



Royal Military Police Association

Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 3rd. November 2009

Members Present: Bob Hare (RobH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Pete Watson (PW); Ted Johnson (TJ); Steve Woods (SW); Geoff Blakeston (GB); Dave Emmerson (DE); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Joe Matthews (JM); Peter Ovis (PO); Keith Hill (KH).

Apologies: John Loius (JL); Steve Johnson (SJ); Patrick Howlett (PH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Darren Howlett (DH); Bernard Anson (BA); Tony Steventon (TS);

Agenda

- 1.0 Remembrance
- 2.0 Members Present / Apologies Received
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting
- 4.0 Matters Arising
 - 4.1 Standard Bearer for 8th Nov. 09.
 - 4.2 Street Life Museum 7/8th Nov. 09
- 5.0 Absent Friends
- 6.0 Communications
- 7.0 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Social Events
 - 9.1 Ladies Night 26th November 2009
- 10.0 Any Other Business

- 1.0 Remembrance – RobH opened the meeting at 20.05hrs and a minutes silence was held for CPL Oakley RMP and the 5 British Soldiers (of which 2 where RMP NCO's) killed in Afghanistan yesterday. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Chairman's Statement – RobH read a prepared statement relating to the branch and it's members, confirming the role and rules of the branch.
- 3.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Members and Apologies received as listed above.
- 4.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – TJ proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting where a true and accurate record, this was seconded by PO, all members in favour.
- 5.0 Matters Arising – Apparently there were NO errors in the minutes! Spellchecker must be working!
 - 5.1 Standard Bearer – CH will be carrying the standard for Remembrance Day as PW and TS are representing the branch in London. PW thanked him for volunteering!

- 5.2 Street Life Museum – DM gave a brief on the Street Life Museum display weekend. The Branch will be represented again following a successful first year last year. Members are asked to spare an hour of their time to help out. Liaise directly with DM to arrange a time. Any members are also asked whether they have any CMP/RMP memorabilia that they could loan out for the display, again liaise directly with DM.
- 6.0 Absent Friends – DM reported that PH is feeling a lot better than he was and thanked us for our concern. Our thoughts go out to those who are not with us tonight. FH stated that he has spoken to Bernhard Anson and he isn't too well. He stated that he hadn't received any minutes for some weeks. PW will arrange for minutes to be sent.
- 7.0 Communications – The Branch had received the following communications:
- 7.1 PW Stated that he had received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the RMPA from RHQ, held on 12th September. Any member who wishes to view these minutes should contact PW.
- 7.2 PW Stated that he had received a letter from Sir John Chilcot, the Chairman of the Iraq Inquiry, giving details of various events to be held in order that Iraq Veterans can give details of their time in Iraq. This only affects TS and he had been emailed the letter already.
- 7.3 PW stated that he had received an email from the Birmingham (Central) Branch RMPA who had informed us that they have also set up a website. Please see www.rmpabhamcentral.com for further details.
- 7.4 PW stated that he had received an email from Mick Budding from sunny Spain which stated as follows:
- From: Mick Budding
Phone: *****
E-mail: *****@*****
Message:
Got the details of this website from Fred, and I must say that I'm MOST impressed - who would have ever thought that a shower of useless bastards like you lot could have ever made the gigantic leap into the 17th century. But well done to whoever brought it into being.

Will now go and start working through all the Minutes, so I'm reasonably up to speed.

Yes, I still think about you all, and no amount of lying down in a dark room can prevent it. A tad pissed off at the moment as it's still bright blue sky and 30 degrees here, and miss the freezing cold & rain of UK. Will go and have a game of golf to take my mind off things. Best wishes to all - Yours Aye. Mick.*
- 8.0 CESA Report – DM reported that he had attended the meeting and that the main discussion was with regard to Remembrance Day Parade. The timings are as follows: Attend for 09.45hrs, march off 10.45hrs. Troops are to fall in at Pease Street off Anlaby Road.
- 9.0 Website – PW reported that there had been no further changes to the website in terms of structure. He has included several items to the News section, and members that have indicated that they are on the internet have been sent link to the new item on each occasion
- 10.0 Social Events –

10.1 Ladies Night – RobH stated that he had checked with the Springhead Golf Club and the 26th November is available at a cost of £5.00 per head for a hot buffet. A booking has been made for 30 people and therefore we will have to pay for 30 people regardless. Therefore members are reminded that we need to get as many members to attend as possible.

Can I please remind members that these events need to be supported in order for them to be both a success and financially viable. If we do not have 30 members attending, we will still have to pay for 30 members, so please try to attend. Again, as mentioned on previous minutes, that the old adage still remains:

If we don't use it, we'll lose it

In other words, if we fail to support these events, we will have to forgo them in future as we cannot afford to financially support members not attending.

11.0 Any Other Business –

11.1 FH stated that there was to be a service or Remembrance at the Beverley Memorial Hall on the 11th November 2009. Further details unavailable. Any members wishing to attend should consult local press for further details.

12.0 The time being 20.58 hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RobH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd December 2009 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

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