



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the RMA New Zealand Branch
Held at
Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland
9th June 2012**

Attendees

Dennis Ayling (Ticker)	Phil Ayling (Vice President)	Colonel David Bailey
Heather Bailey	Max Beare	Colin Campbell
Gill Collins	Peter Collins (President)	John Glaze
Mandy Glaze	Beryl Harris	Vince Harris
Paul Hill	Tracy Ann Hill	Mike Hollyman (FMFNZ)
Kim Kavanagh	Martin Kavanagh	Mick McMahon
Jacqui Mellamphy (Treasurer)	Rob Morrice	Ian Pallas (Auditor)
Bob Reay	Dietlind Roots	Jim Roots
Joann Steel (Secretary)	Pip Townend	

Apologies

Bob Battersby	Ben Curry	David Glen
Les Goodyear	Noel Harker	Jock Munro
Harold Robinson	Joe Simms	Ken Weldon

Visitors

Mike Hollyman (FMFNZ)

Meeting opened at 1.40pm

Loyal Toast to the Queen.

Royal Marines Prayer recited by Ticker Ayling

A moment's silence was observed for Fallen Comrades and special thoughts went to the family and friends of our members George MacCleod who passed away on Tuesday the 15th of May and Dave Addison on the 30th of May

Matters Arising:

Philip took an action to investigate the issue as to whether subscriptions should be waived at a certain age. Phil rang several different branches of the RSA and waiver of membership age varies from branch to branch. There is also the pride issue that members feel it is their duty to pay their membership. If there is hardship then it is better to take each issue on a case by case. It was decided to leave the membership as is and the matter is now closed.

Nothing more has been heard on potential member Allen Coates from the RNZN. Marty has spoken to him and he is doing Navy trade training. He wants to go on to do selection next year. He is keen to join the association, but he was not able to attend the meeting as he was not allowed out! Will leave it up to him to contact us when he can.

Jacqui contacted Ian Pallas in respect of our tax position and we do not have to worry about paying tax until our interest reaches \$1000. This is currently not an issue as we are only at \$300 in interest.



Minutes of Previous Meeting accepted as a true record

Proposed

Jim Roots

Seconded

Ticker Ayling

All voted in favour

President's Report

Peter went to the funeral of George MacLeod which was very well attended with lots of NZ Army representation both uniformed and retired. George left the New Zealand Army as a Lieutenant Colonel. Peter represented the RMA together with Dennis & Maria Harvey from Hawkes Bay and George Wootton from Tauranga.

The funeral of Dave Addison in Christchurch was attended by Brian Burgess as the official RMA representative who said a few words on our behalf. Ben Curry and Ian Smith and his wife also attended. Dave's widow was very appreciative of the RMA representation.

There was a disappointing turn out for the Anzac Day Parade with only 4 RMA members attending. The Standard and White Ensign were paraded and Peter laid a wreath laid on our behalf.

We sent some flowers to Kim and Marty on the birth of Joshua and we got a very nice thank you message from them both.

David Martyn (Pincher is his father, and also an ex Bootneck) who is a former Marine who was badly wounded in Afghanistan, and consequently medically discharged from the Corps, is looking to visit and work in NZ. His father is working with NZ Immigration to secure a work visa. David wants to do some adventurous work in New Zealand. Pip offered accommodation in the early stages so the networking system is working.

RSA Review: our contact details were out of date. We had two entries – one was right and one was wrong. Peter has sent updates and they have been acknowledged.

Dennis Wilkinson (who has a great sense of humour) will attend the Corps Birthday celebration but would like someone else to take on the raffle. Peter will talk to Brendon about possibly taking this over.

Inward Correspondence

Letter received from the Governor General's office and he is not available to be our Guest of Honour at the Corps Birthday.

Peter read out a letter from Jeannie MacLeod, George's daughter. It was a heartfelt letter and contained a pen picture of his life and career. John Glaze is producing an obituary for the Globe & Laurel.

The CO of Devonport Naval Base has accepted by an email 6th June to be our Guest of Honour at the Corps Birthday.

Outward Correspondence

Peter has responded to Jeannie MacLeod's letter.



Peter has sent a letter to the Levin RSA in respect of an “alleged” former Royal Marine. Peter has checked with the Corps Historical Records and there are no details of him in the capacity he has claimed and nor were his name or Service Number recognized.

New Members

Phil King Chch ex Sergeant Major of 10 Assault Squadron Royal Marines and David Boyes who is approaching 90 years old and lives in the Coromandel. Colonel David Bailey saw an article in the “This England” magazine and told Peter who followed up with David Boyes. Peter will try and visit him next time he is on the Coromandel.

Does anyone know of any reason why they should not become members? No – members accepted.

Vice President’s Report

The website is still continuing to grow and develop. Tony is working on ways to improve it. Films now run on the front page and there has been good feedback about them.

Phil has suggested that we try and look at a register for our older members and have a phone list and they are rung once a week to make sure they are okay. This has come about as Harold was in hospital and nobody knew. Peter said we still do not have a nominated sick visitor for Auckland, but this has been for a long time. Outside of Auckland Peter contacts local members in the area to act as representatives.

Harold sends his regards to everyone.

Treasurer’s Report

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

The investment account is due to mature on 17th December at 4.10% as agreed at the December meeting.

Jacqui raised the issue that only one signature is required to write cheques. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of this such as it’s hard to do internet banking with more than one signature. However it was agreed to have 2 signatures, but have a third person as well in case one of the others is not available. The signatories will probably be: Treasurer, President and Entertainment rep. To be finalised outside the meeting.

Jacqui also asked where do we draw the line at who is outside Auckland to pay \$15.00. Peter felt anyone who can reasonably be expected to attend the meetings and Auckland socials should be deemed to be “Auckland members” and pay the \$20.00 subscription. After a discussion it was agreed to take it on a case by case basis.

\$50.00 donation from our member Ian Smith which consisted of \$30 membership fees (2 years) and a \$20 donation.



Secretary's Report

No report.

Entertainments Rep's Report

After the meeting there are beers at the Mt Eden pub, then a meal and then off to the All Blacks V Ireland game. 18 people are going.

Sept: Looking at a shoot up at Whangarei Peninsula, followed by a BBQ and drinks. Maybe having static weapons stance to get reacquainted with your weapons and then do some shooting. Possible competition? More details at the next meeting.

Possible luncheon in the Devonport Senior Rates Mess – but have a tour of the ships and then go for lunch in one of the frigates Senior Rates Mess.

Report from Standard Bearer

Gordon apologised for lateness, and gave Gloria's apologies due to illness.

The standard has been presented 3 times:

St Patricks Church 23rd April for ANZAC

Pt Chev 25th April for ANZAC Day

Gordon went to his daughter's school to a class of 8 year old children. Gordon talked about his military life and the Standard. He said they asked good questions and he took a poppy for each child and they were very pleased with that.

2.30pm Ian Pallas arrived.

Sick Visitor's Report

Harold Robinson is in the Aratira Ward Level 14 in Auckland Hospital. He is still "chasing the nurses"!

Jock Munro - not too good.

Kathy Beare – Max said she is not good. Peter asked Max to pass on our good wishes.

Joe Simms – He has a large Hematoma. He sends us good wishes.

Globe & Laurel Report:

Submission sent 1st May.

Hard copies were available on the table to take.

Any Other Committee Members Reports

None

Propositions

A sum not exceeding \$120.00 to cover the finger food today.

Proposed

Mick McMahon

Seconded

Rob Morrice

All voted in favour



Other General Business

The book “Nothing Impossible” – not sure who has it- possibly Darren Wood.

Action: Peter to follow up.

Pip mentioned that Prince Philip (who is our Captain General) is still in hospital – should we send him a get well wish. Peter said that RMA Head Office in the UK will probably do that.

As Phil was stepping down as Vice President he thanked all the members for the support in his 3 year term. He said he had backed his dad all the way through, even though he (Phil) had never been in the Royal Marines! But he felt part of the Association and had really enjoyed the work, especially bringing the web side to the association as it has helped get new members. He and Jacqui intend to do more travelling. He wished everyone all the best. A big round of applause was given to Phil as thanks.

Next Meeting

- Saturday 11th August at 2pm at Pt Chevalier RSA.
- The meeting closed at 2.40pm to be followed by AGM.

Actions from meeting 14.4.12

- **Jacqui to give Peter a list of members who have not paid their subscriptions.**