



# Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



## Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

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### Agenda

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Absent Friends
4. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
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6. Communications
7. Reports
  - 7.1. CESA
  - 7.2. CENCO
  - 7.3. Standard Bearer
  - 7.4. Corps Journal Correspondent
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- 1.0 Meeting opened at 20.01hrs. RH gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received from PC who had been called away, MW who was working.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – As detailed in the apologies. It was good to see that JA was in attendance tonight and good to see him in such good health.
- 4.0 The minutes of the previous where a true and accurate record of events, proposed by SR seconded by TW

5.0 Matter Arising – Re: 7.1 DG stated that he had been contact by BP and that he was upset that he seemed to have been pushed out of the CESA role. FH also stated that he wished that BP had been informed in advance. RH stated that he had tried on numerous occasions to contact BP to discuss the issue but he failed to take the call and did not attempt to phone the Chairman back. PW read the email that had been sent to the CESA chairman which also included a note of thanks to BP for his representation on the Council. SR stated that she had attended the last meeting and she had been informed that BP had been informed of various Association events that had been going on, of which none had been passed to the Branch. RH went on to evidence this by going through what BP had reported from the CESA meeting in the last 12 months. RH thanked DG for raising the issue. TW stated that as a new member he was appalled that a member of this Branch had verbally abused female, or otherwise, members of the Association and that any such person such not represent the Branch. PW proposed that BP be removed from the role of CESA rep. and that SR and AS represent the Branch for CESA moving forward. Seconded by FH, the majority where in favour. JW stated that if BP is to further attend meetings, he should firstly apologies to both SR and AS. AP stated that this should be included within the letter. All members where in favour.

## 6.0 Communications –

6.1 An email was received from the Association Secretary as follows:

*Good morning all*

*I have had an enquiry based around the validity of a certain medal.*

*On investigating I have discovered that yet another unofficial medal has been struck - "The Queens Sapphire Medal".*

*Just to clarify the Government response to this, I reproduce their statement below:-*

*Queens Sapphire Jubilee Medal (Unofficial)*

*There are currently no plans to issue a new jubilee medal to the British Armed Forces in respect of the 65th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II.*

*Any medal you may have seen advertised is a commercial venture and has not been given the Sovereign's permission (February 2017).*

*These things are a great vehicle for someone to make money from (some for good causes accepted) but do prove to be a pain.*

*It is my understanding that these along with all other commemorative or unofficial medals are not accepted by the RBL nor are they therefore by our association.*

*Keep your eyes peeled!*

6.2 An email was received from the Association Secretary as follows:

*All branch secretaries*

*Good morning all*

*Below is an extract of an email from the Regimental Secretary, it is in regard to another Poppy Day related piece of commemorative art.*

*In essence a ceramic 3d framed poppy bearing our Corps cap badge is available to anyone who wishes to purchase the same, each purchase will generate a donation to the Association funds of £25.*

*I am not in any endorsing this product.*

*All enquiries should be made via the company website.*

*Regards*

Stewart

Our Poppy website is [www.poppyframes.co.uk](http://www.poppyframes.co.uk)

Anyone who is connected to the Royal Military Police can purchase a Poppy through our website or by ringing the gallery on the number below.

The cost of the Poppy is £150.00

If the Royal Military Police has a charity retail out let and wishes to collect money for themselves, we have arrangements for this and I can send you the details

As discussed we give £25.00 on every poppy sold to that particular regimental cap badge situated in the centre of the poppy.

We have already raised £50.000 for the Royal Military Police Charity

Kind Regards

Julie Collister

Director

Liaisons UK Ltd

Website: <http://www.frameuk.net>



Royal Military Police Ceramic Framed Poppy

6.3 An email was received from the Western Australia Branch RMPA as follows:

*Good Afternoon Al*

*Please find attached PDF of our September Newsletter and I hope you find the articles of interest. I thank those that entrusted me with their submitted content. Our mailing list includes Secretaries of all RMPA Branches with the intention that they onforward to their Branch members. I receive many enquiries from members overseas requesting whether there is an outstanding newsletter which indicates some branches do not distribute to their members and I therefore ask that this is done as a routine. Any Branch that does not wish to receive our newsletter only needs to let me know so that I can remove the address from our list.*

*Best Wishes*

*Trevor Margetson*

*Editor Redcaps Newsletter*

*RMPA Western Australia Branch*

The Secretary will place a copy of this newsletter on the Facebook Group

6.4 An email was received from the Association Secretary as follows:

**All branch secretaries**

*Good morning one and all*

*You will note that in the minutes of the Trustees meeting circulated there is mention of the Association marking the retirement of Allan Barley, who is hanging up his clip board after many successful and full years of organising all sorts of events on behalf of the Association and indeed Corps.*

*Obviously a set of coasters from the RHQ shop may be simple but not perhaps fitting. We will seek to find a suitable and hopefully unique gift accordingly.*

*This approach is simply to ask the question of you all -*

*Would your branch contribute to the gift?*

*Is your branch able to offer a set amount?*

*Would that amount be £50 or £100 ? (PW: later changed to £30)*

*I will compile the answers and come back out hopefully with a consensus.*

*Regards*

*Stewart*

PW Proposed that the branch donate £30 to the fund for Maj. Barley. Seconded by SR. Majority in favour. Motion carried.

6.4 An email was received from the Association Secretary as follows:

**All branch secretaries**

*Good afternoon one and all*

*At point 10 under AOB in the recently circulated minutes of the Trustees meeting of September 2017 you will find reference to a an Equal Opportunities Policy document.*

*Please find attached this a copy of this document for inclusion as annex A to the rules of the association.*

*Regards*

6.5 An email was received from Joy Eggleton asking for Branches to send in the Annual Branch Activity report along with the financial report and cash holding for 2017. This should reach the Admin Secretary no later than 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018.

6.6 An email was received from Bob Eggleton which included a copy of the Trustees Meeting Minutes from 23<sup>rd</sup> September. A copy of which was disseminated amongst the Branch Members.

## 7.0 Reports

### 7.1 CESA Report – SR/AS reported on the following

7.1.1 Battle of Britain – Service was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September.

7.1.2 REME Dinner – Took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> September

7.1.3 Standard Bearers – Various standard bearers are standing down.

7.1.4 Remembrance Day – this year is the Saturday and Standard will be present at the Cenotaph.

7.1.5 SR stated that previously information had been presented in written form and that as far as they were aware, we had not received this at Branch level.

7.2 Website – MW was present and stated that he need to stand down from his position. PW will discuss this with him to see what the possibilities are moving the website.

7.3 Standard Bearer – PW reported that the standard was not carried in September.

7.4 Corps Journal – PW stated that he is in the process of putting together an article

7.5 Liaison Officer – JW reported that

7.5.1 there is a new CO for 1RMP Col. D. Hutchinson.

7.5.2 He also reported that 243 Pro Coy is now concentrating on 'Mobility Support' also known as Route Signing!!

7.5.3 Next year 243 Pro Coy are looking at putting on a 252 Pro Coy Reunion at some point next year, JW will keep the Branch informed as this develops.

## 8.0 Social Events –

### 8.1 Annual Dinner –

8.1.1 PW stated that it was very disappointing that members did not support the event. PW proposed that the planning that was put into this year's event should be carried forward in its entirety for the 2018 event. This will allow the Branch to advertise the event straight away so that other Branches have a better chance in supporting the event. Seconded by AP Unanimous.

## 9.0 Any Other Business –

9.1 PW spoke about the Branch Facebook page, stating that whilst the National RMPA Facebook page was indeed a good thing, it lacked the ability to concentrate issues on a local basis. He stated that the existing Facebook page for the Branch is now back up and running and in future all items relating to the Branch, including minutes and invitations to various events would be placed directly onto the Facebook page.

9.2 RH stated that we did have a member attend the Annual Dinner, which was Jim Nylan from the West Yorkshire Branch. He had already booked and paid for his hotel room and therefore decided to come to Hull. PW, PC and AP took him out for one or two beers on the Friday evening.

- 10.0** The time being 21.09hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 19.30hrs. for a 20.00hrs start, **St. Vincent's Social Club**

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