



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at
Point Chevalier RSA, Auckland
10th August 2013**

Attendees:

Ticker Ayling	David & Heather Bailey	Colin Campbell
Gill Collins	Peter Collins (President)	Peter Griffin
Beryl Harris	Vince Harris	Vanessa Jones
Gordon & Gloria Moore	Rob Morrice (Treasurer)	Joann Steel (Secretary)
Dave Workman		

Apologies:

Phil Ayling	Max & Kath Beare	Pusser Hill
Marty Kavanagh	Mick McMahan (Vice President)	Jacqui Mellamphy
Jim & Dee Roots	Joe Simms	

Meeting opened at 14.07

- Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen
- Royal Marines Prayer recited by Peter Griffin
- A moments silence for fallen comrades was observed.

Peter welcomed a first time visitor to the meeting – Dave Workman - Peter asked him to give us a brief update on his history after the meeting closed. Dave will be moving to Ashburton later in the year.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Matters Arising

The Point Chevalier RSA told us that our display cabinet must remain in the same place in the RSA and remain the same size. The one that Phil had researched was too big for that allocated spot. The \$998.00 that was voted in to purchase it is no longer needed. We will have to give this issue some further thought for going forward.

Proposer and a seconder that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record – vote

Proposed Ticker Ayling Seconder Gordon Moore

All voted in favour

President's Report

The Royal Marines Band Plymouth will be in NZ over the period 26th of September to 3rd of October and will be performing at Westlake Boys High School in Auckland at 1830 on Saturday the 28th of September – details to follow. Mick is attempting to get a visit programme and Peter is attempting to touch base with an appropriate contact in Plymouth.



Peter is also hoping to get in contact with the music director and maybe have a few beers with him. **(Post meeting note – we are still seeking final confirmation that the visit is on)**

There was a Government House Patronage Reception on the 20th of June. Patrick Toner and Roger Biggs represented the Association and it coincided with one of the worst storms for a long time and it took Roger 4 hours to get home instead of the normal one hour! A photo of Roger with the Governor-General was published in the latest G & L edition.

The Deputy Chief of Navy (Commodore Dean McDougall) has accepted our invitation to be the Guest of Honour at the Corps Birthday but will not be accompanied by his wife. The CO of HMNZS CANTERBURY will also be attending – Cdr David Turner RNZN – ex RN. He joined HMS GANGES in 1974 and got commissioned to Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth in 1978. Pusser Hill advises that he is a “good egg”!!

Peter reiterated that due to increasing work commitments Philip Ayling will not be able to chase up donations for our Corps Birthday raffle this year. Therefore we all need to rally round to seek or provide donations. Peter made a plea for all members to bring something for the raffle. It is not so much about the prizes, but the proceeds we can send to RMCTF.

Pusser Hill has suggested to the President of the Senior Rates Mess on HMNZS CANTERBURY with a view to them adopting us – no doubt Pusser will provide more details at the next meeting.

Peter sent a mail on the 24th of July to all those who had not yet paid their subs – can Rob provide Peter with an updated list of defaulters please? Rob gave Peter the latest updated list and Peter will follow up with non payers. At some point we will have to give up on non-payers. In Australia they are quite ruthless and Peter could be convinced to do this, but he will do one more follow up.

Vince suggested saying ‘their membership is suspended’ and they can rejoin at a later date if required. Peter thanked everyone for their suggestions and he now has a plan of action for wording.

Corps Birthday cake. This year is the 349th year. A vote was taken if everyone wanted a birthday cake. 5 against, majority in favour won. However, decided to have a small standard size cake. Gloria and Gordon volunteered to do the cake.

Action: Peter to investigate having a nip to toast the cake. Needs to be more definitive e.g. Baileys, Rum, soft drink.

Next year will be the 350th birthday of the Corps. Once this year’s birthday is over we will start more planning for this event.



Inward Correspondence:

Peter has had an e-mail from an ex Bootneck (Sigs) in the UK - Dave Vaudrey will be looking to re-locate to NZ in the near future – hopefully around September time. He left the Corps in 2000 and advises that “he still misses it.” He will attend a meeting at the very earliest opportunity.

Peter has had another e-mail from an ex Bootneck, Stephen Jones, who is currently going through the residential visa process in the UK. He served in 42 & 45 Commandos between 1992 and 1997. He will be looking for job offers – he is a qualified JOB electrician and graded technical & electrical site manager. He is currently working as a senior contract supervisor with a large facilities maintenance company. In his email reply to Peter he did answer Peter’s questions, but he was reluctant to give his service number. However, Peter believes he is genuine. Ian Smith in Christchurch has taken him under his wing and struck up correspondence. This is a good example of networking and the Corps Family at its best.

Outward Correspondence

Two Corps Birthday invitation letters sent to DCoN and Cdr Turner

New Members

None this time around, but there is potential from Dave and Stephen.

Vice President’s Report

Not present – apologies given.

Treasurer’s Report

Cheque Account	\$4,968.74
Savings Account	\$2,750.04
Investment Account	\$6,674.35
Total	<u>\$14,393.13</u>

Ingoing since last meeting (from 1st June to 8th August 2013):

\$792.00 deposited in to account. This consisted of:

☺	\$345 subs
☺	\$294 for 14 x Corps birthday tickets
☺	\$153 donation (N Harker/M Hine/D Ayling/P Ayling)

Outgoing

◆	\$200 MTA vouchers (Gordon)
◆	\$2.50 Cheque Duty



Notes

14 Corps Birthday tickets have been bought
40 people have now paid their subs.

Ticker's Nephew, Ian Pallis, was very pleased with the gift we gave him of a bottle of his favourite wine for doing our end of year accounts.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Entertainments Rep's Report

Many thanks to Marty for organizing an excellent All Blacks social. It was a great event and thoroughly enjoyed by all who went along.

Standard Bearer's Report

Nothing to report this time round

Sick Visitor's Report

Max Beare is currently under the doctor for depression, bronchitis and flu all in one!! In his words "not a good place to be but I will be back!!"

Globe & Laurel Report:

Submission sent 1st July - e-mail and hard copies were sent out - copies were available at the meeting.

Webmaster's Report:

N/A

Propositions:

That a sum not to exceed \$300.00 is made available to purchase toasting wine for the Corps Birthday

Approved by: Vince Harris

Seconded by: David Bailey
Carried unanimously

That all proceeds from the raffle and auction at the Corps Birthday are donated to the Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund

Approved by: Gordon Moore

Seconded by: David Bailey
Carried unanimously



General Business

What is the current location of book Nothing Impossible – last known to have been with Dave Glen? Has Dave still got the book?

Do we want to seriously consider using the Naval Base for Corps Birthday celebrations or are we happy to stay at the Birkenhead RSA?

Mick & Marty to research and we will discuss at the December meeting i.e. post this year's celebration. This issue will be discussed further at our December meeting, but Birkenhead RSA really do look after us.

Further discussions were held around the Plymouth RMA Band arrangements. Peter said he wants to make contact first and then once we know their schedule we will look in to doing anything we can.

Gloria asked if the band can bring out CDs for us to buy, or for the RMA to buy to some and sell them to members at a profit of charity. David Bailey said he had the address.

Gordon asked if some of our RMA members could appear with the band.

Next Meeting

- Saturday 12th October at 1400 at Pt Chevalier RSA
- The meeting closed at 2.50pm.