



Royal Military Police Association

Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 5th October 2012

Members Present: Dave Mitchell (DM); Pete Watson (PW); Steve Johnson (SJ); Bob Hare (RobH); Ted Johnson (TJ); Frank Maunder (FM); Brian Fenwick (BF) Joe Matthews (JM); David Kennedy (DK); Bob Boreland (BB); Brian Petch (BP); Steve Woods (SW);

Apologies: Fred Hemmerman (FH); Andy Jefferson (AJ); Mike Walker (MW); Sandra Robinson (SR); Michael Sutton (MS); Adrian Marshall (AM2); Darren Howlett (DH); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Tony Steventon (TS); Pat Howlett (PH); John Louis (JL); Derrick Garton (DG); Peter Ovis (PO); Jon Wild (JW); Dave Emmerson (DE); Andy Doyle (AD); Keith Hill (KH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Phil Newton (PN); Andy Murdoch (AM);

Agenda

- 1.0 Remembrance
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies received.
- 3.0 Absent Friends
- 4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- 5.0 Matters Arising
- 6.0 Communications Received
- 7.0 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Standard Bearer
- 10.0 Social Events
- 11.0 Any Other Business
- 12.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.

- 1.0 Remembrance – DM opened the meeting at 20.00hrs. The Remembrance was observed by all members. A minutes silence was held for Peter Orvis, who died on the 5th September 2012.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received as above. PW reported he had received apologies from FH & CH who were still in from the Dinner. JM sent apologies from TS who was not well. DM sent apologies for JL who is at a meeting tonight. SW stated that MS was on duty and not able to attend. PH had been advised not to attend due to the possibility of further infection.
- 3.0 Absent friends – As details in 2.0. Members were informed of the passing of Peter Ovis, FH, PW, SJ, BB and CH attended the funeral. A discussion was had with regard to members who are still suffering with ill health; the branch wishes to be reminded to those who are in ill health.
- 4.0 Minutes Of Previous Meeting – BF proposed that the minutes where correct. TJ seconded. All in favour.
- 5.0 Matters Arising –
 - 5.1 Annual Dinner – Norovirus. PW gave a brief synopsis of the events that led to the outbreak of the virus that struck down so many of those who attended the Annual Dinner. It was believed that a member of the

Birmingham Branch accidentally brought the virus in and when he became unwell, the virus was spread, potentially through the glass ware. As far as we are aware, all persons that were infected have now fully recovered. The Environmental Health Department has confirmed that it was NOT as a result of food poisoning.

6.0 Communications – PW reported that the Branch had received the following communications:

- 6.1 An email was received from RHQ containing the Minutes of the CENCO Meeting held on the 8th September. Relevant points of these were read out to the Members which included the following:
- 6.1.1 The Secretary (Col. Baber MBE) thanked all members of the RMPA for their unswerving support during his tenure.
 - 6.1.2 Tickets for H.M. Tower of London Church Parade Lunch are priced at £10.00 per head with a maximum of 70 available.
 - 6.1.3 The 2013 RMPA Reunion will take place at the Cedar Court Hotel in Huddersfield.
 - 6.1.4 There is to be a reduction in the 'Life Membership' fees for the over 65's which will be abated to £10.00.
 - 6.1.5 The new RMPA National Standard Bearer has been appointed after Mr. David Long stood down. Peter Watson (Hull & ER Branch) has been appointed with Ray Spence (Belfast Branch) as his Deputy.
 - 6.1.6 Mr. Long has been asked for the provision of a new National Standard to be progressed with the Regimental Secretary so that the old Standard could reside with the Deputy Standard Bearer during his tenure.
 - 6.1.7 Tickets for members wanting to park in Wellington Barracks during the Remembrance Weekend are to be made available. Members wanting to take use of these facilities should contact their Branch Secretaries with relevant details including names of all occupants of the vehicle and vehicle details.
 - 6.1.8 The Chairman asked that Branches ensure that their accounting returns are sent to RHQ| by the time stated in the RMPA Rule Book.
- 6.2 An email was received from RHQ as follows:

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

During 6 days in November I will run 300 miles from Thiepval in France to Alrewas in Staffordshire on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Please follow the link below, it explains things much better than I can. I am of course hoping for your sponsorship if you can or any other assistance you think may be useful. Furthermore I would ask you to send this to all your contacts and ask them to do the same to try and gain as much support as possible. If you do know any organisation that may offer corporate sponsorship please ask them to get in touch or let me know and I will contact them.

I apologise in advance if you receive this message more than once through social networking sites etc.

Finally if you can sponsor me, please do so as soon as you can as it is my experience

that this will help encourage others and more importantly the larger organisations to get behind this venture.

<http://www.thelongrunhome.com>

Best Regards

Martyn

7.0 CESA Report – DM reported the following:

- 7.1 That 35p per mile was now being paid to Standard Bearers to attend funerals. Only 6 in any area will be asked to attend.
- 7.2 Proposals to change the BOAR War Memorial have been rejected.
- 7.3 The RMPA have been agreed two days for a display at the Street Life Museum in Hull to coincide with Remembrance Weekend. There some discrepancy with regards to donations against expenditure payments. DM stated that he wasn't attending to get any money. Cllr. Green stated that he wanted all donations to be given to the RBL. DM stated that his members were putting in the time and therefore any donation should go to the RMPA. It was agreed that a small donation be paid to the Branch.

8.0 Website – no change.

9.0 Standard Bearer - BF had attended the Eden Camp Parade and the Battle of Britain Memorial Service at Trinity Church in Hull.

10.0 Social Events –

10.1 Annual Dinner

- 10.1.1 SJ thanked the committee for setting up the tables etc. which certainly had the WOW factor! He reported that the speeches from the RSM and the NEC were well received and overall it was a fantastic event. BF seconded the above and stated that he had had a fantastic evening.
- 10.1.2 RobH reported that during the evening his wife had thought that some money had been stolen from the tombola money. The committee was informed of this at that time. Subsequently, a tally up of all takings was undertaken and it was found that there wasn't a discrepancy.
- 10.1.3 RobH also stated that the Singer was fantastic and that the flowers supplied by DM were fantastic and were really appreciated by the Ladies.

10.2 Ladies Night – To be confirmed at the next meeting in October.

11.0 Any Other business: -

- 11.1 TJ asked whether the wreaths for Remembrance Sunday had been sorted out. DM stated that they had been ordered.
- 11.2 RobH asked that RHQ be informed of the correct committee members. PW stated that he would send an email confirming all appointments and contact information.

- 11.3 BF asked what arrangements had been made for the poppy appeal. DM stated that it was organised by CESA, he asked for volunteers to help and give up half a morning or afternoon. Members should contact DM directly.
- 11.4 SW stated that Members may not be aware that DM is still sending parcels to Afghanistan and that he still requires items to send. Items such as tooth paste, wet wipes, soap, disposable razors, lip balm etc. Members are also reminded that aerosol cans cannot be sent.
- 12.0 The time being 21.10hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by DM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th November 2012, at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

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And finally.....

I have been in many places in my travels, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work. I live close so it's a short drive.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!

I have been in Deepshit many times; the older I get, the easier it is to get there. I actually kind of enjoy it there.

So far, I haven't been in Continent, but my travel agent says I'll be going soon.