



Minutes of the Bi- Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 11th August 2018

Attendees

Peter & Gill Collins	Mick McMahon	Rob Morrice	Ticker Ayling	Phil Ayling	Darren Wood
Noel Harker	Pip Townend	Pusser Hill	Chip Adcock	Shaun Matthews	

Apologies

Gordon and Gloria Moore	Nathan Jones	Peter Coombe	Vince and Beryl Harris	Colin Campbell
Phil & Jackie Turner	Cuong Huynh	Steve Hall	Ted Palmer & Gill	John Fowles
Brendon Johnson	Bruce Cain	Marty Kavanagh	Bob Garrett	Martin James
Dave Glen				

New Members in attendance – Shaun Matthews

The Loyal Toast was proposed and drunk to Her Majesty the Queen.

The Royal Marines Prayer was recited by Chip Adcock

A moment's silence was observed in respect of Fallen Comrades – our special thoughts and prayers went out to ex-Royal Des Tarring who passed away on the 17th of July and his family and friends. Des served with 44 Commando in the Second World War.

Visitors welcome to: Midshipman Jessica Bewick Royal New Zealand Navy – she gave a presentation on the Royal Marines to her fellow Junior Officer common Training in take, plus the training staff led by Commander Leadership and Development RNZN. Mick McMahon and Pusser Hill also attended.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mick McMahon was in possession of the White Ensign that our member Mark Owen donated to us.

There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the June meeting. It was proposed by Pusser Hill and seconded by Mick McMahon that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

New Business

President's Report:

Our member, Patrick Toner and his wife Carol, attended the funeral on the 26th of July in Lower Hutt of ex-Royal Des Tarring. He said a few words on behalf of the New Zealand Branch of the Royal Marines Association and recited the Royal Marines Prayer. Carol e-mailed Peter to advise that the funeral was a wonderful event with standing room only at the back of the venue. Much was made of the fact that he joined the Royal Marines aged 17 yet he was on a landing craft on D-Day at just aged 18

It was very disappointing that there were only 4 takers for the All Blacks v Australia game and social that Phil was looking to arrange.

Ted has been doing a lot of work to consolidate our 2 web sites and facebook pages? It was agreed that Ted, Darren and Steve would work on this project together.

Steve Wilkins (PO48187A) an ex Bootneck who served for 24 years and his mate, ex Bootneck, Andy Trollope, are visiting New Zealand for 3 weeks. They arrive in Auckland on the 20th of November and hopefully we can arrange a get together to share a few wets and some lamp swinging. They are then driving down to Christchurch and Peter will try to round up some of our members based there to do likewise.

Our member, Nathan Jones has also advised that ex-Royal Andy (Burger) Langdale will be visiting New Zealand from the 23rd of August – he will send out any details of proposed get togethers.

Outward Correspondence: Peter sent 2 e-mails to Captain Andrew Nuttall, our Corps Birthday Guest of Honour, giving him some pointers on the Corps and the Royal Marines Association and our history in New Zealand.

Mick wrote to the XO of HMNZS PHILOMEL seeking approval that our annual Corps Birthday celebration could be given automatic approval “in continuation”.

Inward Correspondence: Peter received a very nice handwritten letter from Heather Bailey thanking the members for the lovely flowers that we had delivered to their home.

Our auditor, Ian Pallas, sent Rob a very nice e-mail in which he said *“Thanks to your wife, Sally, for her great recording work and for the summary page which made it much quicker for me to categorize the transactions!”*

Peter received an e-mail from Martin (Curly) Elstow who is the Chairman of the Falkland Islands Branch of the RMA. He and his wife will be in Queenstown in October and he is looking to hook up with any members for a beer and chin wag. Peter did an APB to all our ChCh based members as they may well be passing through there also. Peter and Chip served with him in 40 Cdo in the late 80s.

Peter received an e-mail from Charlie Wilson who is the RMA Chief of Staff thanking us for our Corps Birthday raffle proceeds donation to the Royal Marines Charity.

New Members: Shaun Matthews was in attendance. He is ex Royal Welch Fusiliers and completed the All Arms Commando Course, now serving in the New Zealand Police.

Vice-President’s Report: Apologies from Ted. He has been working on some updates to our web site – some have been processed by Steve Campbell. As above, Steve, Ted and Darren will be working together to take this one forward.

Treasurer’s Report:

Current Statement as at the 10th of August 2018

Current Account	\$4,142.20
Ready Saver	\$802.62
Term Deposit	\$7,411.70
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Incoming since last meeting (from 9th June to 10th August 2018)

- \$60 for Subs, \$320 Corps Birthday.
- \$37.31 interest

Outgoing

- 3 cheques for \$174.97 for flowers and gift for Ian Pallas by way of thanks for auditing our year end accounts.

Treasurer's Notes

- 8 tickets bought for Corps Birthday to date. Please ensure you provide vehicle registrations details when making payment.

Secretary’s Report: apologies from Topsy.

Standard Bearer's Report: Apologies from Gordon.

Entertainment Members Report: As above, take up for the All Blacks v Australia game at Eden Park and the pre-game meal was very poor – 4 in total. Daren spoke about some ideas that he had re a fishing event, a shooting event and a get together for a meal. More details to follow.

Sick Visitor's Report: David & Heather Bailey both underwent surgery in June but are well on the way to recovery. Gordon Moore spent some time in hospital but is at home and a little bored. Any phone calls would be very much appreciated - 0279222009

Globe & Laurel Report: Our most recent Branch submission was made at the end of June and was sent out by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent at the end of June. Peter renewed our subscriptions earlier this month and has been re-imbursed by Rob.

Quartermaster's Report – Phil will be looking to update our Asset Register and review the contents of our cabinet.

Webmaster's Report – NTR

Any Other Committee Members Report – none

General Business

Corps Birthday - Mick advised that all the preliminary preparations had been made and reminded that we need vehicle registrations in advance from anyone intending to take a vehicle onto the Naval Base. Also photo ID will be required for access to the Naval Base.

Marty met up with Major Andy Lane USMC who expressed interest in attending as a self-paying guest. Peter e-mailed him to say he would be very welcome and giving him all the details. Marty is also aware of a Poole based serving Bootneck who will be on course at Papakura Camp in October and he will sound him out.

It was confirmed that travel subsidies will again be available for members travelling from outside Auckland to attend the Corps Birthday and Peter will send out an APB to advise.

There were some discussions as to whether the full proceeds from our raffle should be donated to the Corps Charity or whether a fixed sum should be agreed with the remainder staying in our funds. Peter will send out an APB seeking thoughts.

It was suggested that Charles Willoughby who is an ex Royal D Day veteran should be invited to the Corps Birthday and this will be looked into.

Proposition - It was proposed that the sum of \$3000.00 be made available to cover off Corps Birthday costs that have to be paid in advance. This will of course be subject to full transparency and balance sheet reconciliation in accordance with our accounting procedures.

Proposed by: Mick McMahon

Seconded by: Rob Morrice

Carried unanimously

Date of next meeting – Saturday the 13th of October 2018 commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.