KH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Phil Newton (PN); Andy Murdoch (AM); Sandra Robinson (SR) Mike Walker (MW);.

Agenda

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- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies received.
- 3.0 Absent Friends
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- 5.0 Matters Arising
- 6.0 Communications Received
- 7.0 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Standard Bearer
- 10.0 Any Other Business:
- 11.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.

- 1.0 Remembrance – DM opened the meeting at 20.05hrs. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – PW reported that he had received apologies from DK who was working and TJ who was suffering with a chest infection. FH received apologies from RobH and CH. JM stated that AJ was working. There are also the standing apologies.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – Other than listed above, the Branch was reminded of the members currently suffering ill health.
- 4.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting –FM proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting where a true and accurate record, this was seconded by BF, all members in favour. A couple of members stated that they were not receiving electronic email reminders from the Branch Secretary. PW stated that a link had been added to the minutes section of the website and that if members are not receiving the emails then they should re-subscribe using this link.

5.0 Matters Arising –

- 5.1 H.M. Tower of London Parade Report – PW reported that DM & BF had attended this event representing the Branch and that he had attended as National Standard Bearer. He reported that the event was a success but that numbers appeared to be down on previous years. He also reported that he had received an email from the Chairman of London District RMPA, Perry Mason stating that we had failed to attend and that we now owed the London Branch £30 as we had reserved tickets. PW stated that he replied to this email in a vigorous manner explaining that we had in fact turned up and paid our dues on the door to Mike Stevenson. Furthermore, he should have known this as we were stood talking to him. This email was also copied in to the new Regimental Secretary Col. Green. PW further stated that he also voiced his opinion that the event was too expensive (at £10 per person for a buffet) and that this was perhaps the reason that numbers were down. He did receive a reply from Perry Mason and the Regimental Secretary, suffice to say that the event will be discussed in greater detail at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting RMPA.
- 5.2 Events Calendar - PW stated that he still hadn't completed an events calendar for distribution to the branch members. He stated that the online version was complete and that he would endeavour to get this done as soon as possible.

6.0 Communications – The Branch received the following communications in February:

- 6.1 An invitation was received from the Derby Branch RMPA inviting our membership to attend their Annual Luncheon to be held on Saturdays 1st July 2013, this will follow the RMP Annual Memorial Service at the National Memorial Arboretum. The cost for this three course meal will be £27.50 per head. The event will be held at the Derby County Cricket Ground. Members wanting further information should speak to the Branch Secretary.
- 6.2 A letter was received from RHQ Col. Green (RegSec) regarding the program for Chapel Services for the forthcoming year at the Southwick Park Memorial Chapel.
- 6.3 A letter was received from RHQ Col. Green (RegSec) regarding the forthcoming memorial service for the late Major Roger Whistler MBE which will be held on Tuesday 30th April 2013 in the Memorial Chapel, Southwick Park. Member wanting further information should contact the Branch Secretary.

7.0 CESA Report – DM stated the following:

- 7.1 that there is a new association in Hull called the Aden Association. Members who served in Aden who want to be involved should contact DM for further info.
- 7.2 A discussion had taken place with the Archivist from Hull City Council relating to the proposed plaques on the War Memorial. He had stated that they didn't want to put ALL Armed Forces killed in case that they insulted other religions. He was told in no uncertain terms that this had nothing to do with religion but to honour those who had been killed in action.
- 7.3 DM stated that he wanted a stand-in Rep for the RMPA in case AJ was unable to attend, he proposed BP who attends the meetings in any case.

8.0 Website - PW reported that some additional work had been done to the website. Mainly tinkering with the main elements. The events section, minutes and photographs were all working, but he wasn't happy with the photograph section which will be updated as and when he can.

- 9.0 Standard Bearer – PW asked whether BF had been engaged during February and he stated that he had attended the H.M. Tower of London Parade. He had also attended Peter Watts funeral who was ex-RMP and civi-pol. Very good turn out.
- 10.0 Social Events:
- 10.1 SW reported that the Duke of York in Sutton would be the venue for the next Ladies Night. Thursday the 28th March 2013. This is within the back room which will be for our sole use.
- 10.1.1 BF stated that he wanted to run a ‘Stand-up Bingo’ this was agreed.
- 10.2 Annual Dinner – PW stated that the entertainments committee needs to confirm the entertainment for the Annual Dinner
- 10.3 BF stated that he knows of a wine bar in Bridlington that will do us a bar-b-q and he had also spoke to the Captain of the Yorkshire Belle and that he could also arrange for a trip on that. The Bar-b-q would cost £5 per head and the boat trip £4 per head. The general consensus was that this would make quite a change and could be quite enjoyable and if the prices are kept to a minimum then most people should be able to afford it. BF was asked to further look into it and report his findings to SW.
- 11.0 Any Other Business –
- 11.1 DM stated that the Association has been offered the RMP Memorabilia for the Association. TS stated that it was all the stuff that he takes to events with memorabilia from the 1960’s to present day. He was offering it to the Association. He was asking £400 but he was happy to let it go to the Association for £300. PW asked FH whether we could stand a donation of that magnitude. He stated that we should have been paid £50 for the last display and therefore if that was the case that it would pay for its self over the years therefore he agreed that it was financially viable. BF proposed that we purchase it from TS this was seconded by SJ majority in favour. PW stated that he wanted a detailed list from TS including all info.
- 11.2 BP stated that he is doing at the Guildhall with the Frank Cleveland Band. He is collecting prizes for a raffle. The date is to be confirmed.
- 12.0 The time being 21.30hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by DM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2013 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

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And Finally.....

The Old Pilot

You think you have lived to be 80 and know who you are, then along comes someone and blows it all to hell!

As he sat sipping his coffee, a young woman sat down next to him. She turned to the pilot and asked, 'Are you a real pilot?'

He replied, 'Well, I've spent my whole life flying planes, first Stearmans, then the early Grummans.... flew a Wildcat and Corsair in WWII, and later in the Korean conflict, Banshees and Cougars. I've taught more than 260 people to fly and given rides to hundreds, so I guess I am a pilot, and you, what are you?'

She said, 'I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about naked women. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about naked women. When I shower, I think about naked women. When I watch TV, I think about naked women. It seems everything makes me think of naked women.'

The two sat sipping in silence.

A little while later, a young man sat down on the other side of the old pilot and asked: "are you a real pilot?"

He replied, 'I always thought I was, but I just found out I'm a lesbian.'