



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the RMA New Zealand Branch
Held at
Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland
11th of August 2012**

Attendees:

Phil Ayling	Max Beare	Colin Campbell
Allen Coates (Guest)	Gill Collins	Peter Collins (President)
Martin Kavanagh	Pip Townend	Gloria Moore
Gordon Moore		

Apologies:

Rob Morrice	Pusser Hill	Dennis Harvey	Maria Harvey	Mick McMahon
Ticker Ayling	Jim Roots	Joann Steel	Noel Harker	Joe Simms
Jacqui Mellamphy				

Meeting opened at 2.05pm

Loyal Toast to the Queen

Royal Marines Prayer was recited by Phil Ayling

Matters Arising:

Correction to Ian Smith entry at the Treasurer's Report – should have been one year's subscription of \$15 with a donation of \$35 and not 2 years subscriptions with a donation of \$20.00.

Our details in the RSA Review have been updated as requested.

2 signatories are now required for withdrawals from our accounts

Minutes of Previous Meeting accepted as a true record

Proposed	Gordon Moore	Seconded	Marty Kavanagh
			All voted in favour

President's Report

George MacLeod obituary written by John Glaze will be in the next edition of the Globe & Laurel and was sent out to all members together with his biography.

Well done to Marty for organizing the excellent social after the AGM.

Our Guest of Honour at the Corps Birthday will now be Captain Jim Gilmour RNZN, Captain of the Fleet Operational Support and Commander of the Amphibious Task Force.

We have had a Corps Museum response in respect of an inaccurate entry re the late Lt Col George Dare Dowell VC – hopefully the error will be amended in the Autumn.



We received a membership application from a guy in the Tarankai – ex RNZN. He enclosed a letter that was supposedly from Major General Howes in recognition of his “service with a Marine Commando Unit in Malaya January 1958”. The letter was subsequently found to be fraudulent. His membership application was denied and returned with his cheque.

Joan Minkley (widow of a former member) has resigned her membership – her eyesight is failing and she is now unable to read the newsletters etc that we send out.

Our padre, Jim Withers, has confirmed that he will again be delighted to officiate at our Corps Birthday church service and attend the luncheon.

The Fleet Air Arm Association in NZ has disbanded – an article in the RSA Review. Peter has been in touch with a view to any of their members that might want to team up with us – nothing positive as yet.

Our member, Phil King, who recently retired from the Corps and moved to Christchurch, brought in his sea freight a lot of Corps related stuff – berets and badges, t shirts, hats, rugby shorts, plaques etc. Peter is hoping to set up a “stall” at the Corps Birthday with proceeds going into the funds. A willing volunteer is needed to be responsible for the stall. Names to Peter please.

Pip initiated discussions as to whether we should be looking to invite appropriate Embassy/High Commission personnel to the Corps Birthday – considerable discussions followed. It was agreed that we should look at this more closely for future celebrations rather than this year’s

Inward Correspondence

None since the last meeting.

Outward Correspondence

Peter sent an e-mail to our auditor, Ian Pallas, thanking him for once again reviewing and reporting on our accounts at the June meeting.

New Members

Allen Coates introduced himself and was invited to give a brief summary of his career in the Corps on completion of the meeting. Allen is now serving in the RNZN and we are hoping he will make an application for membership.

Vice President’s Report

Mick McMahon had sent his apologies - no report.

Treasurer’s Report

Rob Morrice had sent his apologies. He had sent the following summary to Peter prior to the meeting:



Cheque Account	\$4,177.34
Savings Account	\$2,722.05
Investment Account	\$6,376.42
Total	<u>\$13,275.81</u>

The accounts have been satisfactorily reconciled and formally handed over from Jacqui to Rob. Peter and Rob are both now signatories and Marty Kavanagh will also become a signatory. It is confirmed that 2 signatures are now required on withdrawals.

Secretary's Report

Joann had sent her apologies - no report.

Entertainments Rep's Report

Marty had explored a couple of avenues in respect of the Corps Birthday cake but had not been successful. Gordon & Gloria Moore said they would "give it a bash" this year. Good on them. Marty said he had a proposition to make in respect of a shooting package social in September.

Report from Standard Bearer

Gordon had nothing to report

Sick Visitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Post meeting notes – Jacqui had phoned Harold Robinson and reported that he "sounded good and is happy to be home. Peter had phoned Jock Munro who was in good spirits and was awaiting the arrival of our member Jim Begg, who was calling in en route from Paraparaumu Beach to Auckland.

Globe & Laurel Report:

Submission sent 29th of June. Peter had e-mailed a copy to members and sent hard copy to those without e-mail facility. Hard copies were available on the table to take.

Any Other Committee Members Reports

None

Propositions

A sum not exceeding \$300.00 to cover the toasting wine at the Corps Birthday.

Proposed	Marty Kavanagh	Seconded	Max Beare
			All voted in favour



5 tickets to be paid for totalling \$105.00 from the funds for our guests at the Corps Birthday – Captain Jim Gilmour RNZN & partner, Jim Withers (padre) & partner & Ian Pallas, our auditor.

Proposed Gordon Moore **Seconded** Phil Ayling
All voted in favour

Marty talked in some detail about a shooting package that he had arranged with a private shooting club via the RNZN. The event will take place on the Whangaroa peninsula on Sunday the 30th of September 2012 and will involve a good selection of weapons. Marty proposed that \$500.00 be made available to cover the cost of the ammunition. A full admin instruction will be sent out shortly.

Proposed Marty Kavanagh **Seconded** Gordon Moore
All voted in favour

Discussions were had in respect of what we would do with the proceeds from the Corps Birthday raffle and auction this time round. It was generally agreed that we would again donate them to the Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund. A proposition was deferred until the next meeting once actual proceeds were confirmed. Phil may not be able to get as many prizes as he has previously and our proceeds may not be as good as previously.

Other General Business

Marty has the book “Nothing Impossible – he will bring it to the next meeting.
Gordon has a book entitled “Vulcan 607 in the Falklands”. He will bring it along to the next meeting. There were discussions as to whether we should invite members of the British Airborne Forces Association (BAFA) to the Corps Birthday. As we were pretty much packed to the rafters last year it was agreed to defer a decision on this until we have a clearer indication of numbers attending.

Next Meeting

- Saturday 13th October at 2pm at Pt Chevalier RSA.
- The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

Actions from meeting 14th of June 2012

Rob to send Peter an updated members spreadsheet and a list of members who have not paid their subscriptions.