



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 3rd May 2017

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

Agenda

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2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Absent Friends
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5. Matters Arising.
6. Communications
7. Reports
 - 7.1. CESA
 - 7.2. CENCO
 - 7.3. Standard Bearer
 - 7.4. Corps Journal Correspondent
8. Social Events
9. Any Other Business
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- 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. PC sent his apologies as he had to work. BRT is missing because her father in law is still poorly. SR stated that AS is not very well. FH passed on BP apologies.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – As detailed in the apologies.
- 4.0 TS proposed that the minutes from the previous meeting were true and an accurate representation. Seconded by FM All in favour.
- 5.0 Matter Arising – 8.5 from the previous minutes. To be discussed in 8.2

6.0 Communications –

- 6.1 An email was received from Col. Green stating that a charity called ZANE were looking for a Support Driver to accompany 2 mature sponsored walkers, walking from Hull to Liverpool for 2 weeks starting 19th June. Accommodation and car provided. A clean driving license, sense of direction, intelligence and patience and a sense of humour essential. Excellent terms to be agreed. Any member interested should contact the Branch Secretary who will put you in touch with the charity.

7.0 Reports

- 7.1 CESA Report – BP was not available.
- 7.2 Website – No report.
- 7.3 Standard Bearer – PW reported that the Branch Standard had not been carried in April.
- 7.4 Corps Journal – PW stated that he will put together the next article for the Journal.
- 7.5 Liaison Officer – Neither JW or Capt. Whitehead were present.

8.0 Social Events –

8.1 Annual Dinner –

- 8.1.1 Menu. After much discussion, PW proposed that the chef be asked to create a menu for the night based on a given budget. He stated that we should have alternatives available and that a menu could be sent out in advance of the meal whereupon attendees could indicate their preference in advance. This gives a better option as not everyone likes the same thing.
- 8.1.2 Entertainment – RH stated that he knows Terry Kent and that he is a booker of acts throughout the City. RH will sort the entertainment. BB said that he was aware of another act and would speak to him and report directly back to RH.

- 8.2 Ladies Night – RH reported that the Ladies Night for June had been cancelled because the St. Vincent's Club were unable to facilitate us.

9.0 Any Other Business –

- 9.1 FH reminded members that Janine Fenwick (wife of the late Brian Fenwick) wanted names of those who wanted to go to Flamborough. This will take place on Tuesday 12th September at The Seabirds Restaurant in Flamborough. Names, addresses of those attending need to attend.

- 10.0 The time being 20.38hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 19.30 hrs. for a 20.00hrs start, St. Vincent's Social Club, Queen Road, Hull.

Agenda for June's Meeting

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Politically Correct Nelson at Trafalgar

Nelson: "Order the signal, Hardy."

Hardy: "Aye, aye sir."

Nelson: "Hold on, that's not what I dictated to Flags. What's the meaning of this?"

Hardy: "Sorry sir?"

Nelson (reading aloud): "' England expects every person to do his or her duty, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religious persuasion or disability.' - What gobbledegook is this?"

Hardy: "Admiralty policy, I'm afraid, sir. We're an equal opportunities employer now. We had the devil's own job getting ' England ' past the censors, lest it be considered racist."

Nelson: "Gadzooks, Hardy. Hand me my pipe and tobacco."

Hardy: "Sorry sir. All naval vessels have now been designated smoke-free working environments."

Nelson: "In that case, break open the rum ration. Let us splice the mainbrace to steel the men before battle."

Hardy: "The rum ration has been abolished, Admiral. Its part of the Government's policy on binge drinking."

Nelson: "Good heavens, Hardy. I suppose we'd better get on with it full speed ahead."

Hardy: "I think you'll find that there's a 4 knot speed limit in this stretch of water."

Nelson: "Damn it man! We are on the eve of the greatest sea battle in history. We must advance with all dispatch. Report from the crow's nest please."

Hardy: "That won't be possible, sir."

Nelson: "What?"

Hardy: "Health and Safety have closed the crow's nest, sir. No harness; and they said that rope ladders don't meet regulations. They won't let anyone up there until a proper scaffolding can be erected."

Nelson: "Then get me the ship's carpenter without delay, Hardy."

Hardy: "He's busy knocking up a wheelchair access to the foredeck Admiral."

Nelson: "Wheelchair access? I've never heard anything so absurd."

Hardy: "Health and safety again, sir. We have to provide a barrier-free environment for the differently abled."

Nelson: "Differently abled? I've only one arm and one eye and I refuse even to hear mention of the word. I didn't rise to the rank of admiral by playing the disability card."

Hardy: "Actually, sir, you did. The Royal Navy is under represented in the areas of visual impairment and limb deficiency."

Nelson: "Whatever next? Give me full sail. The salt spray beckons."

Hardy: "A couple of problems there too, sir. Health and safety won't let the crew up the rigging without hard hats. And they don't want anyone breathing in too much salt - haven't you seen the adverts?"

Nelson: "I've never heard such infamy. Break out the cannon and tell the men to stand by to engage the enemy."

Hardy: "The men are a bit worried about shooting at anyone, Admiral."

Nelson: "What? This is mutiny!"

Hardy: "It's not that, sir. It's just that they're afraid of being charged with murder if they actually kill anyone. There's a couple of legal-aid lawyers on board, watching everyone like hawks."

Nelson: "Then how are we to sink the Frenchies and the Spanish?"

Hardy: "Actually, sir, we're not."

Nelson: "We're not?"

Hardy: "No, sir. The French and the Spanish are our European partners now. According to the Common Fisheries Policy, we shouldn't even be in this stretch of water. We could get hit with a claim for compensation."

Nelson: "But you must hate a Frenchman as you hate the devil."

Hardy: "I wouldn't let the ship's diversity co-ordinator hear you saying that sir. You'll be up on disciplinary report."

Nelson: "You must consider every man an enemy, who speaks ill of your King."

Hardy: "Not any more, sir. We must be inclusive in this multicultural age. Now put on your Kevlar vest; it's the rules. It could save your life"

Nelson: "Don't tell me - health and safety. Whatever happened to rum, sodomy and the lash?"

Hardy: "As I explained, sir, rum is off the menu! And there's a ban on corporal punishment."

Nelson: "What about sodomy?"

Hardy: "I believe that is now legal, sir."

Nelson: "In that case..... kiss me, Hardy."