



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the AGM & Branch Meeting Held 2nd January 2019

- Members Present:** Bob Hare (RH); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Pete Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS); Andy Plews (AP); Jon Wild (JW); Phil Cowan (PC); Tony Walker (TW); Terry Scholes (TS);
- Apologies:** Dave Emmerson (DE); Sandy Robinson BEM (SR); Bob Boreland (BB); Frank Maunder (FM); Callum Garton (CG); Jason McCoubrey (JC); Mike Walker (MW); David Kennedy (DK); Darren Howlett (DH); Steve Johnson (SJ); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Capt. Whitehead RMP; Bernadette Robinson-Hutton (BRT); Jim Anderson (JA);
- Not Present:** Steve Woods (SW); Scott Jenkins (SJ2); Michael Sutton (MS); Brian Petch (BP);
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Agenda

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Absent Friends
4. Minutes of The AGM 3rd January 2018
5. Matters Arising
6. Chairman's Report
7. Treasurers Report
8. Retirement & Election of Officers
 - 8.1. President
 - 8.2. Vice President
 - 8.3. Chairman
 - 8.4. Vice Chairman
 - 8.5. Secretary
 - 8.6. Stand-In Secretary
 - 8.7. Treasurer
 - 8.8. CESA Rep (Council of Ex-service Association)
 - 8.9. Standard Bearer
 - 8.10. Stand-In Standard Bearer
 - 8.11. Corps Journal Correspondent
9. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
10. Matters Arising.
11. Communications
12. Reports
 - 12.1. CESA
 - 12.2. Standard Bearer
13. Social Events
14. Any Other Business
15. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Meeting opened at 20.00hrs. RH gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received from DK who was working. Apologies also received from JM, who apologises for being in attendance for the last year, due to completing his Army Service and looking for new employment.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – We haven't heard from JA for a while, whilst we have attempted to call, we haven't had a reply. It is not possible to turn up at his house as the tall gates are all locked up.
- 4.0 The minutes of the previous AGM were made available. TS proposed that they are a true and accurate representation of the AGM. Seconded by JW. All in favour.
- 5.0 Matter Arising – 9.0
- 6.0 Chairman's Report – RH stated that the last year has been pretty uneventful and without crisis. RH stated that he has been involved as Chairman on three occasions and that during that time membership numbers have remained fairly stable over these years. Now is the time for new blood and that he is losing touch with what is happening with the Corps and the Association and now is the time for others to take the Branch forward. A special thanks to PW, everything that goes through the Branch goes through him and with the advent of Social Media members are kept very much informed. RH also thanked AS who took over from FH and is doing a fantastic job. RH stated that he is going to be out of action for a few months and although he may not be around for a few months he intends to be an active Branch Member moving forward.
- 7.0 Treasurers Report – AS stated that accounts have been made available and ready to send to RHQ. AS stated, that accounts are in good health and in a similar position to this time last year.
- 8.0 Retirement & Election of Officers
 - 8.1 President – This is a life appointment currently held by Fred Hemmerman
 - 8.2 Vice President – PW proposed that the position of Vice Chair be reinstated, and that RH be proposed as Vice Chairman, seconded by PC all in favour.
 - 8.3 Chairman – PW stated that he had received a nomination from JM after a discussion between the Members, AP was proposed by FH, seconded by RH, all in favour, AP accepted the role and immediately took charge of the meeting.
 - 8.4 Vice Chairman – PW proposed that this role be revised due to the nature of working lifestyle of the new Chairman. JW proposed JM for the role, this was seconded by AS, all were in favour. PW will liaise with JM to see if he would accept the role. (Post meeting note, JM confirmed that he would be honoured to accept the role)
 - 8.5 Secretary – TW had proposed PW for Secretary. Seconded PC, all in favour. PW accepted the position.
 - 8.6 Stand-In Secretary – PW proposed that this role be revised due to the current nature of his employment. FH nominated AS, RH seconded, all in favour. AS accepted the role.
 - 8.7 Treasurer – TW proposed that AS be re-elected to the role of Treasurer. Seconded by JW, all in favour, AS accepted the role.
 - 8.8 CESA Rep – PW proposed that SR/AS be retained in their positions as CESA Reps, seconded by FH. All in favour.
 - 8.9 Standard Bearer – PW proposed that DK remain as Standard Bearer. PW further stated that the role of Stand-In Standard Bearer is demeaning to the role and that he proposed that the role of Standard Bearer be shared with DK & AP as equal Standard Bearers.
 - 8.10 Stand-In Standard Bearer – PW proposed as per 8.9 that this role be retired.
 - 8.11 Corps Journal Correspondent – PW nominated TW for the role. Seconded by JW, all in favour. TW accepted the role.

- 9.0 Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting - FH proposed that the minutes from the previous meeting where true and an accurate representation. Seconded by AS. All in favour.
- 10.0 Matters Arising – None.
- 11.0 Communications –
- 11.1 An email was received from the Secretary RMPA regarding the forthcoming SIB Branch Dinner, which will be held on Saturday 6th April 2019 at the Holiday Inn in Bentley, Walsall. Tickets are priced at £28.00/head. Members who served as SIB who want to attend the dinner should contact the Branch Secretary in the first instance.
- 11.2 An email was received from the National RMPA Secretary as follows:

Good afternoon one and all

As I sit here in East Devon overlooking an extremely angry and foreboding sea, I think to myself – why did we book a cruise for Christmas! However we did and we depart tomorrow, the forecast for the Baltic is not quite as bad as here so we shall be thankful for that.

Over the past year I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as your Secretary whilst at the same time I have been thoroughly being fed up with the role of being your Secretary – two opposing emotions - something that you will all I'm sure understand yourselves – the Association and its membership can be a frustrating thing to get to grips with, however we do and overall I guess the first emotion outweighs the second!

May I thank you all for your support, assistance guidance and understanding over the past 12 months. I am sure that we could have done some things better, I am sure that we have done a lot of things well and I remain ever the optimist and think we will prosper as an Association – surely we have to don't we?

There is a lot of brilliant work being done across the Association some officially via branches, some unofficially by individuals just doing their bit, social media continues to be both a rewarding and interesting inroad into our Association membership yet remains sometimes frustrating in its challenges, I find the immediacy of contact via FB etc to be incredible yet awesome. I have expressed my frustrations in the apparent inability of some to read before typing and the lack of respect shown by some who simply malign others without due thought to the impact of what it is they are saying, overall though I would like to thank those copied in who manage the world of social media and whose input and work is invaluable in our efforts to move the Association forward – thanks Mike C – Peter B – Paul W & Pete V for your support.

We have all faced a few challenges, one or two individuals seem to have occupied us all more than the many more out there who simply get on with leading a normal stable life!

May I wish you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year I'm sure that next year will bring more of the same as well as new things to occupy us all.

Thanks

*Stewart
"Exemplo Ducemus"*

- 11.3 An email was received from the RMP Secretary, giving details of the forthcoming H.M. Tower of London Parade. This will take place on 9th February, with members meeting up outside the

Yeoman Warders Club, no later than 10.15hrs. Members requiring further information, please contact the Branch Secretary in the first instance.

11.4 An email was received from the Admin Secretary RMPA reminding the Branch that returns need to be submitted before the end of January. PW will forward returns.

11.5 An email was received from the Association Chairman, giving details of the RAFFPA Annual Snowdrop Parade. This will take place on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at the National Memorial Arboretum, as follows:

Dear all,

Next years Snowdrop Parade is to take place on the 13th March 2019 at the NMA. The timings are:

1030 Meet for coffee

1130 Parade and service at the RAFFP memorial

1215 Parade and service at the RMP memorial

1245 End of parades

1300 Buffet meal at the RBL Alrewas, £5pp.

Bob Potts will represent the RMP Association and I suggest to avoid any confusion you inform him, or Kathryn Potts (Derby Branch Secretary) of your intention to attend. You can find their e-mail addresses in the cc above.

It would be appreciated if we can boost our numbers this year.

Kindest regards,

Bob

11.6 An email was received from The National RMPA Chairman reminding members about the RMPA Annual Reunion, which this year takes place at The Park Royal Hotel, in Warrington between Friday 10th and Sunday 12th May. Members are encouraged to attend the reunion. PW will put further details up on the Facebook Page.

11.7 An email was received from David Paynter, Chairman of the West Yorkshire Branch RMPA inviting Members to their Annual Dinner, which will take place at the Guide Post Hotel in Bradford on Saturday 23rd March. PW stated that Members should do what they can to support this event as the West Yorkshire Members had supported our event year on year. PW will put up all the details on the Branch Facebook Page.

12.0 Reports

12.1 CESA Report – The following information was passed by SR who had attended the event:

12.1.1 Parade Marshall has retired. Pete Grundy has been voted in as the new Parade Marshal.

12.1.2 AS proposed that we supply a plaque and cap badge for Standard Holders for the Hull Minster. Seconded JW, all in favour. AS to get dimensions for the plaque. PW will source.

12.2 Standard Bearer – PW confirmed that the Branch Standard was not carried during December.

13.0 Social Events –

13.1 Annual Dinner 2019 – Date for the Annual Dinner is Saturday 7th September. PW will work on the same outline as the 2018 dinner.

- 13.2 PW proposed that the Chairman of the Association and his wife Bob Potts and Wendy Potts. As our guests. AS seconded. All in favour. (Post meeting note, to be further discussed at the February Branch Meeting.)
- 14.0 Any Other Business –
- 14.1 TW stated that we haven't formally recognised the service of the out-going Chairman and current Vice-President, Rob Hare. He stated that even during his short time with the Association he has been a stalwart of the Association and his service need to be thanked and put on record. All in favour. Thank you, Rob.
- 15.0 The time being 21.09hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 19.30 hrs. for a 20.00hrs start, St. Vincent's Social Club, Queen Road, Hull.

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