



# Royal Military Police Association

## Hull & East Riding Branch



### Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 7<sup>th</sup>. October 2009

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**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); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Steve Johnson (SJ); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Joe Matthews (JM); Peter Ovis (PO); Keith Hill (KH).

**Apologies:** John Loius (JL); Patrick Howlett (PH); Darren Howlett (DH); Bernard Anson (BA); Tony Steventon (TS);

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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 CENCO Report
- 9.0 Website
- 10.0 Social Events
  - 10.1 Annual Dinner Report
  - 10.2 Annual Dinner Financial Report
  - 10.3 NVA Dinner Details
- 11.0 Any Other Business
- 12.0 Date Of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Remembrance – RobH opened the meeting at 20.00hrs 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 were a true and accurate record, this was seconded by GB, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising – None.
- 5.0 Absent Friends – Our thoughts go out to those who are not with us tonight.

- 6.0 Communications – The Branch had received the following communications:
- 6.1 RobH stated that he had received a letter from George Smith resigning from the branch.
  - 6.2 PW stated that he had received a letter and donation from Mrs. Betty Eastwood. Members who attended the last Ladies Evening at the Springhead Golf Club may remember Betty. Betty wrote of how much she had enjoyed the Ladies Evening and enclosed a donation of £50.00. Betty's husband was a Corporal in the Corps and was driver to the then Provost Marshal during CMF. Betty herself had also served with the Royal Signals. PW stated that he had written back to Betty to thank her for her kind donation and invited her to the next Ladies Evening in November. The donation has been passed to the Treasurer.
  - 6.3 An email has been received from RHQRMP containing an Operation Brief from Lt. Col. D.S. Neil RMP on the situation in Afghanistan. Any members who wish to read the brief should contact the Acting Secretary.
  - 6.4 Email has been received from Birmingham (Midlands) Branch RMPA inviting members to there Christmas Dinner. The event will take place Hagley Golf & Country Club in Hagley, Worcs. The tickets for the event are priced at £18.50 per head. Any members wishing to attend this event or who require any further details should contact the Acting Secretary.
- 7.0 CESA Report – DM reported that he had been sworn in as Chairman of CESA. He further reported that RMP would not be receiving a donation from CESA as we had not provided any people to collect money. Any monies left over would be donated to charity. Associations that provided collectors would receive there donation as normal.
- 8.0 CENCO Report – DM reported that the meeting was based upon mainly financial dealings. He gave a brief of Southwick Park and stated that it was very impressive indeed. He was well looked after and the accommodation was excellent.
- 9.0 Website – PW reported that the website had received 152 visits over the last calendar month. PW also reported that photographs from the Annual Dinner 2009 where also now on-line.
- 10.0 Social Events –
- 10.1 Annual Dinner Report – This event was considered to be one of the best in recent history. Members agreed that keeping members in the main hall, instead of the bar area, increased the atmosphere and enjoyment of the event. RobH reported that the raffle had done exceptionally well, which had help to balance the events books. DM stated that he had been approached by one of his customers who had attended the event and she had stated that the catering was first class. There was some reservations regarding the seating plan and lack of place cards for the event and this will be addressed for future events. PW stated that in his opinion, the event had crept up on us this year resulting in a lack of planning in some cases and that it may be better if the committee meet mid year next year to layout responsibilities for the event as this would ensure that things are done in plenty of time. This was taken into

consideration by the Chairman. Overall, this event was a great success. With 40 members and guests attending, it was well supported and enjoyed by all. It was certainly good to see new faces at the event and long may this continue! We're aiming for 60 people to attend new years event!

- 10.2 Annual Dinnier Financial Report - FH stated that 40 paying people had attended the event. The ticket receipts along with monies received from the raffle have made this a very financially viable event. Even after a gratuity had been paid to the waiting staff and the hall booked and paid for next years event, the total loss was £16.00. A fantastic return. Any member wishing to see the full financial break down of the event should contact the Treasurer.
- 10.3 FH stated that the NVA Dinner is to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> October at 18.45hrs for a 19.15hrs sit down. The cost per head is £13.50. Members wishing to attend should inform the treasurer and will need to supply payment as the treasurer will pay for all tickets in one batch.
- 10.4 The next Ladies evening is to be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The location is still to be decided although members did agree that the last event at the Springhead Golf Club was excellent. Rob H stated that he would check the availability of the club and report back at the next meeting.

#### 11.0 Any Other Business –

- 11.1 Rob H stated that he was in the process of moving house. Please do not post any mail until you are informed of the new address. He can be contacted by mobile phone if he is needed.
- 11.2 PW stated that he has paid for a Remembrance Cross for the Garden of Memorial in London. PW was reimbursed for this by the Treasurer.
- 11.3 FH asked whether we had made arrangements for the wreaths for Remembrance Day? (Secretary note: it had been previously agreed that the Branch would purchase two wreaths for Remembrance Day, one for Hull and one for Beverley) DM stated that we would purchase wreaths from RBL. FH stated that he would reimburse him accordingly.
- 11.4 PW reported that as he would be representing the Branch in London this Remembrance Day, he would obviously be unable to carry the Branch Standard on the Remembrance Day Parade in Hull. Members where asked to consider whether any of them would volunteer to carry the Standard. PW will ask at the next meeting to confirm.
- 11.5 SJ asked whether or not any members where currently collecting for RBL? No members where and SJ asked that members consider contacting there local branches as collectors where desperately needed in all regions.

- 11.6 FH stated that he had received a number of berets and cap badges from the Officer Commanding 252 Pro Coy RMP(V). Any members who require a beret or cap badge should speak to FH who appear to have taken on a new role as QM! FH asked that the Acting Secretary write to the OC 252 Pro Coy RMP(V) and thank him for his kind donation of the berets and badges.
- 11.7 (POST MEETING NOTE) DM called PW to inform him that the Branch have been invited by the Hull City Council to put on a display at the Street Life Museum as had happened last November. Last year DM attended after the Remembrance Parade and set up stall in the museum for approximately 3-4 hours. This was part of a whole day of activities arranged by the museum, which included re-enactors and representatives of the Armed Forces. This year the event will take place over two days. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Times for the Saturday are 10.00 – 15.00hrs, Sunday's event follows immediately after the Remembrance Parade. Members are asked to give up an hour of there time to man the stand with DM. Members are also asked to loan any memorabilia that they may have from there times with the Corps so that they can be displayed on the stand. This event also acts as a Recruitment Sergeant for the Branch so members are asked to support the event as best they can. Members who wish to volunteer either themselves or memorabilia should contact DM or PW. Last year the museum made a sizable donation to the Branch and it is hoped that this will be the case this year also.
- 12.0 The time being 21.00hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RobH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

#### Agenda for November's Meeting

- 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 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 09.
  - 4.2 Street Life Museum 7/8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 09
- 5.0 Absent Friends
- 6.0 Communications
- 7.0 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Social Events
  - 9.1 Ladies Night 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009
- 10.0 Any Other Business