



Royal Military Police Association

Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 6th May 2009

Members Present: Bob Hare (RobH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Pete Watson (PW); Ted Johnson (TJ); Peter Ovis (PO); Geoff Blakeston (GB); Steve Johnson (SJ); Patrick Howlett (PH); Dave Emmerson (DE).

Apologies: George Smith (GS); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Tony Steventon (TS); John Loius (JL).

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
 - 8.1 Emails received
 - 8.2 Website Overview
 - 8.3 Website Statistics
 - 8.4 Members Questionnaire Returns
- 9.0 Social Events
 - 9.1 Ladies Night
- 10.0 Any Other Business
 - 10.1 Members Contact Directory
- 11.0 Date Of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Remembrance – RobH opened the meeting at 21.08 hrs and the Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Members and Apologies received as listed above. Two additional members attended Darren Howlett (son of Patrick) and Steve Woods (ex 252) the chairman welcomed the potential members and Fred took their names in anticipation of a cheque! Nothing heard from Keith Hill and Trevor Goodfellow.
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – Members reported that they had not received the third page of the minutes of last meeting, this contained the Members Questionnaire. PW stated that this appeared to be a clerical error and it would be reprinted with this months minutes, notwithstanding this TJ proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting where a true and accurate record, this was seconded by SJ, all members in favour.

- 4.0 Matters Arising – RobH stated that he had been in touch with the Springhead Golf Club regarding the Ladies night, further details are available in the Social Events section.
- 5.0 Absent Friends – PW reported that he had spoken to GS prior to him going to his sons wedding and he stated that he hadn't been feeling over well. He stated at that time that he may not be at the May meeting. (Post meeting note: PW has spoken to GS and he is much better.)
- 6.0 Communications – GS was not present, RobH stated that the he had not received any communications.
- 7.0 CESA Report – No report was available. PW raised the fact that he was unsure of whether anyone had been attending the meeting. TS had volunteered but we are unsure of his current work load. DM will attend the next meeting unless he hears from TS in the mean while.
- 8.0 Website –
 - 8.1 PW stated that he had received an email from the Chairman of the Derby Branch RMPA to remind members about the RMPA Annual Church Service and Parade at the National Arboretum on the 6th June 2009. PW stated that he would be attending this event and stated that any members wishing to attend also, should contact him direct as he may be able to offer transportation. Further details of this event can be found on the 'News' pages of the website.
 - 8.2 Website Overview - PW gave a presentation on the website, focused particularly on the members that did not have access to the internet. PW showed a series of projected images, each showing a page of the new website, during which PW explained how the website worked.
 - 8.3 Website Statistics - This was followed by a small presentation indicating the current website usage including the number of visitors the website had received and how they had found the website.
 - 8.4 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, the majority of the members reported that they had not received a third page in the minutes last month. This appeared to be a clerical error and PW will reprint the questionnaire with this months minutes.
 - 8.5 Dearly Departed Section - PW asked members of whether they would find it appropriate to include a section within the 'Branch Members' page entitled "Dearly Departed" given over for members who have passed away, DM stated that he thought that it was a good idea as visitors to the site would be kept informed of the passing of Branch Members this was seconded by RobH and all members where in favour. PW will work on this over the next month, but stated that he would require the assistance of the members in order to insert the obituaries of past members.

9.0 Social Events –

- 9.1 The Ladies Evening is the next Social event. RobH was to look into the availability of the Springhead Golf Club for the 18th/25th June and costs. RobH reported that both dates were available and a full meal (£16/head) hot (£6.50/head) or cold buffet (£5/head) was on offer. PW proposed that we opt for a hot buffet, DM seconded, all members agreed. DM suggested that the 25th would be a good date; this was agreed by members present. The club would require confirmed numbers from as many members as possible, members who wish to attend NEED TO INFORM RobH BY THE NEXT MEETING.

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 26th September 2009 and will be held at the Masonic Lodge, Dagger Lane, Hull.

10.0 Any Other Business –

- 10.1 Members Contact Directory – PW stated that he had been working on a members contact directory over the last couple of months. PW presented all members present with their own copy. PW asked that all members check their entry to ensure that it is correct and report back any errors directly to PW. All members seemed pleased with the directory.

- 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 3rd June 2009 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

Agenda for Junes Meeting

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Attachments: Branch Members Questionnaire



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Branch Members Questionnaire

Name: _____ Rank: _____ No.: _____

What date did you join H.M. Armed Forces? _____

Which Depot did you train at/pass out of? _____

Which Corps/Regts/Services have you served with? _____

What year were you discharged? _____

Please give a brief synopsis of your military career, include dates and theatres in which you served.
