



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the AGM & Branch Meeting Held 5th. January 2011

Members Present: Dave Mitchell (DM); Bob Hare (RobH); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Pete Watson (PW); Steve Woods (SW); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Joe Matthews (JM); Peter Ovis (PO); Steve Johnson (SJ); Patrick Howlett (PH); Tony Steventon (TS); Bob Boreland (BB); John Louis (JL); Dave Emmerson (DE); Michael Sutton (MS); Frank Maunder (FM); Jon Wild (JonW); June Wilding (JW)

Apologies: Ted Johnson (TJ); Keith Hill (KH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Darren Howlett (DH).

Agenda

- 1.0 Remembrance
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies received.
- 3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- 4.0 Matters Arising
- 5.0 Absent Friends
- 6.0 Communications Received
- 7.0 Confirmation of The Branch Rules
 - 7.1 Vote on acceptance of The Branch Rules or amendments
- 8.0 Chairman's Report
- 9.0 Election of Chairman
- 10.0 Treasurers Report
- 11.0 Election of Offices
 - 11.1 President
 - 11.2 Vice Chairman
 - 11.3 Secretary
 - 11.4 Stand-in Secretary
 - 11.5 Treasurer
 - 11.6 Welfare Officer
 - 11.7 CENCO Representative
 - 11.8 CESA Representative
 - 11.9 Standard Bearer
- 12.0 Any Other Business:
- 13.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.

- 1.0 Remembrance – RobH opened the meeting at 20.00hrs. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – As detailed above.
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – (November 2010) SJ proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting where a true and accurate record, this was seconded by SW, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising –
 - 4.1 PW asked FH whether a date had been proposed for the laying up of the NVA Standard, he stated that no date had been set as yet.

- 4.2 Streetlife Museum Display – DM stated that 1980 people attended the museum during the two days that they had held the display which was a fantastic turnout. He wished it to be put on record that TS, SW and JM had done an outstanding job of manning the display during the two days. TS provided more RMP memorabilia than we currently have in the RMP Museum! TS handed over a cheque for the sum of £50.00 which had been donated by the proceeds of a voluntary NAAFI that took place during the two days. All in all, it was another fantastic display.
- 4.3 Ladies Night – The last ladies night held on the 27th November was extremely well supported with 39 member, associate members and guests in attendance. The food as always was fantastic and the whole night proved yet again to be a fantastic event.
- 5.0 Absent Friends – Other than listed above, it was reported that TG is not too well and the branch sends out their best wishes to him.
- 6.0 Communications – The Branch had received the following communications:
- 6.1 An email was received from the West Yorkshire Branch RMPA inviting our members to their Annual Dinner. This will take place at the Guide Post Hotel in Bradford on the 26th March 2011. Tickets are priced at £22.50 per head and a full three course meal will be served. Members wishing to attend this event should contact the Branch Secretary in the first instance.
- 6.2 An email was received from the RMPA SIB Branch inviting our member to the Annual Dinner. This will be held on 16th April 2011 at the Village Hall, in Walsall. This invitation is only open to members that have served with the SIB. Members meeting this criteria who wish to attend this event should contact the Branch Secretary for further details.
- 6.3 A letter was received from the Town Clerk of Bridlington Town Council thanking PW for attending the Bridlington Town Council Civic Service on the 7th November 2010.
- 6.4 An email was received from the North America Branch RMPA containing their latest Branch Newsletter, if any member wants to receive a copy, please let the Branch Secretary know so that it can be forwarded in either electronic or paper format. At 25 pages in length, I hope you'll understand that it won't be sent out to everyone without individual requests.
- 6.5 An email was received from Mick Budding giving his nominations for the Branch Committee; these will be covered during the nomination process.
- 7.0 Confirmation of the Branch Rules. A confirmation of the Branch rules was read out by the Branch Secretary
- 7.1 RobH asked members whether they wished to make any amendments to the Branch rules, no member wished to make an amendment. DM proposed that the Branch Rules be accepted without amendment this was seconded by SJ, all members in favour. Motion carried.
- 8.0 Chairman's Report – RobH started by making a statement regarding his tenure as Chairman, in which he stated that he was elected on the recommendation of our late Chairman, Bernie

Harris and that he was privileged and honoured to accept the post. During his tenure, RobH stated that he had had the support of all members, but wished to pay particular mention to his Vice Chairman DM. RobH stated that DM had been a life long friend since 1957 and had been a stalwart during his tenure as Chairman, as RobH now wished to stand-down as Chairman his wished it to be known that he nominated DM for the role as Chiarman. PW thanked RobH for all that he had done during his time as Chairman.

9.0 Election of Chairman – RobH & Mick Budding proposed that DM be elected as Chairman, this was seconded by JM, all members in favour, DM was asked whether he would accept the nomintatio. SDM stated that he would be honoured to be the Chairman and accepted the position, he further stated that the RMPA had greatly helped him during the last turbulent year, and that without the RMPA his life would have been a hollow shell.

10.0 Treasurers Report –

10.1 Branch Accounts - FH started by giving a break down of the Branch Accounts which are recorded as being in a healthy state. A full break down of the account is available to members; please speak to the Treasurer if you require a copy.

11.0 Election of Offices

11.1 President – As this is a life appointment, FH remains as President of the branch, there where no nominations for VP.

11.2 Vice Chairman – JM & Mick Budding proposed that SW be elected as Vice Chairman, seconded by PW, all Members in favour. SW accepted the role.

11.3 Secretary – DM proposed that PW be retained as Branch Secretary, this was seconded by RobH, all members in favour. PW accepted the role.

11.4 Stand-in Secretary – PW proposed TS for the role of Stand-in Secretary, seconded by BB, all in favour, TS accepted the role.

11.5 Treasurer – TS nominated FH for the role as Treasurer, this was seconded by MS, all Members in favour. FH accepted the role.

11.6 Welfare & PRO – FH proposed the SW be elected as Welfare Rep and PRO, this was seconded by JM, all Members in favour. SW accepted the role.

11.7 CENCO Rep – TS proposed that DM retain his role as CENCO Rep, Seconded by JM, all in favour. (Post meeting note, as TJ was not present it is propped that TJ stand-in for DM as CENCO rep if DM not available – to be confirmed during Matters Arising in Februarys meeting.)

11.8 CESA (Council of Ex-Service Associations) Rep – This role is currently not required as DM has been elected by the Council as CESA Chairman.

11.9 Standard Bearer – PW stated that he wished to stand down as standard bearer. He stated that he didn't feel that he could give the role his full attention especially as he was the Branch Secretary and still in full employment. PW proposed that SW be

elected as Standard Bearer, seconded by RobH, all in favour, SW accepted the role. PW will stand in as and when required.

12.0 Any Other Business –

12.1 FH reminded members that there Annual Subs are now due!

12.2 DM stated that he had not sent 100 parcels to RMP serving in Afghanistan. 156 Pro Coy had now taken over from 150 Pro Coy and DM had been contacted by Charlie Wilkin from Pocklington who had received a parcel and he stated how it was to get a parcel. DM & TS had now packed another 50 parcels including 13 'female' parcels. TS's father is in hospital and has been seriously ill, the nurses that had cared for him had also donated several parcels.

12.3 Branch Calendar of Event – PW stated that it would be a good idea to set out now the proposed dates for certain events throughout the year, such as Ladies Nights, Annual Dinner, so that these could also be inserted into the Branch Members Contact Directory. These dates were 'pencilled in' to the diary, but could be changed if required, nearer to the event.

12.4 SJ brought in his certificate from his Help for Heroes Para10 walk that he had completed last year. With his colleague he had raised £2,400. SJ was congratulated by all members for his sterling effort.

12.5 SW stated that he had been in contact with Mick Coverdale (ex-RSM 252 Pro Coy) he stated that he wished to attend the next Ladies Night and our Annual Dinner.

13.0 A presentation was given by SSGT J. Wild RMP about his recent deployment to Afghanistan on Operation Plunder. This was very well received by all members.

14.0 The time being 21.03hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by DM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd February 2011 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

Agenda for February's Meeting

- 1.0 Remembrance
- 2.0 Members Present / Apologies Received
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting
- 4.0 Matters Arising
 - 4.1 TJ be proposed as stand in CENCO Rep.
- 5.0 Absent Friends
- 6.0 Communications
- 7.0 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Social Events
- 10.0 Any Other Business