



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 2nd August 2017

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

Agenda

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Absent Friends
4. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
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
10. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Meeting opened at 20.00hrs. RH gave an introduction and included a mention of Passchendaele and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – as indicated above. JA is currently in hospital suffering with lung problems, he is currently in Ward 5 at Hull Royal Infirmary. The branch sends their best regards. A new member joins us in Andy Plews who served with PW in the 1990's in 252 Pro Coy RMP.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – As detailed in the apologies.
- 4.0 There were no minutes from the previous month, due to the previous month being a Ladies Night function. Therefore, the minutes of June's meeting were voted on. FH proposed that the minutes where a true and accurate record of events, seconded by FM. The vote was taken and a number of members abstained as they had not received a copy of the minutes.

5.0 Matter Arising – FH remarked on 9.3 regarding replacement of the standard. PW has this in hand.

6.0 Communications –

6.1 An email was received from Bob Eggleton Vice Chairman of the RMPA as follows:

Good morning from a warm, sunny Waterlooville.

I think it is time that all branches were made aware of certain changes post 2017 AGM.

I wish to inform you that the rules as approved at the AGM have been accepted by the Charity Commission and are now officially binding. You have had a copy of these rules so please ensure that they are circulated as necessary to your appointed branch officers and members as you see fit.

The Trustees have appointed Mr Stewart Leach MBE, who is currently the Secretary of the Taunton Branch and a Trustee, as Secretary for the Association. He has taken over from Col Jeremy Green. Just to clarify, Jeremy remains the Regimental Secretary of the Royal Military Police and is the link between the Association and the serving element of the Corps. Do not bother him with Association matters, he still has no staff and more than enough to do with his time. With immediate effect please address correspondence to Stewart, his contact details are in the Associations' Personnel List under Taunton Branch and please use them until further notice.

At the present time Col Green is still officially the Treasurer of the Association but once the accounts have been verified and accepted Mr Ron Campbell-Smith will become the Treasurer and his details can also be found in the Personnel List under Depot Branch.

Now to the position of Honorary Secretary currently filled by Joy. For the foreseeable future Joy has agreed to carry on supporting in an administrative role. Because of other commitments she can only, on a normal routine, go to Southwick Park once a week so in future if you send a message to her please copy it to her at joybob@btinternet.com then at least one of us will see it almost immediately and may be able to action without delay. I shall ask her to ensure that you are all updated on a regular basis but please, in return, inform her of any changes made to personalities and appointments.

Allan Barley has tendered his resignation as NEC with effect from the Reunion 2018. The Trustees are looking to replace him as soon as possible.

As you can appreciate this is a transitional period and it may take a couple of months to adjust and settle down but with your understanding and cooperation I am confident that we can take the Association forward. Both Stewart and myself have agreed that we need better communication with branches and indeed members and we are working on that aspect. Likewise we, the Trustees, would welcome your views and your input, please contact them.

I have copied this message to all the Trustees for their information.

I think that is all for the moment.

My kindest regards,

Bob

6.2 An email was received from the New Secretary of the Association Stuart Leach, alerting members to the new Veteran's portal for Veterans seeking support, this can be found at www.veteransgateway.org.uk

7.0 Reports

7.1 CESA Report – BP reported that the Annual Church Service at the Minister has been cancelled for this year. He reported that the Coldstream Guards Association are now part of CESA. He also reported that the Poppy's in Hull were paid for by the City Council and not Hull 2017. RH asked that our Annual Dinner be mentioned to the CESA meeting.

7.2 Website – No report.

- 7.3 Standard Bearer – PW reported that the Branch Standard was paraded at the Hull veterans Weekend Drum Head Parade and that DK had done the Branch proud.
- 7.4 Corps Journal – PW stated that he had put an article together for the previous issue and that plans were in place for the next issue.
- 7.5 Liaison Officer – Nothing to report
- 8.0 Social Events –
 - 8.1 Annual Dinner –
 - 8.1.1 RH raised his concerns that there seems to be a lack of support for the event. Members were asked and stated that they would support the event.
 - 8.1.2 Entertainment – BP confirmed that Sash has been booked.
- 9.0 Any Other Business –
 - 9.1 DG asked about the last social event. He stated that he had no idea that it wasn't a finger buffet because he had not received minutes as they had not been put on the website.
 - 9.2 A general discussion was had regarding the future of the branch following the lack of support.
 - 9.3 DK reported that he was not available for the Remembrance Parade this year and therefore BB was asked to carry the Standard.
- 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 6th September 2017 at 21.06hrs. for a 20.00 hrs start, **St. Vincents Social Club**

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Annual Dinner 2017

Menu Choices



Name:.....

Partner:.....

Branch:.....

Please indicate your menu choices by ticking one box from each course.

<i>Starters</i>	<i>You</i>	<i>Partner</i>
<i>Broccoli & Stilton Soup</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Prawn & Smoked Salmon Cocktail</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Alexandra Cocktail (Melon, Grape & Pineapple)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 <i>Mains</i>		
<i>Poached Chicken Breast in Asparagus & Cream Sauce</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Braised Steak in Red Wine Sauce & Yorkshire Pudding</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Baked Salmon in a Herb Crust with Mild Chilli Dip</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>(All served with Roast & New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables)</i>		
 <i>Desserts</i>		
<i>Lemon Brioche served with Fresh Cream</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Fruits of the Forest Sponge with Crème Anglaise</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Fresh Fruit Trifle</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tea/Coffee with Mints

(A vegetarian option will also be available, please indicate if you require this and menu choices will be forwarded on to you)

Special dietary requirements:

Please reserve me tickets for the 2017 Annual Dinner @ £20.00 each. I attach a cheque/cash for the sum of £.....