



# Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



## Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016

---

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

---

### 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 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.

- 1.0 Meeting opened at 20.01hrs. RH gave the act of remembrance.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received as indicated above. Capt. Whitehead RMP attended with JW. Capt. Whitehead is the Training Officer at 243 Pro Coy RMP(V)
- 3.0 Absent Friends – RH asked whether anyone had heard from DM. No one had. FH confirmed that he had spoken to him to arrange to get the equipment for last weekend's Veterans Weekend.
- 4.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – BB proposed that the minutes of the meeting were correct. Seconded by SR. All in favour.
- 5.0 Matter Arising – PW reminded members that the return for attending the Remembrance Parade in Hull need to be in tonight. Currently PW and SR are on the return, with SJ making his own arrangements.
- 6.0 Communications – The Branch had received a couple of emails:

- 6.1 An email was received through RHQ from the NEC with information about the RMPA Annual Reunion Weekend 2017 in Cardiff. This will be held on the 12-14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the Angel Hotel in Cardiff. Members wishing to attend this event should speak to the Secretary in the first instance.
- 6.2 A letter was received from Bob Eggleton, National Vice Chairman RMPA regarding the wearing of cloth cap badges by members not entitled to wear them. He confirmed that only Corps Officers or WO's that have served in the RMP/CMP as a Military Police Officer or WO are entitled to wear a cloth cap badge.
- 6.3 A letter was received from the Aden Veterans Association. The branch members have been invited to their Annual Dinner which will be held on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the Masonic Hall on Beverley Road. A three course meal will be served. Cost of tickets are £18.50 per head. Members wishing to attend should contact the Branch Secretary in the first instance. Bookings need to be confirmed by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
- 6.4 POST MEETING – An email had also been received from RHQ regarding the RMP Association Review as follows:

*A REVIEW OF THE ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION*

*The Trustees of the association have asked Major Frank Quigley to carry out this review given his background in the Corps and business. Although a lifelong member of the association Frank has no direct link with nor has he ever had, the running or management of the association.*

*Members, Branch Officers and trustees are asked to cooperate fully and assist Frank in his evidence gathering process to enable a true and factual picture to be drawn up.*

*The time scale of the review is to be a twelve-month period, unless an extension to that time is requested and granted. You will be kept informed of progress.*

*Frank should be allowed to progress unhindered and un-impinged by unnecessary interruptions or unsolicited approaches from anyone within the association. If you have any questions then please direct them to the Vice Chair, RMP Association.*

*25th July 2016*

## 7.0 Reports

- 7.1 CESA Report – BP attended the meeting but there was little to report.
- 7.2 Website – MW continues to manage the website. There have been no further additions to the website other than the usual monthly additions and the inclusion on the front page of the information for the Annual Dinner.
- 7.3 Standard Bearer – PW reported that the Branch Standard had not been used in July. PW reported that whilst we could have had the Standard out last weekend, we could not get hold of it because DK now works shifts. FH suggested that we hold the Standard centrally, he further stated that we ought to have a Deputy Standard Bearer and proposed BB. This was seconded by DG, all in favour, BB agreed to stand-in when DK was not available. FH proposed that PW hold the Standard which he agreed. PC stated that if dimensions were given for the Branch Standard his wife would make a new bag. POST MEETING NOTE – PC has obtained a fishing type bag which will allow for standard carrier and gauntlets, along with the Normandy Pennant and Funeral Bands to be stored with the Standard. He will bring this to the next meeting.

- 7.4 Corps Journal – PW stated that he needed to find the remittance date for the next journal. POST MEETING NOTE – Following the appointment to Arthur Cant of rank of 'Chevalier' in the 'Ordre national de la Legion d'honneur' from the French Government, for his actions on 'D Day', an article will be produced for the next edition of the Journal. Initially, this was going to be done by PW, but Col. McLean (Journal Editor) has volunteered to produce this article.
- 7.5 Liaison Officer – Capt. Whitehead stated that there were moves afoot to coordinate an event with the three RMPA Branches in Yorkshire and the North East to hold a social event. He further stated that he had attended West Yorkshire Branch and that they had had a Pie and Peas night and a Fish & Chips night. PW stated that he knew the Chairman of West Yorkshire Branch, Dave Paynter and that it was he that had driven the more social element of the meetings, and perhaps that this is something that we need to look at moving forward.

## 8.0 Social Events –

### 8.1 Annual Dinner:

- 8.1.1 FH reported that the dinner has been confirmed with the Chef. Tomato Soup, Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Apple Pie and Custard and a Cheese Table. Tickets are confirmed at £20.00 per head.
- 8.1.2 FH confirmed that BP had got Dr. Jive for the evening.
- 8.1.3 PW confirmed that he had invited Col. Mark John CO of 1RMP and his wife as our guests.
- 8.1.4 FH stated that currently 51 members and guests have been confirmed.
- 8.1.5 PW stated that tickets are now available. Tickets should be purchased at the next meeting **at the latest**. We do not want to be taking money on the night.

## 9.0 Any Other Business –

- 9.1.1 PW asked whether the banking mandate had been completed. FH confirmed that it had.
- 9.1.2 PW stated that in the last meeting he stated that we needed to have a complete inventory of everything that the Branch owns, especially after the dress that was provided for the Hull Veterans Weekend. It was confirmed that this had never been done and that without it, things could go missing.
- 9.1.3 RH stated that PC had donated an AGC Stable Belt, a White No. 1 Corps Belt with plate and badge, and an RMP Armband. Thank you PC. If any other members have any memorabilia that they want to donate to the Branch, please advise a member of the committee.
- 9.1.4 FH stated that he had been approached by FM stating that he had found a shop that sold RMP Corps Flags at £6 each. PW proposed that we purchase 2 x flags at a cost of £12. Seconded by FM, all in favour.
- 9.1.5 BP thanks branch members for attending and putting on a static display. The event was a great success and more had attended than previous years, so much so that the gates had to be closed at one point as the park was just too full!
- 9.1.6 FH stated that last Tuesday Arthur Cant was presented with the Legion d'Honneur from the French Republic. Arthur served in WW2 on the Beaches of Normandy. PW

attended and photographed the event and will prepare a piece for the next journal.  
(see 7.4 above)

- 10.0 The time being 20.50hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by FH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 19.30 hrs. for a 20.00hrs start, St. Vincent's Social Club, Queen Road, Hull.

### **Agenda for August'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.



Arthur Henry Cant CMP  
'Chevalier' in the 'Ordre national de la Legion d'honneur'