



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 2nd November 2016

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

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 20.00hrs. RH gave the act of remembrance. A minutes silence was held for Brian Fenwick, who passed away earlier in the year, and for Andy Jefferson who passed away last week, and for Joe Matthews who passed away this week.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – as indicated above.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – A discussion was had about the members that have passed away and the Branch passed their best wishes to the family and friends of those that passed. We will remember them.
- 4.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – BB proposed that the minutes of the meeting were correct. Seconded by DG. All in favour. PW apologised for the tardy way in which the online minutes where posted this month. It was entirely his fault.
- 5.0 Matter Arising – Members where reminded that if they wanted to attend the Aden Vets Annual Dinner in January, they need to let the Branch Secretary know by Novembers Branch Meeting but certainly they should notify the Secretary by the end of Novemebr at the absolute latest. (Currently the following indicated they wanted tickets: FH x 7, BH x 2, PW x 2, SR x 1)

6.0 Communications – The Branch had received the following:

- 6.1 A letter was received from Lt. Col. M. John RMP CO 1RMP, thanking the Branch for their hospitality at the recent Annual Dinner. He thought that the event was a great success and wished us well for the future.
- 6.2 An email was received from RMPA Hon. Secretary Joy Eggleton, laying out new procedures for reporting of deaths and nominations of Honours and Awards.
- 6.3 An email was received from Capt. Chris Fawcett, Regimental Signals, Media and Security Officer, 1RMP as follows:

Sir's , All,

ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION - FACEBOOK

1. **Issue.** *Launch of the new RMPA Facebook page.*
2. **Request.** *It is kindly requested that RMPA members/Branches complete the following:*
 - a) *RMPA members. Search for Royal Military Police Association or @rmpassociation on Facebook and 'Like' the page.*
 - b) *RMPA Branches. Identify a suitable Representative from each Branch to become the Branch Media Representative. They will need to:*
 - i. *Send a friend request to befriend Roy Millpole on Facebook (the 1 RMP Media Officer profile).*
 - ii. *Act as the point of contact for each branch to upload Branch activity to the page.*
3. **Timing.** *Urgent – the sooner the Facebook page is established the sooner it will provide a focal point for RMPA news.*
4. **Background.** *The page will provide a 'one stop shop' for the RMPA. For those of you that follow the 1 RMP, 4 RMP or 1 MP Brigade pages it is designed along the same lines to deliver RMPA news to members across the world, whether serving or veteran, and to the wider public in a timely fashion. It is an easily controlled, easily accessible way of advertising the good work and commitment shown by members of the RMPA.*

I have the following Branches already represented:

- *NE Branch – Bob Hodgson*
- *Hull and ER Branch – Pete Watson*
- *West Yorks – David Paynter*
- *East Sussex – John Blaker*
- *South Wales – Steve McManus*
- *SIB – Nick Rowley*

5. **Security.** *The page is a public page. It will be down to Branch Representatives to ensure that those appearing in pictures are happy to do so; likewise individuals will have a responsibility to identify their concerns to their Representative. That said, much of the work of the RMPA is already publicised through the Journal and through local and National papers; if individuals are happy to appear in these I would suggest that an appearance on Facebook should be of little concern. I have applied the same filters to the page that are applied to*

Military sponsored pages, so any posts that contain profanity, 'hate' or controversial words will be automatically hidden.

6. Summary. The Facebook page is an effective media tool to cascade the RMP/RMPA message to the community quickly and effectively. Modernising the way in which we communicate ensures the message can be passed out far and wide and will act as an important bridge between serving RMP and RMP veterans. Comments so far are positive with over 200 people already following the page. Queries are already coming in from people trying to identify their local Branches.

I am happy to attend Branches to discuss the use of social media, or I can put you in touch with the other Media Officers' in the Brigade who I am sure will assist where possible. We all have good links in to Forces TV and BFBS Radio.

Please engage, please use your Representatives, and please do not hesitate to contact me for advice or assistance.

Chris

Capt Chris Fawcett | Regimental Signals, Media and Security Officer | 1st Regiment Royal Military Police

7.0 Reports

7.1 CESA Report – BP reported that previously they had run raffles and the proceeds had been sent to The Gurkhas, it has now been decided that the funds be kept within the CESA.

7.1.1 Remembrance Day, form up at the Cenotaph at 10.30hrs, no parade.

7.1.2 Remembrance Sunday – Form up for the parade on Pease Street, Anlaby Road at 10.30hrs. March off at 10.45hrs. DK will carry the Standard on the day. PC will lay the wreath. PW will get the wreath to DC.

7.2 Website – No report.

7.3 Standard Bearer – PW reported that the Branch Standard had not been used in November. DK remains that Branch Standard which is currently held by PW. DE will carry the Standard for Andy Jeffersons Funeral. DK will carry the Standard for Remembrance Sunday.

7.4 Corps Journal – PW stated that he will put together the next article for the Journal.

7.5 Liaison Officer – Capt. Whitehead reiterated the previous discussion regarding Facebook.

8.0 Social Events –

8.1 December Social Event. – PW reminded members that they had voted to have a social event instead of the Branch Meeting. RH stated that he had approached the Springhead Golf Club and they will provide a buffet at a cost of £5/head. He proposed that we accept this offer. PW seconded all in favour. RH stated that he would book initially for 20. PW stated that he would ring round the week before to firm up numbers.

8.2 Annual Dinner 2017 – RH stated that we really ought to start thinking about the details for next year's Annual Dinner. FM stated that he had an Annual Dinner without entertainment and it was quite enjoyable. RH stated that traditionally we always have the Annual Dinner on the last Saturday in September; this is not available at the Beverley Road Mason's Lodge. RH stated that we could have the last Saturday at the Dagger lane Lodge using the same Chef from Beverley Road. RH proposed that if the venue is available that we book it. FH Seconded, all in favour. RH will book the Dagger Lane Venue for next year.

9.0 Any Other Business –

9.1 PW – Andy Jefferson Funeral details. Friday 11th November 2016 at 14.30hrs. Branch Members should wear Berets, Blazers and Medals.

9.2 BP – 1940's Christmas Party at the Cleveland Club 25th November. Ruby Red's will be performing amongst others. A buffet will be provided. Tickets are £5 each and are available from BP.

10.0 The time being 20.46hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by RH. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 19.30 hrs. for a 20.00hrs start, St. Vincent's Social Club, Queen Road, Hull.

Agenda for December's Meeting

Eat Drink and Be Merry!!

Remembering with fondness, Jeffo and Joe. RIP



Ex-SSGT Andy 'Jeffo' Jefferson RMP



Ex-SGT Joe Matthews ACC

We Will Remember Them.