



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the RMA New Zealand Branch**  
**Held at**  
**Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland**  
**8<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**Attendees**

Dennis Ayling (Ticker)	Phil Ayling	Max Beare
Michelle Coleborn	Peter Collins	David Glen
Pip Townend	Brian Hibbert	Martin Kavanagh
Mick McMahon	Jacqui Mellamphy	Gloria Moore
Gordon Moore	Rob Morrice	Bob Reay
Jim Roots		

**Apologies**

Bob Battersby	Colin Campbell (by phone)	Noel Harker
Vince Harris	Joe Simms	

**Visitors**

Brian Hibbert

Meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

Loyal Toast to the Queen.

Royal Marines Prayer recited by Brian Hibbert

A moment's silence was observed for fallen comrades in Afghanistan Marine David Fairbrother 42 Commando small arms fire and Sergeant Barry Weston 42 Commando – Improvised explosive device

Welcome to our visitors. Brian Hibbert who served with Peter Collins in the early 70s and retired as the WO1 of the Chefs Branch, and Michelle Coleborn, cousin of Phil Ayling both here for the Rugby World Cup.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Matters Arising:**

- Voted in last meeting \$500 and \$50 sent to Sharon Wigley of the Shrapnel Charity. Peter forwarded a cheque for £300. Thank you e-mail received. Awaiting a receipt.
- Warrant Officer 2 Phil King emigrating in December and bringing Standard Bearer's gauntlets courtesy of the RM Band.

<b>Proposed</b>	Gordon Moore
<b>Seconded</b>	Mick McMahon
	All in favour



## **New Business**

### **Potential New Members:**

- Kevin (Barney) Charlwood (MP) – contact by John Glaze – Northland Coastguard
- John Swanepoel (DL and then physio) – Tauranga. Peter’s company’s external auditor!!
- David Boyes – served on HMS Belfast during the Arctic Convoys and later in the Pacific and Korean War – picked up by Colonel David Bailey from an article in a magazine entitled “This England and Evergreen”
- Craig Purvis – Vince Harris
- Now waiting on service sheets and application forms.

### **Inward Correspondence**

- Letter from the Governor-General accepting our invitation to be our patron
- Letter from Watties Heinz approving raffle prize donations
- E-mail from Peter Moore – served 1990-95 – looking for work in NZ – put him in contact with recruitment agency - Bobbie-Joe
- E-mail from Gordon Munro son of our deceased member Eddie – requesting service details for a plaque on his headstone – referred to Corps Historical Records
- E-mail from the NZ Navy Museum – Edwin has left his medals to the museum – they sought some service history and the query has been directed to RN Historical Records in the UK
- Daughter of Henry Thornton Cunningham – served in the RM 1942 to 1952 – seeking Service History – Peter passed onto Corps Historical Records
- E-mail from WO2 Phil King PO48783V – emigrating in the next couple of months
- E-mail from Donnie McLeod – Glasgow Branch of the RMA seeking assistance with employment in NZ – put him in touch with an IT Recruitment Agency

### **Outward Correspondence**

- Invite to Major Duncan Roy, Executive Officer of NZSAS and soon to be CO has accepted to be Guest Speaker Corps Birthday,
- E-mail and letter reminders sent to members who have not yet paid their subs!!

### **President’s Report**

- Long Service & Good Conduct Medal to Martin Kavanagh
- Charlie Hobson (Head Office) standing down as CEO at Christmas and the job description is now out. Peter sent a hearty thank you e-mail on behalf of the Branch.



- BAFA luncheon Saturday the 10th of September – 12 members in attendance and had a good afternoon. The RMA is invited to all these functions which are 3 monthly.
- BAFA reunion Rotorua – either 1st or last weekend of March 2012 – suggest we team up with them – Peter said he would trawl for feedback and liaise with Roy Tilley
- Visit of Frank Atkins to New Zealand – will attend February meeting. Ex NZ Army and the best mate of former Royal Jock Fraser (Jock was not a member as didn't know organisation existed!)
- Corps Birthday cake – Martin Kavanagh handling this. Naval chef will make this chocolate mud cake, and making an edible globe.
- Peter & Gill Collins hosting BBQ Saturday the 29th of October from 2pm onwards. All welcome.
- “Nothing Impossible” – Darren Wood has the book. Rob Morrice is next. Rob to contact Darren to hand it over
- Max Beare – Malaya Medal to be presented at the Corps Birthday

#### **Vice President's Report**

- Woolly jumpers – very small response and needed a minimum of 10 orders which was not met. Will try again next winter.
- Website – Tony in Australia has been on leave and ongoing jobs – Phil will send a reminder to Tony for updates
- Photos and momentos please give information, names, dates etc required
- Corp Birthday raffle donations have picked up and we have received a lot of good prizes.
- Email from Jack Munro if visitors to the Taupo area let him know and he will introduce or suggest places to go.
- Dennis Harvey Hawkes Bay giving miniatures for auction. Suggestion to give to museum, but Dennis wants them to be auctioned.

#### **Secretary's Report**

A friend of Peter and Gill Collins Joann Steel (and yes that is how it is spelt!) has put her hand up to be our secretary. She will be at the Corps Birthday. She is a PA so will be capable of doing this job.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Cheque 00 Account	\$4455.19	
Savings 30 Account	\$2703.92	
Investment 73 Account \$	\$6232.62	The accounts were accepted as a true record



### **Report from Standard Bearer**

Standard will be presented at the following parades

- Corps Birthday.
- Armistice Day November 11th
- Battle of River Plate December 12th

### **Report from Sick Visitor**

George MacLeod – Tauranga – is having some difficulties breathing on occasions but still makes it to the Officers' Club

### **Entertainments Officer Report**

- Shoot – Navy hasn't got back to Martin on this yet.
- Christmas December 10th– invite BAFF to hold at RSA, invite band to play to entertain the members.
- Martin and Jim arranging a meal at the next RMA meeting; Jim's band will play during the meal and then a band will entertain and then open doors to RSA's Pt. Chevalier and Browns Bay RSA's staff to be invited.
- Benefit – good social function and good for RSA profit.
- Jim Roots approached band who will play for free.
- RSA happy to host, \$16pp for 3 course meal, \$11 main meal.
- Suggestion of \$10 on door for public, given to band as thank you and that we buy band members drinks afterwards. Free attendance for members.
- Martin to send invite out with information closer to the date.
- Jim to find availability of band for late afternoon.
- Thank you to Martin and Jim for organising this.

### **Any Other Committee Members Reports**

#### **Propositions**

Stan Graylands donation for Eddie Munro \$100 cheque is to be written to RMA and \$15 put against Stan's subs and \$85 donation.

**Proposed**

Rob Morrice

**Secoded**

Gordon Moore

All in Favour



Corps Birthday cheque to Navy for cake, approx \$180 with edible globe using plaster of paris to build as template

**Proposed**

Mick McMahon

**Seconded**

Jim Roots

All in Favour

### **Globe and Laurel**

Blue Band magazine subscription -Max to bring costs to next meeting for Association to pay for this subscription.

### **Other General Business**

- Mick McMahon will bring in poppies at the Corps Birthday.
- Gary Coolley, the manager at the Birkenhead RSA and son-in-law of Bill Hale, Peter has asked that the RSA have extra staff on for drinks and RMA will pay , but they offered their staff for free.
- Johan (Photographer last year) coming with Gary.
- Pip asked what the Governor General could do for us. Peter to invite him to next year's birthday – he was invited this year but it was too soon after his investiture. To be invited as guest of honour next year.
- Max has DVD's of Edinburgh Tattoo, donations to RMA. Max will send copies to others if you wish.
- 'Once a Marine' car stickers – here for the taking.

### **Next Meeting**

- The date for the next meeting will be Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October
- The meeting closed at 2.20 pm.