



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the RMA New Zealand Branch
Held at
Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland
13th October 2012**

Attendees:

Ticker Ayling	Max Beare	Allen Coates
Gill Collins	Peter Collins (President)	Dave Glen
Martin Kavanagh	Mick McMahon (VP)	Gloria Moore
Gordon Moore	Rob Morrice (Treasurer)	Keiran Robinson (arrived 2.15pm)
Joann Steel (Secretary)	Pip Townend	

Apologies:

Noel & Barbara Harker	Pusser Hill	Jim & Dee Roots
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Meeting opened at 2.05pm

Loyal Toast to the Queen

Royal Marines Prayer recited by Dave Glen

A moment's silence for Fallen Comrades – our special thoughts and prayers go out to Maureen Munro on her very sad loss of Jock.

Matters Arising

Despite Marty's best efforts the shooting package has had to be cancelled due a change in the Navy's policy for the use of the range. The \$500.00 voted in at the last meeting not now needed and is null and void.

Raffle proceeds to be donated to RMCTF. Peter proposed that we await the final Corps Birthday finances and decide then on amount. However, there are two ways we could go; wait until the next meeting and see our finances, or go for it now and agree to donate the proceeds. We have a healthy bank balance of nearly 14K in the bank. Peter proposed to donate the proceeds anyway. (See propositions)

Marty suggested making a donation to the Fallen Hero's New Zealand, which is Fallen Comrades Trust for those killed in Afghanistan. Peter suggested that we need more information on it and for it to be formally proposed. Later in the meeting will make a proposition to donate all the raffle money to RMCTF.

Rob has sent an updated members list and the names of those still outstanding for subscriptions

Minutes of Previous Meeting accepted as a true record

Proposed	Gordon Moore	Seconded	Pip Townend
			All voted in favour



President's Report

Crossed the Bar – Jock Munro – much support to Maureen and family from the NZ Retired Police Club and the SBSA. (Special Boat Service Association)

Peter gave a brief outline of Jocks life:

Jock was born in Perth, Scotland in 1927. He served as an apprentice deck officer in the Merchant Navy in 1944/45. He then served in the Special Boat Service from 1945 to 1953. Next came the Exeter City Police from 1953 to 1959. He then served in the New Zealand Police from 1960 to 1985 including a stint in the Diplomatic Protection Squad from 1978 to 1985. Finally he served in the Probation Service from 1985 to 1990. He was a Justice of the Police and a recipient of the Queen's Police Medal. Jock and Maureen had just celebrated their Diamond Wedding and, knowing he didn't have long to live, he regarded this celebration as his funeral. Therefore there was no funeral as such and he was cremated before his death was announced.

There was a discussion around the 5 Royal Marines in the UK charged with murder of a Taliban member. They are all in 42 Commando. Peter said we just need to wait and see what happens, but hopes it's a fair result.

Cyril Doran has resigned. His wife, Philippa explained that he is unable to travel to meetings or read on the computer. She thanked the RMA for all its support.

Received an e-mail from Catharina, the partner of our deceased member, Bas Van Hof. She is in possession of a Netherlands Marine Corps Standard and is seeking to give it a good home. Phil has given Peter a list of websites to try. Peter has emailed them but no reply as yet. As a last resort, Peter will look at taking it and may look at putting in a church. We will not let it go to waste, especially as Bas was such an outstanding man with a highly distinguished Service History.

Helen Addison, widow of our deceased member, Dave, is having issues with the Pusser's pension people. Peter is assisting and there has been some good correspondence backwards and forwards as he is now included on all email correspondence.

Phil had given Peter some information on an organization called Laser Combat out at Swanson. Peter has spoken to the head honcho Carl or Magic (as he also does magic tricks), on the 27th of September. He is ex-RN and keen to team up with us, probably after Christmas. He would be happy to arrange a gathering for members to have a go. Peter to talk to Brendon as he may know him. He is keen to get us in for some entertainment.

Peter will chase members still outstanding for subscriptions by doing individual emails.

Peter proposed to talk about the Corps Birthday at the end of the meeting as it is only 2 weeks away.

Outward Correspondence

Peter sent our condolences to Maureen Munro on the 24th of September



Peter wrote to the Customer Service Manager for Watties seeking raffle prize donations. They have responded positively and Maria Harvey will bring the donations along to the CB.

E-mail and letter sent 23 August to subscriptions defaulters, and Peter will follow up with a second attempt shortly.

Inward Correspondence

We have received a Thank You card from Maureen Munro.

We received a card from Mary Lewis, widow of our deceased member, Eric, asking to come off our mailing list. At the time of Eric's death she wanted to stay on the mailing list, but now wants to come off. She has also made a \$50 donation for a raffle prize. Peter has replied to her.

Max received a letter from Lt Col Hoskins. Each year the Portsmouth Band play on the Memorial Bandstand at Walmer to honour the bandsmen killed by the IRA in 1989. Max would have elaborated on this, but had to go home early due to feeling unwell.

E-mail received from John Lees, secretary of the NSW Branch, again trawling enthusiasm for a big celebration in Oz to commemorate our 350th birthday. This will be in 2 years time and there will no doubt be much more correspondence.

New Members: Peter welcomed Al Coates who is fully paid up. Still waiting to hear from Andrew Marcel a recently retired WO2 and Peter Griffin ex 40 Commando and now living in Auckland.

Peter has received an Application Form and Service History Sheet from Mark (Bruce) Lee PO46738B - 530 Troop at CTCRM. He is now living at Hatfields Beach Orewa and only lives 300 metres from Brendon Johnson.

Pip Townend met a guy at the Warkworth Festival Saturday 6th of October. He is an ex Royal Marine who wants to join with another oppo. Peter has mailed him and has a response from him, so this looks promising.

Vice President's Report

Nothing to report. However Pip did say how much he enjoyed all the information that Peter emails out.

Gloria commented that the 350 year anniversary coincides with the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1. Will the Association be doing anything to commemorate it? Peter was not aware of it, but it can be discussed as we have 2 years to organise something.

Treasurer's Report

Updated subscriptions outstanding list from Rob to Peter.



Cheque Account	\$4,686.32
Savings Account	\$2,731.16
Investment Account	\$6,508.89
Total	<u>\$13,996.37</u>

Updated Corps Birthday list of attendees from Rob to Peter to inform the caterers of numbers. Currently the numbers stand at 46. Need final number by Thursday 18th October for caterers.
Please respond if you are going.

Secretary's Report

No report

Entertainments Rep's Report

Marty was disappointed that there would be no shoot, but it was beyond his control. Maybe do something towards Christmas time?

11th November is Armistice day. Presence at St. Matthews Hobson Street on the Sunday. Attendance is welcome. If attendance is not great may look at going to the Senotaph next year.

Report from Standard Bearer

Gordon had nothing to report

Sick Visitor's Report

Peter has received an email from Bill Houston in respect of Margaret. The cancer is terminal and she has been given about 3 months to live. Max & Kath Beare. Hopefully Max is on the mend. Kath has Alzheimer's and has her good and bad moments. She used to be a celebrant in her earlier years. Joe Simms. Bob Reay is suffering from shingles.

Globe & Laurel Report:

Globe & Laurel Report: Submission sent 31st of August – e-mail and hard copies were sent out - copies available at the meeting. The RMA branch copy goes to Ticker. \$71.54 re-imbusement to Peter for Branch Annual Subscriptions. Post meeting note – the article was not included in the latest edition for some reason.

Any Other Committee Members Reports

None

Propositions

Should the proceeds from CB raffle/auction to go to the RMCTF?

Proposed by Ticker Ayling

Seconded By Pip Townend

Carried Unanimously to donate all proceeds from the Corps Birthday raffle to the RMCTF.



Dave Glen supported the idea of a donation to NZ Fallen Comrades. A discussion followed.

Proposition: to make a \$500 donation to the NZFC.

Proposed: Marty Kavanagh

Seconded: Dave Glen

Carried Unanimously to make a \$500 donation to NZ Fallen Comrades.

To review next year where the donations go from the Corps Birthday.

General Business

Corps Birthday

Peter has to give the caterers numbers no later than Friday the 19th of October

Mick McMahon table mats – has several ideas to discuss with Peter.

Gordon & Gloria are coming along splendidly with the cake. To be reimbursed once finished.

Peter met our Guest of Honour at Auckland airport by accident – Captain Jim Gilmour of the RNZN. He seems a good chap and think he will give us value for money.

Jim Withers has Parish responsibilities this year and is unable to make the Corps Birthday. He has arranged for the–Devonport Naval Base Chaplain – Leon O’Flynn to replace him. Peter to email him to confirm.

Max to play the organ for the hymns Abide With Me and Eternal Father Strong to Save. If Max cannot make it he will arrange for someone else to play.

Phil to bring taped Last Post and Reveille.

Corps Casualty Officer has confirmed he will send the Roll of Honour to Peter

The book “Noting Impossible” to be taken to the Corps birthday.

Peter asked if there had been any responses to selling the ties and berries. No set price, but a small donation contact Peter.

Gill Collins will run a stall at the Corps birthday assisted by Angie McMahon – berets, Corps Ties etc, etc

Next Meeting

- Saturday 8th December at 2pm at Pt Chevalier RSA. (Joann confirmed date with RSA)
- The meeting closed at 3.30pm.