



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 4th July 2012

Members Present: Fred Hemmerman (FH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Pete Watson (PW); Bob Boreland (BB); Steve Johnson (SJ); Tony Steventon (TS); Brian Petch (BP); Bob Hare (RobH); Darren Howlett (DH); Pat Howlett (PH); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Michael Sutton (MS); Derrick Garton (DG); John Louis (JL); Brian Fenwick (BF) David Kennedy (DK); Joe Matthews (JM);

Apologies: Adrian Marshall (AM2); Frank Maunder (FM); Steve Woods (SW); Andy Jefferson (AJ); Peter Ovis (PO); Ted Johnson (TJ); Mike Walker (MW); Jon Wild (JW); Dave Emmerson (DE); Andy Doyle (AD); Keith Hill (KH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Phil Newton (PN); Andy Murdoch (AM); Sandra Robinson (SR).

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 Events
- 11.0 Any Other Business
- 12.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.

- 1.0 Remembrance – DM opened the meeting at 20.04hrs. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received as above. DM welcomed a new Branch Member, Brian Fenwick. Brian served with the RMP between 1966-1974. PW reported that he had received apologies from SR who had been to the dentist and was suffering quite badly with post visit pain! FH sent apologies from PO who is not too well. TJ stated that he may not be able to attend when we saw him on Sunday. BB stated that FH is recovering at home but still cannot leave the house.
- 3.0 Absent friends – As details in 2.0. A discussion was had with regard to members who are still suffering with ill health; the branch wishes to be reminded to those who are in ill health.
- 4.0 Minutes Of Previous Meeting – JM proposed that the minutes where correct. SW seconded. All in favour.
- 5.0 Matters Arising –
 - 5.1 Beverley – The Beverley Armed Forces Day went very successfully, DM provided a trestle table for TS to display his RMP memorabilia. The general organisation from the Town Council/British Legion was poor as nobody seemed to know what was going on! A lot of people had pulled out, leaving vast gaps in the

display areas which could have been filled by other Associations, had they been informed. Nevertheless, the day was a success, with plenty of locals in attendance and at least two ex-RMP's that showed an interest in joining the Branch.

- 5.2 Hull Veterans Weekend – A discussion was held with regard to the requirements for the forthcoming Hull Veterans Weekend on the 28/29th of July.

6.0 Communications – PW reported that the Branch had received the following communications:

- 6.1 A letter was received from Birmingham (Midlands) Branch RMPA inviting Members to attend their Annual Luncheon on the 20th October 2012. The luncheon will be at The Lodge in Dudley at 12.30hrs for a 13.00hrs sit down. Tickets are priced at £20.00 per person which includes a 3 course meal. Members wishing to attend this function should speak to the Branch Secretary in the first instance.
- 6.2 An email was received from Richard Callaghan, the curator of the Corps Museum in response to an email sent by PW requesting some display material for our displays. He stated that he would be sending some laminated photographs of the various RMP and RMPA activities by post. (post meeting note: this display material was never received)
- 6.3 An email was received from Maj. Barley the NEC giving details of the Remembrance Weekend in London between the 8-11 November 2012. Members who wish to attend the London Remembrance Weekend should contact the Branch Secretary, as security passes will need to be issued.

The Branch also received the Minutes of the RMPA AGM from RHQ which included several pertinent and important points, however, the Branch Secretary was restricted from passing across this information to the Branch as the Chairman and a others present decided that passing on this information would take too long. PW stated that it was the purpose of the Branch Meeting to pass this information across, but was overruled by the Branch Chairman. PW stated that this information would be available after the meeting for any Member to read, but none took up this offer. The information will be held by PW and if any Member wishes to impart this, then they should contact him directly.

7.0 CESA Report – TS reported the following:

- 7.1 The laying up of the Burma Star Association Standard will take place on the 8th July at Holy Trinity Church. Members should be present for 10.00hrs for 11.00hrs start.
- 7.2 Rededication or Baor war memorial was rejected unanimously.
- 7.3 A letter was received from MN association saying that the memorial in East Park that precludes the MN was disrespectful and that consequently will not be turning up again.
- 7.4 On the 11th July 2012, The Yorkshire Regiment will be undertaking a homecoming parade at Beverley. If possible, the Branch Standard to be in attendance.
- 7.5 On Sat 14th July the Yorkshire Regiment will be undertaking a homecoming parade in Kingston-upon-Hull. Standards are to be formed up at the saluting base on Prospect Centre.

- 8.0 Website – PW reported that a new mailing group has been set up. Members wishing to receive minutes by post will need to register for the mailing group. All existing Members have been emailed a registration link with the exception of CH, who will be emailed in due course.
- 9.0 Standard Bearer – SW stated that he was out for the Armed Forces Day in Hull and PW carried the standard at the Beverley Armed Forces Day. PW proposed that BF become the stand-in standard bearer to fill in when SW is not available. This was seconded by DH all in favour.
- 10.0 Social Events –
- 10.1 Ladies Night – JM stated that the event will take place on the 24th July at 19.30hrs for 20.00hrs at the Crooked Billet. It will be a hot and cold buffet and music need to be provided. Tickets are £5.00 per head. Please bring raffle prizes on the night.
 - 10.2 Annual Dinner – FH stated that if members wanted to pay by post-dated cheques they can do so, they will not be banked until 20th Sept.
 - 10.3 Raffle prizes required for the event. Could members please bring raffle prizes to the next Branch Meeting.
- 11.0 Any Other business:
- No oother business.
- 12.0 The time being 2114hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by DM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st August, at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

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