

## **THE ROYAL MARINES ASSOCIATION – NZ BRANCH**

Minutes of the regular meeting (bi-monthly) held on Saturday 8 November 2008  
@ 2pm at Pt Chevalier R.S.A.

Meeting Commenced at 2.00 with the President proposing the Loyal Toast. Bob Reay requested D. Ayling recite the Royal Marines Prayer. A moment of silence was held for absent friends and the passing of our member Walter May, PO/x 117882 and although not a member, Marine, Ron Brown

Members in attendance : R.Reay, N & B Harker, C. Ellis, P. Collins, D.Ayling(Ticker), H. Robinson, G & G Moore, C McRae.

Apologies: Eddie Edwardson, Bill Houston - Ausi, Steve Ritson & Philip Ayling who are overseas.

Minutes of the previous meeting September 13<sup>th</sup> 2008. The President moved the minutes be adopted. Proposed and seconded – G Moore/H.Robinson.

Matters Arising. We discussed the success of The Corp birthday luncheon, and Bob Reay will write and thank Brendan Johnson for his brilliant speech, Dennis Wilkinson from Australia and David Glenn for their Raffle MC skills !!!! Colleen Ellis will thank all raffle donors in the next newsletter & email the outside companies involved.

The RMA supplied the wine for the toasts, all other refreshments were at the expense of the attendees.

Joe Adam's medals were handed to his Sister, Dorothy Mortimer at the Corp Luncheon with a speech about Joe's endless generosity to the RMA & various other establishments who support the RMA. C Ellis will send Dorothy the next newsletter.

Guests of the RMA at the Luncheon were, The President of the Pt Chevalier RSA, Angus McKenna, Padre James Withers and our Auditor Ian Pallas. All 3 deserve A huge vote of thanks, these people offer their services to the RMA without cost every year.

Further discussions re the WWII Cruisers Assoc. members joining. Colleen will contact their President Bill Morland with an invitation to attend our next meeting and Peter Collins suggested, anyone wishing to join to attend 1 of our bi monthly meetings. Those not able to attend can contact Colleen. It was suggested that they join as Associate members of the RMA if they are not Marines.

Incoming Mail October -The Bootneck Bugle, NSW, RMA Newsletter. Globe & Laurel Magazine (Sept-October), UK. October & November issues of The Sea & Land ( RMA Queensland) booklets were tabled for perusal. A letter from Walter May's Daughter with Walter's service record which was read out by Bob Reay.

The 14 magazines titled, The Falklands War sent by Jules Jacobs have been received By Bob Reay who will write and thank him.

A member, has requested more articles from the G & L to be put in the newsletter.

Incoming Email. Dennis Harvey's email about Walter May's Funeral he attended at very short notice for the RMA.

Outgoing Mail. All non email members, who weren't able to attend the Luncheon, will receive a B & W copy of the Corp Birthday Placemat & Order of Service.

Also the non email members will receive a copy of an article from the Royal Navy Live welcoming the new First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope and the Obituary of Walter May.

Outgoing Email: All email members unable to attend the Luncheon received a full colour email ( as above) and a link to about Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope. The Monarchist League invitation. The Obituary of Walter May.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer gave an up to date detailed statement of the accounts & confirmed the raffle brought in \$425.00 from the Corp Luncheon. He advised us that a member of the RMA had made an anonymous & very generous donation of \$200.00.

Sick Bay : Edwin Barton & Colleen Ellis are on the mend and Colleen states dangerous' now she's all fixed.

Globe & Laurel. Peter Collins volunteered to organize the articles for the newsletter as they need to be emailed to the Secretary for insertion.

General Business.

Peter Collins will contact Chalky who's been posted to Christchurch and keep in touch to follow up on the other Marines to encourage them into the RMA.

Bob Reay is to organize a date for a 'get together' at the Pt Chevalier RSA before Christmas and advise Colleen Ellis who will email the members.

It was suggested by Colleen Ellis that we retry networking to assist members to the committee meetings.

Ticker Ayling, Gordon & Gloria Moore & Harold Robinson reminded us that the Armistice Day Parade was on the next day commencing at St Matthews in the City and they were planning to attend.

It was agreed that the minutes be distributed only to those attending from now on.

Graham Beesons article about his model of the HMS Neptune was discussed and will be in the next newsletter.

The meeting closed at 15.15 hours.

The next committee meeting will be at the Pt Chevalier RSA @ 2pm on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009.