



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA  
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, Auckland 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Attendees**

Mick McMahon	Rob Morrice	Peter & Gill Collins
Phil & Jackie Turner	Ticker Ayling	Vince & Beryl Harris
David & Heather Bailly	Dave Glen	Bob Reay
Ted & Jill Palmer	Pip Townend	Max Beare

**Apologies**

Gordon & Gloria Moore	Marty Kavanagh	Dave Vaudrey
Bob Garrett	Phil Ayling	Jacqui Mellamphy
Pusser Hill	Simon Smith	Noel Harker
Cuong Huynh	Bruce Cain	

The Loyal Toast – “Ladies and Gentlemen the Queen”

Royal Marines Prayer recited by Ted Palmer

A moment’s silence for Fallen Comrades

New Members in attendance: Welcome back to Ted and Gill Palmer who have now re-located to New Zealand

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Rob will be actioning the \$500.00 donation to the Sgt Blackman Support Fund and the Corps Birthday raffle proceeds to the RMCTF today. Peter has not got round to talking to Steve Campbell re our web site. No volunteer forthcoming to be our Standard Bearer. Proposer and a seconder that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Ticker Ayling and seconded by Max Beare. Carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**President’s Report:**

A Royal Marines Band Service re-union has been scheduled to be held in Adelaide over the weekend of 1 to 3 of April 2016.

This has been a very quiet 2 months in terms of new business – fortunately for Peter as he and Gill have bought and sold properties and have celebrated the arrival last Monday of their 2<sup>nd</sup> grandchild.

**Inward Correspondence:** Peter has received on behalf of the branch Christmas cards from the Governor-General and our member Peter Coombe in New Plymouth.

**Outward Correspondence:** Peter sent a thank you letter to our Corps Birthday Guest of Honour, Capt Maxine Lawes RNZN, and thank you e-mails to the Padre and the SRFM President.



**New Members:** Lt Cdr Cuong Huynh RNZN, former Lt Cdr RN and Adjutant of UKLF CSF and Simon Smith, son of Eric Smith. Eric was the only National Serviceman to attend and pass selection training for the SBS back in the 1950s.

**Vice President's Report:** Mick gave a big thank you to all those who helped arrange the Corps Birthday luncheon. Although a low turnout, it was a great event and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We will look at possible reasons for the low number and try to address them for next year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peter sent a chase up e-mail on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October to all members who had not yet paid their subs. He also agreed with Rob to make exceptions for 2 sons of Royal Marines and 2 members who are in rest homes. Pip was unable to make the Corps Birthday and has asked that his refund goes into the RMCTF.

**Current Statement** – as of 1/12/2015

Current Account	\$3,387.69
Ready Saver	\$2,803.05
Term Deposit	\$7,015.93
	\$13,206.67

Incoming - 8th October to 11th December 2015

\$355.00 subs,  
\$700.00 Corps Birthday tickets,  
\$378.00 from Corps Birthday Raffle,  
\$1.17 interest on Ready Saver account

Outgoing

\$2197.50 to Southern Spit BBQ  
\$127.21 Senior Rates Mess  
\$359.00 wine for Corps Birthday (\*cash from raffle used)  
\$100 organist  
\$150 refunds for Corps Birthday  
\$37.90 flowers for Pip Townend  
\$24.99 for new receipt book

Other notes:

Rob has not had time to coordinate with Peter in respect of the restructuring of our bank accounts.  
Pip's refund for Corps Birthday donated proceeds of Raffle Cash. (\$100)  
\$750 for Sgt Blackman's wife. Donation still needing to be paid

**Secretary's Report:** NTR

**Standard Bearer's Report:** Gordon paraded the Standard and Ticker the White Ensign on Armistice Day. We need a volunteer to take over as our Standard Bearer.

**Entertainment Members Report:** The PU scheduled for on completion of this meeting was cancelled due to Pusser having a conflicting appointment and to lack of take up which is not good. Peter had sent Pusser early apologies as he is against the pump in getting everything sorted for his house move next Wednesday. Pusser to start looking at putting together a night out for the Welsh rugby tour in June 2016.

**Sick Visitor's Report:** NTR

**Globe & Laurel Report:** Our Branch submission was sent on the 23rd of October and by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent at the end of this month.



**Webmaster's Report – NTR**

**Any Other Committee Members Report - none**

**Propositions NTR**

**Any other Business** – There was a suggestion that the Association should arrange for Christmas cards to be sent out to older members who are unable to make meetings and members in Rest Homes. Phil Turner undertook to take it on this year and we will get it rolling much earlier next year.

**Corps Birthday** A great day and thanks again to all our members who were involved with the preparations and on the day. Our raffle raised \$376.00 to be donated to the RMCTF.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.