



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the AGM & Branch Meeting Held 9th. January 2013

Members Present: Fred Hemmerman (FH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Steve Woods (SW); Pete Watson (PW); Joe Matthews (JM); Tony Steventon (TS); David Kennedy (DK); Bob Boreland (BB); Bob Hare (RobH); Frank Maunder (FM); Ted Johnson (TJ); Derrick Garton (DG); Adrian Marshall (AM2); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Steve Johnson (SJ); Andy Jefferson (AJ); Derreck Garton, Brian Fenwick,

Apologies: Jon Wild (JW); Pat Howlett (PH); Michael Sutton (MS); Darren Howlett (DH); Dave Emmerson (DE); Andy Doyle (AD); Keith Hill (KH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Phil Newton (PN); Andy Murdoch (AM); Brian Petch (BP); Sandra Robinson (SR) Mike Walker (MW);.

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 Event / Events Calendar
- 11.0 Confirmation of The Branch Rules
 - 11.1 Vote on acceptance of The Branch Rules or amendments
- 12.0 Chairman's Report
- 13.0 Election of Chairman
- 14.0 Treasurers Report
- 15.0 Election of Offices
 - 15.1 President / Vice President
 - 15.2 Vice Chairman
 - 15.3 Secretary
 - 15.4 Stand-in Secretary
 - 15.5 Treasurer
 - 15.6 Welfare Officer
 - 15.7 CENCO Representative
 - 15.8 CESA Representative
 - 15.9 Standard Bearer
 - 15.10 Corps Journal Correspondent
- 16.0 Any Other Business:
- 17.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.

- 1.0 Remembrance – DM opened the meeting at 20.01 hrs. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – PW reported JW was unable to attend as he was currently Acting CSM 252 Pro Coy. SW stated that MS was working. SJ sent apologies from PH & DH.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – Other than listed above, the Branch were reminded of the members currently suffering ill health.
- 4.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting –BF proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting where a true and accurate record, this was seconded by TJ, all members in favour.

5.0 Matters Arising – Annual Reunion and HM Tower of London – PW confirmed the date and arrangements for the London District Branch RMPA Church Parade at H.M. Tower of London. This will take place on Sunday 10th February 2013. Members are to form up outside of the Yeoman Warders Club at 10.30hrs for a 10.35hrs march off to the Chapel. After the service there will be a buffet in the Yeoman Warden’s Mess, the cost of this will be £10.00 per head.

6.0 Communications – The Branch received the following communications in December:

6.1 An email was received from the North American Branch RMPA as follows:

To:- All Branch Members & Guests

On behalf of the 2013 Branch Reunion Committee, please find attached full details on the 2013 Ottawa Reunion (a) Ottawa info letter (b) Ottawa sights (c) Preliminary Program (d) Registration Form (e) Hotel Reservation Form.

Ref our Group Hotel Registration at the National Hotel & Suites Ottawa, if you are going to phone in your reservation, the Group Booking Office is only open Monday to Friday between 8.00am and 6.00pm (Eastern Canada time).

If you scan and email your reservation - no problem - can be sent anytime.

We are also pleased to inform that these five attachments are now also on our revised RMPA North America Branch Web Site at www.royalmilitarypoliceassociationnorthamerica.org

Some of you received these attachments if you attended the Ontario or Alberta Christmas gatherings or with the photos of the San Francisco Reunion.

If any questions please contact us - as outlined in the Ottawa info letter.

They also sent the latest edition of there newsletter Watchdog. Members wanting a copy of this should speak to the Branch Secretary

7.0 CESA Report – No Meeting.

8.0 Website - PW reported that the website would be having its annual clean-up during January whereupon all News and Minutes from 2012 would be archived.

9.0 Standard Bearer – PW asked whether BF had been engaged during December which he had not.

10.0 Social Events / Events Calendar

10.1 Events Calendar - PW stated that he had put together a Branch Events Calendar for 2013. This calendar would indicate all known events that were planned including Ladies Nights, Annual Dinners, Parades etc. PW asked that if anyone had any other events that they should let him know. He also asked if DM could print the calendars and DM stated that he could.

10.2 PW stated that the next event was the Ladies Night at the end of March. Thursday 28th March 2013. PW stated that at the last meeting it was proposed that this event be a sit down meal. TJ stated that he had been to the National Avenue Golf Centre and that it was excellent. FH stated that it had always been good at the Humberside Police Social Club. The entertainments committee were to further investigate and report back at the next meeting.

11.0 Confirmation of the Branch Rules. A confirmation of the Branch rules was read out by the Branch Secretary

- 11.1 SW proposed that the minutes are okay and that we carry them on for another year, seconded by RobH all in favour.
- 12.0 Chairman's Report – DM stated that it had been a successful year but we are still short of a few members. CESA were impressed with the Branch due to its numerous good showings throughout the year and this view was also held by Hull City Council who stated that you always notice Red Caps on Parade. DM stated that this year's Remembrance Day Parade turnout was very poor for such a well represented Branch with only 2 on parade which was diabolical. We need to do better this year. Veterans weekend was super and very well attended. The lady who runs café in East Park wants to sponsor CEAS and RMP this year. We are being noticed, not just by our Red Caps but by the sheer number of them at various events (Remembrance Day excluded). DM stated that he still needed things to send off to Afghan for the troops currently serving. As is custom DM then resigned his post. PW thanked DM for his stewardship over the previous year.
- 13.0 Election of Chairman – PW addressed SW as the Vice Chairman and asked that he take the meeting. SW proposed DM for Branch Chairman seconded by FM. All in favour. DM was appointed Branch Chairman and took the Chair of the meeting from that point.
- 14.0 Treasurers Report –
- 14.1 Branch Accounts - FH started by giving a breakdown 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.
- 15.0 Election of Offices – PW introduced the procedure to new Members and asked that those Members present be more open in volunteering for roles within the Branch so that more Members could be more greatly involved and so that responsibilities of these offices could be better proportioned amongst the Members and not just the usual few. In all offices PW will ask whether a volunteer was willing to take up the office.
- 15.1 President – As this is a life appointment, FH remains as President of the Branch and DM remains Vice-President. PW proposed it stay the same RobH all in favour.
- 15.2 Vice Chairman – TJ proposed that SW be elected as Vice Chairman, seconded by SJ, all Members in favour. SW accepted the role.
- 15.3 Secretary – TJ proposed that PW be elected as Branch Secretary, this was seconded by DG, all members in favour. PW accepted the role.
- 15.4 Stand-in Secretary – DM proposed RobH for the role of Stand-in Secretary, seconded by PW, all in favour, RobH accepted the role.
- 15.5 Treasurer – DG nominated FH for the role as Treasurer, this was seconded by SJ, all Members in favour. FH accepted the role.
- 15.6 Welfare & PRO – DM proposed the SW be elected as Welfare Rep and PRO, this was seconded by BF, all Members in favour. SW accepted the role.
- 15.7 CENCO Rep – SW proposed that he be elected as CENCO Rep, Seconded by SJ, all in favour. PW will stand-in in his absence.
- 15.8 CESA (Council of Ex-Service Associations) Rep –AJ volunteered to become the rep.
- 15.9 Standard Bearer – PW proposed that BF be elected as Standard Bearer, with DK being Stand-in Standard Bearer, seconded by DM, all in favour, BF & DK accepted the role.

15.10 Corps Journal Correspondent – DK volunteered as Corps Journal Correspondent. DM to confirm the relevant reporting dates for the Journal and report back to DK.

16.0 Any Other Business –

16.1 DM stated that he required items for afghan parcels.

16.2 FH proposed that we donate £50 to the Police Club and a gratuity to the bar steward. All members were in favour.

16.3 PW proposed that a annuity by paid to those members (1 car) who were travelling to the H.M. Tower of London Parade in February and that the entry fee to the Yeoman Wardens Club also be paid by the Branch, this was seconded by SJ, all in favour.

17.0 The time being 20.58hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by DM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th February 2013 at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

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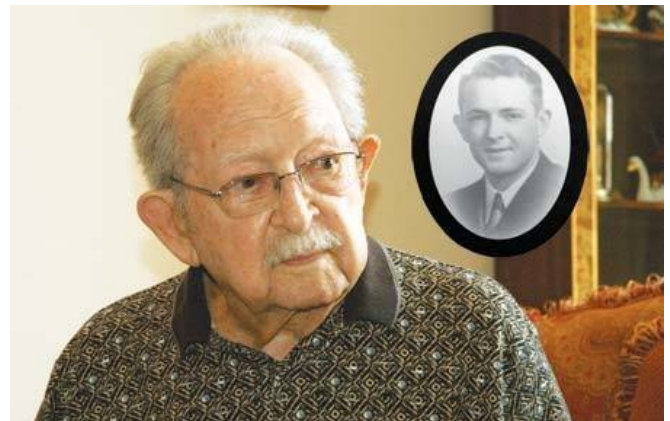
And Finally.....

The importance of an occupation after retirement

THIS IS QUOTED FROM HAROLD:

"I've often been asked, 'What do you do now that you're retired?'

Well...I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine and whisky into urine. It's rewarding, uplifting, satisfying and fulfilling. I do it every day and I really enjoy it."



Harold is an inspiration to us all.