



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 3rd April 2019

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

Agenda

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Absent Friends
4. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
5. Matters Arising.
6. Communications
7. Reports
 - 7.1. CESA
 - 7.2. Standard Bearer
8. Social Events
9. Any Other Business
10. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Meeting opened at 20.00hrs. AP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Great to see two new members! Brian Addicott and Shane Hodson.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – We have received the sad news that Arthur Cant has sadly passed away on Tuesday 2nd April. Arthur was 97 years old and landed at Juno Beach during the Second World War. Arthur was awarded the Legion d'Honor three years ago. Members will be informed of the funeral arrangements as soon as they are made available.
- 4.0 Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting – SR proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by JM. All in favour. PW apologies for the lateness that the minutes were posted, he thought they had already been posted but that wasn't the case.
- 5.0 Matters Arising – None.
- 6.0 Communications –
 - 6.1 An email was received from the National Chairman as follows:

Dear Branch Secretaries,

Please ensure that the following information is relayed to all the officers/officials of your branch, in particular the Chair and Treasurer.

There seems to be a mistaken belief that a branch is a charity. At best a branch can be described as a club and clubs are not run by Trustees, so they, by definition cannot be charities. There is no financial over-site by the Commission, so they cannot be charities. The Charity is the Association and not its branches!

It is totally incorrect and improper for any branch to purport by any means, intentionally or not, to be the RMP Association's charity.

In view of this please ensure that any correspondence emanating from your branch does not bear the Association's charity number. Likewise, branch cheques must not show the charity number; if yours does please get it changed immediately.

Kindest regards,

Bob

- 6.2 An email was received from the Regimental Secretary giving details of the RMP Memorial Service and Parade at the National Memorial Arboretum, which will take on Saturday 1st Jun 2019. Members are encouraged to attend this excellent event.
- 6.3 An email was received from Trevor Margetson, Editor, Redcaps Western Australia Newsletter containing the March edition of the Redcaps Newsletter March 2019. This has now been uploaded to the Branch Website.

7.0 Reports

7.1 CESA

- 1. Veterans Weekend will take place on 27th & 28th July this year.
- 2. 28th April – Falklands Service at Hull Minster – 13.30hrs for a 14.00hrs start. This is when the new standard holders are to be presented. Standards to attend for 13.00hrs for run through
- 3. RBL have moved from Spring Bank to K2 Tower, 60 Bond Street, Hull.
- 4. Route for Remembrance Day Parade has changed. Forming up in Spring Street, and marching a reverse route. This is still to be confirmed.
- 5. Brian Petch raised the point that the MNA will be having a parade at the pier as this is the 80th anniversary. Further details to follow.
- 6. No Festival of Remembrance at the City Hall due to lack of funding. Now to be held Hessele Town Hall.
- 7. 9th November a Service of Remembrance for the Fishing Communities at St. Johns Church on St. Georges Road. Timings to be confirmed.
- 8. The standard holders are to have a Tommy at either side. Associations have been asked to make a donation. JW proposed a £50 donation, only a few where in favour. JM proposed £20 seconded by DK all in favour. A cheque will be sent.

9. The RMA are setting up a clay Pidgeon shoot. Cost will be £20 for 75 cartridges. Anyone interested, please let the secretary know.
10. RASC/RCTA are having a Scarborough weekend in October. Cost is £116 per person, full board. Saturday 18/19/20 October 2019 Anyone interested please let the Secretary know.

7.2 Standard Bearer – PW confirmed that the Branch Standard had not been carried during March.

8.0 Social Events –

- 8.1 PW said that it was a great turnout at the social night last Saturday at the Punch Hotel. As always, the food was excellent and it was great to see a number of old friends again.
- 8.2 PW informed the new members of the date for the Annual Dinner, which is 7th September with tickets costing £22.50.
- 8.3 PW informed members of that the Association Secretary Stewart Leech has confirmed his attendance as Honoured Guest along with his wife, at our Annual Dinner.
- 8.4 TW reminded everyone of the BBQ 20th July. Bring drinks, he will provide the food.

9.0 Any Other Business

- 9.1 PW stated that he was designing a new Branded Polo Shirt for the Branch. Designs will go on the website and Facebook page. PC stated that Wilkinson's Embroidery near Bathurst Street Flats are a reliable company to do the embroidery and may waive set up fees.
- 9.2 TW stated that the new venue of Hop Pole Pub is excellent and the food was great. The Members in attendance all agreed that this will make a great new home for the branch.
- 9.3 FH asked about the display equipment held at the last venue. PW stated that he would need to be in touch with the venue to inform them that we had moved venues and collect all the display equipment.
- 9.4 FH asked about the Branch Standard replacement. PW said that he had spoken to the National Chairman and that there was a potential for match funding. JM asked how much a replacement Standard, PW said circa £750 and had to be purchased from Newton & Newton Flags in Lincolnshire. JM asked whether we could add £5 to the Annual Dinner tickets to fund the standard (post meeting note: Event has already been publicised, not possible to increase the price). BA stated that if we did a 'Go Fund Me' web page, then he's sure that members of all of the RMP Facebook pages would donate a £1 per person and this would soon raise the funds. It was agreed that this was a great idea. PW will investigate a Virgin Giving page, which is free of charge.
- 9.5 TW said that he was happy to fund a mannequin for the Branch event display. PW thanked him. PW asked JM whether he could get a stab vest from his contacts at 150? No. PC stated that he could get one and asked for a list of other items required.
- 9.6 TW asked for ideas for the journal. He was trying to make the journal notes more interesting, so any funny stories? Please send to TW.

10.0 The time being 20.46hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by AP. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st May 2019 at 18.00 hrs for a 20.00hrs start, The Hop Pole Public House, Willerby.

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Events:

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Wed

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Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House

May 1 @ 18:00 – 21:00

M A Y

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Fri

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73rd RMPA Annual Reunion @ Park Royal Hotel

May 10 @ 19:00 – May 12 @ 13:30

J U L

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BBQ @ Tony's! @ Tony's House

Jul 20 @ 14:00

JUL

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Hull Veteran's Weekend @ East Park Hull

Jul 27 – Jul 28 all-day

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Hull & East Riding RMPA – Annual Dinner @ Hull Masonic Lodge

Sep 7 @ 19:00 – 23:45