



# Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



## Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016

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<b>Members Present:</b>	Fred Hemmerman (FH); Bob Hare (RH); Steve Johnson (SJ); Pete Watson (PW); Bob Boreland (BB); Frank Maunder (FM); David Kennedy (DK); Brian Fenwick (BF); Phil Cowan (PC); Jim Anderson (JA).
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dave Mitchell (DM); Steve Woods (SW); Mike Walker (MW); Jon Wild (JW); Darren Howlett (DH); Dave Emmerson (DE); Andy Jefferson (AJ);
<b>Not Present:</b>	Brian Petch (BP); Terry Scholes (TS2); Scott Jenkinson (SJ2); Derrick Garton (DG); Michael Sutton (MS); Joe Matthews (JM);

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### Agenda

- 1.0 Introduction / Remembrance
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies received.
- 3.0 Absent Friends
- 4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matter Arising thereof
- 5.0 Election of Offices
  - 5.1 Chairman
  - 5.2 Secretary
  - 5.3 Treasurer
- 6.0 Communications Received
- 7.0 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Standard Bearer
- 10.0 Any Other Business:
- 11.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.

- 1.0 FH, the only elected member present asked BH to chair the meeting and PW to take minutes. Both agreed and BH gave the remembrance and the meeting was started at 20.01hrs.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Two new Life Members were present Phil Cowan and Jim Atkinson. Apologies were received from JW and DE.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – DM is still recovering from his recent stroke and the members present sent their best wishes for a speedy recovery.
- 4.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting and Matter Arising thereof – BH outlined where the branch currently was detailing the discussions at the last meeting as laid out in the minutes. He stated that with the Branch Chairman still recovering from illness and that Mick Walker wanted to step down as Secretary and Frank Maunder has also stood down as Treasurer, that we needed to take stock to save the Branch. BH wanted his thanks to Frank for his work as Treasurer over the last few years to be put on record and this was greeted with approval from all present. BH also wanted his thanks to MW be minuted as he has also done a sterling job as Secretary over the last couple of years. MW has let it be known that he is still willing to look after the website and it was agreed that this is the best course of action.

BH stated that at this point we cannot move forward without electing a committee, he stated that he had provided everyone with a copy of the minutes. He stated that the previous location for the meeting was not suitable and after looking around had come up with St. Vincent's Club as a viable alternative.

BH stated that they needed nominations for Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer need to be elected as the branch cannot function without these offices.

Point of Order - FH stated that we cannot elect a Chairman as David Mitchell had not resigned as Chairman.

## 5.0 Election of Offices

5.1 Chairman - FH proposed that BH be elected as a stand in Chairman until David Mitchell's position became known. PW seconded, all in favour. BH accepted.

5.2 Secretary – FH proposed PW, DK seconded, all in favour. PW accepted.

5.3 Treasurer - BH asked whether FH would consider taking Treasurers Office, he stated that he didn't want to take the position and suggested Steve Johnson, but he declined. BB nominated FH as a temporary Treasurer until the AGM, seconded by FM, all in favour. FH accepted this.

6.0 Communications – The Branch had received a couple of emails, but as PW had only just taken over the role as Secretary, he was unable to report on these at this point and would follow up at the next Branch Meeting.

7.0 CESA Report – With DM still recovering from illness, there was nothing to report.

8.0 Website – MW confirmed that he was willing to continue running the website.

9.0 Standard Bearer – The standard Bearer had not been deployed in April, but DK stated that he would need the Standard for the forthcoming RMP/RMPA Memorial Day. FH stated that he would sort this.

10.0 Social Events – Nothing to discuss at this juncture.

## 11.0 Any Other Business –

11.1 BB asked whether we are taking part in the Hull Veterans Weekend and that he was concerned about numbers. He thought that we would need 6 personal for both Saturday and Sunday. We would also need to collect all of the equipment from DM's house if he was not attending. FH stated that he would be able to collect these. PW proposed that we proceed, seconded by DK, all in favour. BB asked PW to contact 150 to ask the, to attend.

11.2 FH stated that we should write to DM to explain what has happened as he is still the chairman of the Branch. FH proposed that a letter should be sent. FM seconded all in favour. PW stated that he thought this should come directly from the Chairman.

11.3 PW outlined changes in the ticketing for this years' RBL Remembrance Parade at the Cenotaph. He explained that in previous years Members merely had to apply to the NEC for a ticket and that these were provided and in fact usually more were available on the day if required. PW stated that because of the current security state that the procedure had been drastically changed. This year, members wishing to attend would need to provide photographic proof of ID AND proof of residence and that this information needed to be with the NEC by the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016. A personal ticket bearing the Members name, photo and

address would be provided. He stated that if members wanted to attend this year, they should contact him in the first instance.

- 11.4 PW gave a report on this year's Annual AGM which was held at the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool and recommended next year's event to Members, which will be held in Cardiff.
  - 11.5 FH asked the resigning Treasurer why we had discontinued the Corps Journal. FM stated that this was due to cost savings. FH proposed that we start getting 3 copies of the Journal. SJ seconded. All in favour.
  - 11.6 SJ reminded members that this year's Annual Armed Forces day will be held in Cleethorpes on the 26<sup>th</sup> June.
  - 11.7 PW reminded Members that this year's RMP/RMPA Memorial Day would take place the following Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June and that he had 3 spare seats in his car. FH, SJ and DK all agreed to attend, which also enabled the Branch Standard to be paraded at the event.
- 12.0 The time being 20.49hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by BH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 19.30 hrs. for a 20.00hrs start, St. Vincent's Social Club, Queen Road, Hull.

#### **Agenda for July's Meeting**

- 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 Reports
  - 7.1 CESA Report
  - 7.2 Website
  - 7.3 Standard Bearer
  - 7.4 Corps Journal Correspondent
  - 7.5 Liaison Officer
- 8.0 Social Events
- 9.0 Any Other Business
- 10.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.