



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 2nd February 2011

Members Present:	Dave Mitchell (DM); Bob Hare (RobH); Pete Watson (PW); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Joe Matthews (JM); Steve Woods (SW); Peter Ovis (PO); Ted Johnson (TJ); Dave Emmerson (DE); John Louis (JL); Pat Howlett (PH); Steve Johnson (SJ); Frank Maunder (FM); Bob Boreland (BB); Craig Hemmerman (CH); June Wilding (JW).
Apologies:	Darren Howlett (DH); Andy Doyle (AD); Michael Sutton (MS); Mike Walker (MW); Keith Hill (KH); Tony Steventon (TS); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Phil Newton (PN); Andy Murdoch (AM).

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 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Social Events
- 10.0 Any Other Business
- 11.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.

- 1.0 Remembrance – DM opened the meeting at 20.02hrs. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received as above. MS had contacted PW to state that he could not attend as he was on-call tonight. FH stated that KH, TG were both unable to attend due to illness. PH stated that DH was working away from home. DM stated that TS is at Barracks. FH stated that Andy Murdoch should be added as a member. Arthur Cant was also in attendance tonight and it was really great to see him. Arthur served with CMP during WW11 and landed on Juno Beech in 1944. He is a member of NVA which is why he doesn't attend RMPA meetings.
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – RobH proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting where a true and accurate record, this was seconded by SJ, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising – as TJ was not present at the AGM, it is proposed by PW that TJ stand-in for DM as CENCO rep if DM not available, seconded by FH, all in favour. TJ accepted the post.
- 5.0 Absent friends – Both TG and KH are ill and the branch sends their best wishes to both of them. PW asked whether FM had heard from PN, he stated that he had been unable to get hold of him.

6.0 Communications – The Branch had received the following communications:

6.1 A letter was received from the Leicester RMPA Branch, inviting our members to attend their Annual Luncheon on the 19th March 2011, at Devonshire Place, London Road, Leicester, 12.30hrs for 13.00hrs. members wishing to attend should contact the Branch Secretary for further details.

6.2 An email was received from Barry Dugdale:

*Many thanks for your update. Please be assured that I am following your activities and I SHALL be visiting later this year when the weather gets a little better. Should any of my former lads hear of this please assure them that I shall be driving down and not flying!
All the best,
Barry Dugdale.*

P.S. A couple of things you may be able to help with:

- 1. A hotel convenient to the place you meet,*
- and,*
- 2. Do you have any contact details for exRSM Jim McClarence. I have heard rumours of Derby (?)*

PW will write back to Barry with the relevant details.

7.0 CESA Report –

7.1 DM gave a financial report details of which can be sought directly from him.

7.2 On the 27th February, the Royal Army Medical Corps Association are laying up their standard at St. Mary's Church on Sculcoats Lane in Hull. Our standard was requested. Standards are to parade at 13.30hrs for the service at 14.00hrs.

7.3 On the 16th July the Royal Logistics Corps are exercising their rights of the Freedom of Beverley to march with bayonets fixed and bugles sounding.

7.4 The usual CESA parade will be co-ordinated to coincide with the laying up of the NVA standard. Details to be confirmed.

8.0 Website – PW reported that the annual clean up had taken place and that 2010's News and Minutes had been added to the Archive section.

9.0 Social Events-

9.1 NVA – Report of the Dinner held on the 29th Jan. In total 80 people attended the function, of which 24 were RMPA members or guests. This was the largest attendance at a NVA Dinner for some time. The meal was excellent and our hosts treat us very well. Live music was performed by our friend Alf Berry, whom also played at our Annual Dinner last year.

9.2 Ladies Night –the next Ladies night will be held on **Thursday 31st March 2011**. It was confirmed that the venue was The Springhead Golf Club and will commence at 19.30hrs. RobH stated that he has provisionally booked the venue for 30 people. RobH proposed that members attend the function for free with only the guests having to pay the admission fee of £5 per head. All members in favour.

9.2 (cont>) Members are reminded that we normally hold a raffle at these events and donations of raffle prizes would be greatly received. These can be brought either to the next meeting or on the night.

10.0 Any Other business:

10.1 FH stated that as four branch members were attending the RMPA Church Parade at H.M. Tower of London on the 13th February, the branch should compensate them for fuel and subsistence and proposed that a fund of £100 be provided. All in favour, FH handed over a cheque for £100 to PW.

11.0 The time being 21.05hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RobH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd March at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

Agenda for October's Meeting

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Cows

A farmer named Bill was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in Scotland when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust.

The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the farmer, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?"

Bill looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his iPhone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany .

Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a

few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-colour, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturised HP LaserJet printer, turns to the farmer and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bill.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the boot of his car.

Then Bill says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Member of Parliament for the British Government", says Bill.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required." answered the farmer. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of pounds worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter. This is a flock of sheep ... Now give me back my dog. "