



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 7th September 2016

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

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- 1.0 Meeting opened at 20.01hrs. RH gave the act of remembrance.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – SR and BB are on holiday, not at the same place I may add.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – BP stated that DM is going to see a consultant on the 21st September. FM stated that BP is not very well. The members send their best wishes.
- 4.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – DG proposed that the minutes of the meeting were correct. Seconded by TS. All in favour.
- 5.0 Matter Arising – Aden Vets dinned. Members are reminded that if they wish to attend that they need to let the Secretary know by the end on November.
- 6.0 Communications – The Branch had received a couple of emails:
 - 6.1 Journal. FH stated that he had received back the Standing Order from RHQ for the Branch copies of the Journal, this was due to the increase in the cost of the Journal from £9pa to £15pa per copy. FH proposed that we change the order from three copies to 1 copy, FM Seconded. All in favour.

6.2 PW reported that he had received an email from Col. Green from RHQ containing information relating to the Field of Remembrance in London. PW proposed that we purchase a Badge Cross for the Field of Remembrance at a cost of £10.61, he reminded members that this had been done on many previous years with the exception of last year. Seconded by PC. All in favour. FH to send a cheque to RHQ.

6.3 PW stated that he had received the following email from Col. Green from RHQ:

It is my sad duty to report two deaths - both "Spouses of the Corps".

The first is Cliff Mullinders' widow Nora, who died after a short illness in her sleep on the 27th August. Her funeral will be held at Amersham Crematorium (HP7 0ND) on the 12th September at 3:15pm. Joan (Cliff and Nora's daughter) and her husband Nigel may be contacted at (REDACTED) or (REDACTED) and please do let them know if you intend to attend.

The second is Cynthia, wife (and WRAC Stalwart) of John Buchanan, who died on the 3rd of September. She will be cremated in Angers, France, on the 9th September. John's email address is (REDACTED).

Jeremy

Colonel (Retired) J T Green OBE, Regimental Secretary Royal Military Police.

6.4 PW reported that he had received the following email from Lt. Col. Mark John, CO 1RMP:

Dear Peter and Bob,

My sincere apologies for this, but I have somewhat lost track of my diary over the summer stand-down and exercise period! I cannot recall if I responded to your very kind invitation to attend your dinner night or not and the Adjt isn't tracking my response either, which may mean I missed sending one. I am in Worthy Down all week 26-30 Sept but will be able to make the dinner night if I drive rather swiftly on the Friday afternoon! I accept that having left it late to respond you may already have booked and I've missed the cut, but, if there is space at the table I would be delighted to join you on Friday 30 Sept 16 and to say a few words after the dinner.

Please let me know and please accept my apologies for my bad admin... officers eh!

Yours sincerely,

Mark

Lieutenant Colonel Mark JOHN | Commanding Officer | 1st Regiment Royal Military Police.

6.5 An email was received from Sav Kyriakou MBE, as follows:

Dear All,

It's that time of year again for me to ask your assistance in raising money for the Royal British Legion/RMP Benevolent Fund. I have commissioned a 2016 RMP Poppy Pin (mock up attached) and I would appreciate your assistance in maximising the exposure of this endeavour please?

From the lessons learned from previous years, and to avoid the disappointment that some individuals/branches experienced due to this request not getting promulgated as wide as I'd hoped, may I suggest that a SPOC is appointed for each Branch and they are tasked to:

1. Give this endeavour maximum exposure throughout their branches to promote the poppy pin.
2. Collate numbers and collect payments.
3. Respond to me via (REDACTED).com with numbers required by NLT Sat 17 Sep.

The above does not preclude individuals contacting me direct, but by having a SPOC it assists with ease of comms and maximises the profits for both charities.

The cost of the pins are £3.75 each including UK P&P with all profits being split equally between the above charities (no consolidation of P&P I'm afraid).

Once the SPOC has collated the order and have emailed me with the number of pins required and a postal address, they will then get details of how to pay via bank transfer.

I intend to start posting by 3rd of October and given the volume of requests, proof of posting will NOT be obtained for orders of less than 10 pins (unless this is requested and it will be at an additional cost), therefore any that do not arrive cannot be replaced free of charge.

Kind Regards

Sav

Captain Sav Kyriakou MBE
OC 84 Sect SIB Regt RMP



Members wishing to purchase Poppy Pin Badges should contact the Branch Secretary in the first instance.

7.0 Reports

- 7.1 CESA Report – PW proposed that BP be made our CESA Rep. All in favour and BP accepted. BP attended the meeting and he stated that a discussion was had about visitors to the CESA meeting which was not acceptable. The AGM is to be held at the next meeting. A nomination was made that the Deputy Chairman be made Chairman and a further nomination for Deputy Chairman.
- 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 August. DK remains that Branch Standard which is currently held by PW. PC has brought a Standard Bag to this meeting, the Chairman expressed his thanks to PC.

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 in attendance.

8.0 Social Events –

8.1 Annual Dinner:

8.1.1 FH stated that he had purchased napkins in Corps colours and raffle tickets.

8.1.2 Raffle Prizes. PW asked for donations from Branch Members which he volunteered to collect from members. Please contact him directly if you have suitable raffle prizes.

8.1.3 Seating plan. FH had proposed a seating plan, this would be printed by PW just before the event.

8.1.4 FH stated that he had a cheque made out for the payment of the hall.

8.1.5 Artist is booked.

9.0 Any Other Business –

9.1.1 PW stated that he had some Personnel Forms for members to fill in to ensure that all details are up to date.

9.1.2 FH stated that the following NVA events were taking place and that members were welcome to attend, members should speak to FH in the first instance:

9.1.2.1 Tuesday 11th October 2016 - Canal Cruise and Fish & Chips at Weatherby Whaler.

9.1.2.2 21st October 2016 – RNA Buffet at the Ryder Club

9.1.2.3 12th November 2016 – Unveiling of Jack Harrison at Oppy Wood Memorial.

9.1.2.4 22nd November 2016 – Meal at Lorenza Restaurant.

9.1.3 FM asked about the Corps flags. FH stated that he had been to the shop three times but they still were not available. He will keep checking.

9.1.4 PW spoke about the Veterans Breakfast Club. The Breakfast Club meets every Saturday at 09.15hrs at Pete Barker Motor Engineer, Unit 1b, Kingston Way, Stockholm Way, Hull, HU7 0XW. This is the original Veterans Breakfast Club, with another 147 such clubs worldwide. On average, 25,000 veterans meet up each week for Breakfast and some good old banter! PW stated that they regularly have over 60 veterans attend for breakfast each week and would highly recommend it to RMPA Branch Members.

9.1.5 FH stated that our meeting information was in the Hull Daily Mail this week.

- 10.0 The time being 20.43hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by FH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 19.30 hrs. for a 20.00hrs start, St. Vincent's Social Club, Queen Road, Hull.

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