



Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the RMA New Zealand Branch

Held at

Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland

9th of April 2011

Attendees

Dennis Ayling

David Bailey

Bob Battersby

Max Beare

Gill Collins

David Glen

Jacqui Mellamphy

Gordon Moore

Harold Robinson

Pip Townend

Phil Ayling

Heather Bailey

Katherine Beare

Colin Campbell

Peter Collins

Martin Kavanagh

Gloria Moore

Rob Morrice

James Roots

Darren Wood

Apologies

Mick McMahon

Joe Sims

Brendon Johnson

Keith Anniss

Steve Ritson

Noel Harker

Edwin Barton

Jock Munro

Meeting opened at 2.15pm.

Colonel Bailey read the Corps Prayer.

Welcome to Damian Millington, ex CPO Wtr RN and invited to join the Association

Peter will discuss with Brendon in respect of the Entertainments Officer's role.

Newsletters from Australia have re-commenced although not always good quality print.

Minutes – photocopies of the minutes will be available at the start of the meeting; it takes too long to read them out; this worked well at this meeting.

Proposed

Dennis Ayling

Seconded

Max Beare

All in favour

Correspondence Inwards

- Barbara Hunter has resigned as she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is the daughter of an ex Bootneck. Peter sent her a card on behalf of the Association with best wishes and "thinking of you."
- Email from Brian and Diane Bartlett; thank you for the welcome at our meeting.
- Thank you email from Commandant General for generous donation from Pip Townend.



President's Report

- Patrick Toner and Jim Beggs attended a Government House reception. A report was received from Jim Beggs and sent to all members of their experience.
- Jim and Dee Roots met with Brian Pearson and his wife when they were in Auckland on a cruise. Brian gave Jim a Marine Teddy Bear to present to the Association as a mascot.
- Darren Broadbent – his email address is coming back as undeliverable; no answer to phone calls either. Does anyone know of his new details?
- Congratulations to Brendon Johnson's wife Catherine on completing the Auckland Half Iron Man competition. She has now entered into the Full Iron Man in Taupo for 2012. Well done Catherine.
- Correspondence has been received from our Christchurch members; all have had some building structure damage with the earthquakes but nothing major.
- ANZAC Day Parade – we have been invited to the Pt Chevalier RSA to lay a wreath. Only small numbers now go to the Cenotaph, suggestion that members come to the Pt Chevalier RSA. Discussion was held over this, as we have been invited to the Cenotaph and it will be hard to get that invite back again. It is up to the individual member where they parade on ANZAC Day. People have their own preferences and it is not up to the Association to decide where people parade.
- Phil Ayling proposed that the President will go where the Standard is.

Proposed

Philip Ayling

Seconded

Bob Battersby

All in Favour

Vice President's Report

- Tony Smith, Website Manager, has a lot on his plate, currently looking at historical site.
- If you have any photos, please email them to Phil at Ticker2000@xtra.co.nz with a description of the event, the date and the people.
- Phil has one badge available for someone to take. First up first served.
- Captain. Parson's book "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" has all the history of our Association.

Secretary's Report

As we still have no Secretary there is no report. **Is anyone prepared to take on this role?**

A big thank you to Jacqui Mellamphy for taking the minutes.



Treasurer's Report

The book "Nothing Impossible"; Brendon Johnson took this at the end of the last meeting. Peter Collins to ask him for the book, or to be handed to the next person.

Current Account has a balance of	\$3,822.88
Ready Saver Account has a balance of	\$2,690.41
Term Deposit has a balance of	\$6,075.45
Total in Bank	\$12,588.74

Proposal that members give the Committee the authority to decide what to do with some of the funds.

Proposed	Jim Roots
Seconded	David Glen
	All in Favour

- The funds are there for the benefit of our members; we don't have a Charter to dictate what we spend our funds on. Propositions and voting is the protocol for deciding on expenditure.
- Suggestion that we purchase DVDs, CDs etc and rent them out to members for a few dollars. Max Beare volunteered to see if there is any value in this and if it would work, as he did this previously. Max would require \$50 to start the library up, including postage etc. This will be ready by the next meeting. Max to give update at next meeting.

Proposed	David Glen
Seconded	Gordon Moore
	All in Favour

Report from Standard Bearer

No recent marches.

Report from Sick Visitor

- Dan Archer's wife Beryl, suffered a brain haemorrhage last month, she is recovering but needs lots of rest.
- Joe Sims is not well, Max Beare visits him frequently.

Globe and Laurel

Ken Weldon is currently on holiday in Australia. Peter Collins to write next report.

New Members

- Neil Grant and Ian Smith are both be rejoins. Welcome to both.



- Graham Barber from Bovington is now in New Zealand and has expressed interest.
- Duncan Cook from the Coromandel has been in contact with John Glaze. John has also identified Steve Coombe, who is a helicopter pilot in Wanaka, and Peter is pursuing.

General Business

- David Glen nominated himself for Entertainments Officer. We need to follow protocols for new committee members.
- Need propositions from the floor each meeting for Entertainment and then vote at each meeting what the members would like to do.
- Suggestion that we put aside some funds for entertainment and welfare each year.
- Pip Townend thought it would be a good idea to reinstate the Corps Drums. Unfortunately we don't have enough younger musicians to restart this.
- There is a Marine Bandsman Reunion in 2013. The RMA could be involved in this as it will be in Whangaparaoa and Max Beare is organising it. There will be 40 bandsmen attending.
- Harold Robinson suggested we give the membership list to the members – there are privacy issues with this, so we won't be doing this. If you need to contact any member please liaise through either Peter or Jacqui.

Next meetings

AGM is Saturday 21 May, brought forward as Jacqui and Phil will be out of the country on holiday on 11 June. Need to check with Ian Pallas if books can be audited in time.

Meeting closed at 3.20pm.