



Minutes of Bi-Monthly meeting
of the RMA New Zealand Branch
Held at Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland
7 August 2010

Attendees

Phil Ayling	Ticker Ayling
Barbara Harker	Noel Harker
Katherine Beare	Max Beare
Gill Collins	Peter Collins
Martin Kavanagh	Jacqui Mellamphy
Gloria Moore	Gordon Moore
Rob Morrice	Bob Reay
Steve Ritson	Jim Roots
Joe Simms	Pip Townsend
Darren Wood	

Apologies

Keith Anniss	Edwin Barton
Bob Battersby	John Glaze
Vince Harris	Harold Robinson

The meeting opened with the Royal Marines Prayer read by Steve Ritson.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Nothing outstanding from the previous minutes.

Alan Todd passed away in June in the UK.

Meetings to remain on 2nd Saturday bi-monthly.

“Nothing Impossible, A Portrait of the Royal Marines” book purchased for £46.50, (\$101.51NZ). Publication date 28 October 2010, will be sent out a few days later.

Jim Withers will be conducting the Corps Birthday Service.

Proposed	Gordon Moore
Seconded	Bob Reay
	All in favour

Correspondence Inwards

- Email from Paul Wood seeking details of his Grandfather who was killed by a Kamikaze attack in the 2nd World War. Passed to Corps Historical Records for them to contact him.

Correspondence Outward

- Thank you letter sent to Cliff Heywood as guest speaker at the June meeting.
- Invitation letter to be guest speaker at Corps Birthday sent to Judith Collins, who declined due to a conflicting commitment.



- Invitation letter to be guest speaker sent to Hon Dr Wayne Mapp, Minister of Defence, who has accepted. Dr Mapp is also the Member of Parliament for Auckland's North Shore

President's Report

- Dai Gwilliam is now unable to attend today's meeting, his Filipino wife was unable to get an NZ Visa.
- Moneys for Corps Birthday now due, \$21 per head. Please get to Jacqui as soon as possible.
- We need to give the Birkenhead RSA a minimum of one week's notice of our numbers attending for catering purposes.
- Dennis Wilkinson has advised he will be there to run the raffles.
- British Airborne Forces NZ (BAFNZ) are holding a social at the East Coast Bays RSA in Browns Bay on Auckland's North Shore on 11 September at 12.00pm, and our members have been invited to join them. Please contact Ken Catt on kiwicatt@xtra.co.nz.
- We have invited the Auckland based members of the BAFNZ to attend our Corps Birthday celebrations, although no responses from them yet.
- Charles Arthur Bingley, CH115456 passed away on 1 July 2010. Our member, Peter Coombe represented the RMA at the funeral. Peter is looking to get some history from Charles's family and John Glaze will be approached with a view to writing an obituary for the Globe and Laurel.
- Interactive Form – Jacqui, Phil and Darren to discuss outside of this meeting.

Vice President's Report

- Web-page, Tony in Australia is very busy at present, and as he is a volunteer for us, we can't put any pressure on him. Post meeting note: Tony has recently updated our images on the web
- Photos of the RMA's assets and books have been sent to Tony to be updated on the website.
- The historical page he is having a bit of difficulty with, and is working on a new format at present.
- Banners are \$12.00 each if anyone would like one, please ask Phil Ayling.
- Looking at purchasing Polo shirts with Corps badge on them, Phil has located some shirts for around \$7.00 each, then they need the badge put on them. Anyone interested in a polo shirt, please advise Phil with sizes and numbers.
- Darren Woods and Phil Ayling to discuss the possibility of getting these through PRI shops in the UK.
- Suggestion that can get these shirts through the 'Gold Wire Company' at \$36.00 each.



Treasurer's Report

Report from Jacqui Mellamphy, Treasurer on the finances.

Current Account has a balance of	\$3,059.99
Ready Saver Account has a balance of	\$2,672.57
Term Deposit (maturing 15/12/10) has a balance of	\$6,000.00

Cheque received from Dennis Harvey for \$42.00 for two tickets at the Corps Birthday.

Please, if you use electronic banking, put your surname in the fields so we can track who has deposited funds.

Request that the Globe and Laurel that Dennis Ayling receives be paid for by the RMA. Noel advised that this has always been paid for by the RMA. Jacqui to send cheque in payment.

Proposed	Darren Woods
Seconded	Steve Ritson
	All in favour

Report from Sick Visitor – recent visits

Charles and Celia Lashmar - visited by Max Beare, and Ticker Ayling. Charles goes into respite care every three weeks.

Report from Standard Bearer

Standard not presented in last two months.

Globe and Laurel and Publications

Ken Weldon was voted in as our Globe and Laurel representative. Last entry had a couple of inaccuracies, but good effort overall. Peter to contact Ken to talk through what we would like/expect for our reports.

Facebook

Darren Woods has put the RMA on Facebook. So far there are 24 members, and you can put photos and memorabilia on there. Darren will bring a data projector and laptop to the next meeting and show the members how to use Facebook.

Corps Birthday

Suggested by Peter that the RMA pay \$147 from our funds for the tickets for Dr Wayne Mapp and wife, Padre Colin Gordon (RNZN) and partner, Jim Withers and wife and our auditor, Ian Pallas.

Proposed	Bob Reay
Seconded	Noel Harker
	All in favour



Pip Townend made a donation of \$50.00 towards these costs as he is unable to attend, having a conflicting commitment. Many thanks to Pip for this generous donation.

Suggestion that John Connolly (ex Bootneck and injured policeman) and wife also be invited to our birthday celebrations. Peter to send them an invite.

Suggestion that the RMA funds a sum not exceeding \$300 towards the wine for toasts at the tables. It is expected that the sum will be considerably lower than this.

Proposed	Gordon Moore
Seconded	Max Beare
	All in favour

Barbara Harker suggested that Noel and herself walk around and top up people's glasses in time for the loyal toasts, as in the past people haven't been aware that wine was available at the time.

General Business

Globe and Laurel, Navy Today, NZ Navy, RMA2009 are available at the meetings. Please feel free to take a copy of these.

Gordon Mitchell, son of ex Royal from the 50s, asked if subs have been received. Jacqui to check accounts and Peter to contact Gordon again.

Jim Roots is going to the UK in a few weeks; he will take some banners with him.

Thanks from Martin Kavanagh and Kim Hill for flowers on Chloe's birth.

Meeting closed at 2.55pm.