



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 4th January 2017

Members Present:	Bob Hare (RH); Pete Watson (PW); Jim Anderson (JA); Bob Boreland (BB); Phil Cowan (PC); Jon Wild (JW); Mike Walker (MW); Derek Garton (DG); Sandy Robinson BEM (SR); Frank Maunder (FM); Terry Scholes (TS); Darren Howlett (DH).
Apologies:	Fred Hemmerman (FH); Brian Petch (BP); Dave Emmerson (DE); David Kennedy (DK); Steve Johnson (SJ); Alison Sayell (AS); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Capt. Whitehead RMP
Not Present:	Steve Woods (SW); Scott Jenkinson (SJ2); Michael Sutton (MS); Dave Mitchell (DM);

Agenda

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Absent Friends
4. Minutes of The EGM 1st June 2017
5. Matters Arising
6. Secretaries Report
7. Treasurers Report
8. Retirement & Election of Officers
 - 8.1. President
 - 8.2. Vice President
 - 8.3. Chairman
 - 8.4. Vice Chairman
 - 8.5. Secretary
 - 8.6. Stand-in Secretary
 - 8.7. Treasurer
 - 8.8. CESA Rep (Council of Ex-service Association)
 - 8.9. Welfare Officer/PRO (Public Relations Officer)
 - 8.10. Standard Bearer
 - 8.11. Corps Journal Correspondent
 - 8.12. Web Master
9. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
10. Matters Arising.
11. Communications
12. Reports
 - 12.1. CESA
 - 12.2. CENCO
 - 12.3. Standard Bearer
 - 12.4. Corps Journal Correspondent
13. Social Events
14. Any Other Business
15. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Meeting opened at 20.00hrs. RH gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – as indicated above.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – A discussion was had about the members that have passed away and the Branch passed their best wishes to the family and friends of those that passed. We will remember them.
- 4.0 Minutes Of The EGM 1st June 2017 – This being the AGM, we went through the minutes for the last EGM. PC proposed that the minutes from the EGM where correct. Seconded by BB
- 5.0 Matter Arising from EGM – No matters arising.
- 6.0 Secretaries Report – Needs to be changed to the Chairman's report. PW gave a brief overview of the year. It was agreed that from now on, this section should be changed to a Chairman's Report
- 7.0 Treasurers Report – RH reported that FH was not well and that he had had a conversation with him and that he had given a brief overview of the accounts which are in a healthy state. FH will give a proper review at the next meeting. The matter of subs where raised and it was stated that this should be addressed at the next meeting when FH would be in attendance.
- 8.0 Retirement & Election of Officers
 - 8.1 President – This is a life appointment currently held by Fred Hemmerman
 - 8.2 Vice President – currently held by David Mitchell. JW & SR proposed that the Vice Presidency currently held by David Mitchell, be removed on the grounds that he is not attending or supporting the Branch, seconded by BB. This proposal was unanimously carried.
 - 8.3 Chairman – PW proposed RH as Chairman, seconded by DG. PW asked RH if he would accept the post of Chairman and he stated that he would be delighted to. Unanimously carried.
 - 8.4 Vice Chairman – RH stated that any member could act as Chairman in his absence. He asked whether this position was needed. He proposed that for 2017, that the position of Vice Chairman be removed for 2017, DG seconded. All in favour. The post will be rediscussed at the AGM in 2018.
 - 8.5 Secretary – RH stated that FH had proposed PW for Secretary in advance of the meeting. Seconded MW, all in favour. PW accepted the position.
 - 8.6 Stand-in Secretary – PW stated that as per 8.4, there is no requirement and should be removed for 2017, seconded by MW. All in favour. The position should be further discussed at the AGM in 2018.
 - 8.7 Treasurer – RH stated that in a conversation with FH that he hold the position reluctantly and would like to hand the position over to another so that they all become more involved. PW proposed that FH be retained as Treasurer but that members should search their consciences and step up to the table, either during 2017 or at the next AGM. RH seconded. All in favour.
 - 8.8 CESA Rep – PW proposed that BP (not in attendance) be retained as CESA rep. Seconded by SR.
 - 8.9 Welfare Officer/PRO (Public Relations Officer) – PW stated that the position of Welfare Officer be scraped in accordance with the National RMPA AGM and that the position of PRO be rolled into the Secretaries position. Seconded by DH. All in favour.
 - 8.10 Standard Bearer – MW propped that DK remain as Standard Bearer with BB as stand-in. SR seconded, all in favour.
 - 8.11 Corps Journal Correspondent – RH proposed that this position be carried out by the serving Secretary, seconded by MW. All in favour.
 - 8.12 Webmaster – A brief discussion took place regarding the future of the website in line with the National RMPA website. PW proposed that we keep the website as it allows the Branch to control local website control and allows us the ability to have an online archive of minutes etc., PW proposed that the Branch renew for another year and that we should look into whether we can get the web fees waived as we are a charity. He further proposed that MW be retained as webmaster. Seconded by RH All in favour.

- 9.0 Minutes of the Previous branch Meeting - RH proposed that the minutes from the previous meeting where true and an accurate representation. Seconded by DG. All in favour.
- 10.0 Matters Arising – RH stated that item 8 of the previous minutes regarded the Xmas Function at the Springhead Park Golf club which he stated where diabolical. Members arrived to find the venue locked up, and that when staff arrived they were not aware that an event was taking place. It also appeared that the buffet was hastily put together almost as if it had been forgotten and that the food was very poor and straight of shop bought packets and not at all like the previous hot and cold buffets that we had enjoyed. He further stated that they had not cashed the cheque which we had used to pay for the catering and he would be going into
- 11.0 Communications –
- 11.1 An email was received from RHQ containing the minutes from the 39th Meeting of The Trustees RMP Association. PW briefly went through the minutes.
- 11.2 An email was received from the RMPA Hon. Secretary asking for a Branch Activity Report for 2016 and a break down of the accounts. PW reported that he would send a report and would liaise with the Treasurer to ensure that the financial report is returned.
- 11.3 An email was received from the RMPA Hon. Secretary, giving details of the RAFPA Annual Snowdrop Parade. This will take place on Wednesday 8th March 2017 at the National Memorial Arboretum
- 11.4 An email was received from the Hon. Secretary RMPA giving notice of the forecast of events for 2017. This has been passed to the webmaster.
- 11.5 An email was received from the Hon. Secretary RMPA regarding the forthcoming SIB Branch Dinner, which will be held on Saturday 22nd April 2017 at the Village Hotel in Walsall. Tickets are priced at £27.00/head. Members who served as SIB who want to attend the dinner should contact the Branch Secretary in the first instance.
- 12.0 Reports
- 12.1 CESA Report – BP not present so not report available.
- 12.2 Website – No report.
- 12.3 Standard Bearer – PW reported that the Branch Standard had not been used in December.
- 12.4 Corps Journal – PW stated that he will put together the next article for the Journal.
- 12.5 Liaison Officer – JW had nothing to report.
- 13.0 Social Events –
- 13.1 Annual Dinner 2017 – RH stated that the chef at Beverley Road would not under any circumstances be prepared to work at the Dagger Lane venue. This precluded us from taking up the offer of the Dagger Lane venue as we needed the chef to ensure the quality of the event. He further stated that he then went back to Beverley Road and provisionally has booked the last Friday in September which is the only available date in September. Further discussions at the next meeting.
- 14.0 Any Other Business – None.
- 15.0 The time being 21.03hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 19.30 hrs. for a 20.00hrs start, St. Vincent's Social Club, Queen Road, Hull.

Agenda for February's Meeting

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