



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, Auckland 15th August 2015**

Attendees

Peter & Gill Collins	Mick McMahon	Rob Morrice
Gordon & Gloria Moore	Marty Kavanagh	Phil Turner
Dave Glen	Ticker Ayling	Nathan Jones
Bob Garrett	Kit Gill	Dave Vaudrey
Bruce Cain		

Apologies

David & Heather Bailey	Pusser Hill	Phil Ayling
Jacqui Mellamphy	Vince & Beryl Harris	Max & Kath Beare
Steve Hall	Joe Simms	

The Loyal Toast – “Ladies and Gentlemen the Queen”

Royal Marines Prayer recited by: Nathan Jones

A moment’s silence for Fallen Comrades

New Members in attendance: None

Visitors welcome to: None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Nothing more has been heard in respect of Andrew Showler. No further matters arising from the previous minutes. Proposed by Bob Garrett and seconded by Ticker Ayling that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

New Business

President’s Report:

There was an article in the latest Globe and Laurel promoting a body in Australia entitled “Moving Down Under Royal”. It is aimed at younger ex Royals with a view to organising gatherings for a few wets and lamp swinging sessions. It is also intended as a support network facility offering advice on visas, work, events etc, It’s founder, Sam Russell, goes to lengths to explain that it is not intended to cause a “them and us” situation with the RMA and it is actually working to increase the RMA membership numbers. They also have a Facebook site – search “Sam Harvey Russell”. Further details are available from Sam at sambrisbane@gmail.com

Ray Wares who attended our meeting in April recently attended his inaugural meeting with the Brighton Hove and District Branch and presented our pennant to their Chairman.



Our member, Steve Hall, was talking to Andy Gollings, the CEO of Red Badge Security, whilst beasting him at his Bootcamp training. He expressed an interest in using casual labour from ex UK military guys. Peter had a meeting with him on Monday the 10th of August and he agreed to prepare a flyer that Peter will send out as an APB.

Inward Correspondence:

Ticker received a letter from Ken Gibson informing that his brother, Ian, is now in a nursing home in the UK. The suggestion was that Ian was once a member of our branch. Ticker doesn't recall him but will look back through any old records that he has – does anyone else? We have been unable to trace any documentation on him.

Peter had received an e-mail from ex WO2 Signals, Ted Palmer. He and his wife will arrive in New Zealand in December and he will be looking to take up immediate membership. He also referred to another ex SNCO Sigs, Paul Bowler. Apparently he used to live in Auckland and is looking to return in the near future. Phil Turner reported that he served with him and completed various signals courses with him.

Outward Correspondence:

Peter responded to Ken Gibson's letter seeking further information

New Members: Andy Menet, Bob Garrett, Steve Hall, and Kit Gill. In his absence Malcolm Bianchi was voted in as an Associate Member. Malcolm served for 6 years in the RAOC.

Vice President's Report: Mick is trying to arrange for the son of a former Lt Cdr, John Barker, who having just completed his training could be willing to give a short presentation on current training standards.

Treasurer's Report: Current Statement as of the 13th of August 2015

Current Account	\$2,549.24
Ready Saver	\$2,798.95
Term Deposit	\$6,980.74
	\$12,328.93

Incoming - since last meeting (from 10th June to 13th August 2015)

- \$190 subs and \$100 donation (D Ayling – many thanks to Ticker for that)

Outgoing

- \$47.98 gift for Ian Pallas for auditing year-end accounts.
- \$76.50 for flowers for Kim Kavanagh

Other notes:

Rob has not had time to coordinate with Peter in respect of restructuring our bank accounts

Secretary's Report: NTR



Standard Bearer's Report: It has been a quiet period whereby Gordon has only been to his daughter's school for a presentation and a visit to Ticker's church.

Entertainment Members Report: Everyone was looking forward to the social get together for the Bledisloe Cup match at Eden Park post meeting.

Sick Visitor's Report: Max Beare is doing much better and Kath is comfortable in care. Marty expressed Kim Kavanagh's big thanks for the flowers and glad to say that she is on the mend, Pip Townsend has advised that he will return at some point.

Globe & Laurel Report: Our Branch submission was sent on the 30th of June - copies are always sent out to our members and were available at the meeting. Our next submission will be sent at the end of this month. Peter renewed our subscription earlier in the week and will be reimbursed by Rob

Webmaster's Report: NTR

Any Other Committee Members Report - none

Corps Birthday

Mick – This year we will be using the Senior Rates Fleet Mess at HMNZS PHILOMEL, the same venue as last year,

Our Guest of Honour is the Commanding Officer of HMNZS PHILOMEL, Capt Maxine Lawes RNZN

11:30 onwards - arrive ready for the church service, (We may or may not march, this depends on many factors, i.e. Phil and Keith agree drums etc.

12:00 Church service

Bugler or piped music for Last Post and Reveille – Marty to investigate the provision of a RNZN bugler

13:30 lunch – same catering company as last year, Last Spit Roast- will not be quite as formal as last year

Raffle – Brendon agreed to organise the raffle in his absence!!

No cake

Port to be decided

RNZN Padre (Jim Olds) and Church – JimWithers e-mail address obtains “undeliverable?”

David Turner will not be available and has forwarded his regrets

Propositions

1. That the branch funds pay for the Corps Birthday tickets for our Guest of Honour and padre and their partners.



Proposed by: Gordon Moore

Seconded by: Mick McMahon

Carried unanimously

2. That \$700.00 be paid for the catering deposit

Proposed by: Marty Kavanagh

Seconded by: Nathan Jones

Carried unanimously

3. That the cost of the Corps Birthday tickets should be \$50.00 per head and our central funds should pick up any excess which is expected to be minimal.

Proposed by: Bob Garrett

Seconded by: Gordon Moore

Carried unanimously

Any other Business

The committee, on behalf of the branch, would like to offer its congratulations to Marty on his recent promotion to Lieutenant in the RNZN.

Malcolm Bianchii's wife brought in a Tower of London poppy and some lengthy discussions were had.

Date of Next Meeting – Saturday the 10th of October 2015 at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.