



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 2nd March 2011

Members Present: Dave Mitchell (DM); Pete Watson (PW); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Joe Matthews (JM); Steve Woods (SW); Ted Johnson (TJ); John Louis (JL); Frank Maunder (FM); Bob Boreland (BB); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Michael Sutton (MS); Tony Steventon (TS); June Wilding (JW).

Apologies: Bob Hare (RobH); Darren Howlett (DH); Dave Emmerson (DE); Peter Ovis (PO); Andy Doyle (AD); Pat Howlett (PH); Mike Walker (MW); Keith Hill (KH); Steve Johnson (SJ); 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 20.00hrs. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received as above. PW had received a telephone call from SJ saying that he would be unable to attend. FH apologies received from PH, RobH. FM stated that he had been in contact with PN; he was working tonight but will endeavour to come to the next meeting. We were pleased to have Barry Dugdale in attendance at the meeting.
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – TJ proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record, this was seconded by JM, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising –
 - 4.1 TJ queried the date of the RLC Freedom of Beverley parade as publicised in 7.3 of last months meeting. TJ pointed out that this was a Saturday and that this was not the norm for these parades as it was a market day. DM will confirm.
 - 4.2 RMPA Church Parade – H.M. Tower of London (13th February 2011) DM stated that the offer of expenses was greatly appreciated.
 - 4.3 RAMCA Lying-Up of Standard – SW reported that 9 standards were in attendance and it went very well. A good attendance was present.
- 5.0 Absent friends – PH, KH & TG are not well, and the branch sends out its best wishes to all of them.

6.0 Communications – The Branch had received the following communications:

- 6.1 A letter was received from RNA regarding the Armed Forces Day Dinner & Dance to be held on the 22nd June 2011 in the Hull City Hall. Tickets are priced at £30.00 per head. Members wishing to attend should contact the Secretary for further details.
- 6.2 An email has been received from Geoff Harland of the Western Australian Branch RMPA containing news and fourth coming event from their branch. Any Branch Member lucky enough to be going to Australia in the future should contact the Branch Secretary so he can put you in contact with Geoff Harland.
- 6.3 An email was received from RHQ regarding the Armed Forces Pensions and the Military Covenant:
*Thank you for signing the petition and/or supporting it by linking it on your website/forum. This email denotes the 2,000 signature mark and distribution of the third Newsletter which attempts to explain the **Military Covenant**. It also lists the government's actions while attempting to remain outside the world of politics. Finally, it seeks your help by suggesting how you could assist in making the petition successful.*
- 6.4 An email was received from RHQ regarding the Armed Forces Day National Parade which will be held in Edinburgh on Saturday 25th June 2011. RHQ wished to know of numbers and Standard Bearers attending the event. It was though by members present that sending our Standard Bearer to Edinburgh would put too much of a financial strain on him and so we will decline this event on this occasion.
- 6.5 Reminder email has been received from Mike Seabourne NEC regarding the SIB Branch Dinner. As we no not have any former SIB within our Membership it does not concern us.
- 6.6 An email was received from RHQ regarding the Provost 500 Celebrations. The Office of the PM(A) is 500 years old this year and the RMP are to celebrate the fact. Celebrations will include:
- Exercising the Freedom of Chichester Parade on the 16th June at which the RMPA Guard and Standards will be required
 - Families Open Day on the 18th June at Southwick Park. The Duchess of Gloucester will be in attendance.
 - Church Parade on the 19th June, Southwick Park Memorial Chapel followed by a Curry Lunch.
- Members are requested to let the Branch Secretary know if they wish to attend this event. Obviously, this will need to be planned as it will require 3 nights accommodation.

7.0 CESA Report –

- 7.1 DM reported that the RBL are putting on a variety show for their 90th Anniversary at the Hull City Hall in aid of the RBL in July. Date to be confirmed.

8.0 Website – No change.

9.0 Social Events-

- 9.1 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 had previously stated that he has provisionally booked the venue for 30 people. RobH had previously 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. 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 PW proposed that the Standard Bearer have its own section on the minutes to indicate his duties during the month. TJ seconded. All in favour.
- 10.2 MS asked whether there was any details for the Hull Armed Forces Day, DM stated that it was currently in limbo due to financial concerns; He will look into it and report back.
- 10.3 TS reported that the Streetlife Museum Display was in doubt for November due to financial concerns; he will keep an eye on it and report back.
- 10.4 MS stated that when someone of a high rank leaves the RAF Band, they get to do a free gig; chances are that his Motorcycle Club may be presenting the RAF Band at the Royal Albert Hall. He asked whether members would be interested, obviously most members where! MS will let us know details when they are available.

- 11.0 The time being 20.55hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by DM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th April at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

Agenda for April's Meeting

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The Proper Queen's English

You English majors and wordsmiths will appreciate this old and fading art of writing:

In this world of hi-tech, I have noticed that many who text messages and email have forgotten the "art" of capitalisation. Those of you who fall into this category, please take note of the following statement below:

'Capitalisation is the difference between helping your Uncle Jack off a horse and helping your uncle jack off a horse.'

I cannot stress enough that proper use of grammar can be most important!