



Minutes of the Bi- Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA  
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Attendees**

Peter & Gill Collins	Mick McMahon	Rob Morrice	Ticker Ayling	Phil Ayling	Darren Wood
Vince and Beryl Harris	Pip Townend	Phil Turner	Bob Garrett	Ted Palmer	Noel Harker
Jason Pace	John Fowles				

**Apologies**

Dave Glen    David & Heather Bailey (in the UK returning 26<sup>th</sup> of October)    Gordon & Gloria Moore    Peter Coombe  
Martin James    Shaun Matthews    Steve Hall    Bruce Cain

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

**The Royal Marines Prayer** was recited by Jason Pace

**A moment's silence was observed in respect of Fallen Comrades** – our special thoughts and prayers went out to our fallen member, Ron Powell and his family and friends.

**New Members in attendance** – Post meeting Ted was contacted by Michael Farmer, known as Mick who would like to become a member of the branch. Mick met Ted at the recent funeral of Ron Powell in Te Awamutu. Joining docs posted out to Mick.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Update from Mick McMahon re XO HMNZ PHILOMEL re approval that our annual Corps Birthday celebration could be given automatic approval “in continuation”. A copy of the letter is held on file.

There were no other matters arising. Proposed by Mick McMahon and seconded by Darren Wood that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**President's Report:**

Our member Ron Powell passed away on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September following a short illness. His funeral was held on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September in Te Awamutu and was very well attended by his extended family and friends. Our Standard was present and our President said a few words on behalf of the Royal Marines and the Branch. Also in attendance were Ted Palmer, Chip Adcock, Noel Harker, Gill Collins and Barbara Harker. As the coffin was being placed in the hearse the toast was proposed (by a local dignitary, National president RSA) to “the Royal Marines and Her Majesty the Queen”. An obituary is being prepared and once completed will be sent to members and to the Globe and Laurel.

On completion of our August meeting our member, Pip Townend, began to feel unwell and had a dizzy spell and didn't look well. Darren Wood put his first aid and casualty care skills to very good use, whilst Chippy Adcock got a defibrilator and phoned an ambulance. Pip was taken to Auckland Hospital. He recovered very quickly.

Prince Harry conducted his first official appointment in his capacity as our Captain General when he visited CTCRM in September.

Peter sent out an APB with an extract from the latest edition of the Globe & Laurel. A new centre for resilience and Royal Marines Family support has been built just outside the gate at CTCRM. The intention is to support serving Royal Marines, veterans, cadets, new recruits and their family members.

Peter sent out an APB trawling views on whether we should donate all the proceeds from our Corps Birthday raffle to the Royal Marines Charity or whether we should send a fixed donation with any excess remaining in our funds. He received 8 responses and every one favoured the latter option. There will be a proposition later – we just need to decide the fixed amount.

**Outward Correspondence:** Peter sent a letter to ex-Royal and WW2 veteran Charles Willoughby inviting him and one family member to be our guests at the Corps Birthday. He received a reply from Patsy King (his daughter?) accepting with much pleasure on behalf of Charles and herself.

Our member, Ian Smith in Christchurch has had comms with Martin (Curly) Elstow who will be visiting these shores between the 5<sup>th</sup> of October and the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. They will be arranging to meet up. Curly is the Chairman of the Falkland Islands Branch of the RMA. **Post meeting note – they got together and had lunch and a couple of drinks.**

**Inward Correspondence:** We received a very nice thank you letter from Jo Whitwood at the Royal Marines Charity in respect of our donation from the proceeds of our Corps Birthday raffle.

Peter received an e-mail from Major Andy Lane USMC advising that he will not be able to attend the Corps Birthday. He did indicate that he would be keen to stay connected with a view to joining in any future events.

Peter received an e-mail from the National Museum of the Royal Navy inviting him to a special reception at Admiralty House, Whitehall on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November to discuss the museum's plans for a new Royal Marines Museum. Replied much regret unable.

**New Members:** Marty bumped into a NZDF guy who was a RM Officer from 1977 to 1984. His name is David Boyd and he served in NP8901, 45 Cdo and Royal Marines Poole. No documents have been received from him to date.

**Vice President's Report:** Ted was looking into consolidating our 2 web sites and facebook pages with support from Darren and Steve. Looking at updating the contact list (Members tab) but will need to discuss the level of information members are comfortable putting in the public domain. Ted and Steve are also working on the Office bearer tab.

## Treasurer's Report

### Current Statement as of 12/10/2018

Current Account	\$4113.33
Ready Saver	\$802.76
Term Deposit	\$7,449.07
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**Incoming** since last meeting (from 10th August to 12th October 2018)

- \$920 for the Corps Birthday, \$20 for Subs.
- \$39.33 interest

### Outgoing

- 2 cheques for \$894 for RM Charity Donation and \$76.69 G&L Subscription.
- if you plan bringing vehicle and haven't given Mick the rego/make/model and colour please do so asap

**Secretary's Report:** Been contacted by central office concerning a Polish person Konrad Wietrzynski but it was decided not to pursue his application.

**Standard Bearer's Report:** Apologies from Gordon who has reluctantly resigned himself that he will never parade the Standard again. Peter sent an APB on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August seeking volunteers to take on this role but again there has been no take up.

**Entertainment Members Report:** Midshipman Jessica Bewick Royal New Zealand Navy who attended our August meeting sent Mick details of a fishing vessel and its owner for consideration for hiring for a fishing social for members. Mick forwarded it on to Darren.

**Sick Visitor's Report:** Gordon Moore is now at home and on the mend albeit a little bored. Any phone calls would be very much appreciated – 0279222009. Jackie arranged a card and a \$80 Countdown voucher on behalf of the Association. They have resigned to the fact that they won't make the Corps Birthday this year but are determined to do so next year.

**Globe & Laurel Report:** Our most recent Branch submission was made at the end of August and was sent out by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent at the end of this month.

**Quartermaster's Report** – Phil is updating our assets register – Phil mentioned he had been in contact with the local RSA concerning the positioning of the RM display cabinet.

**Webmaster's Report** – NTR

**Any Other Committee Members Report** – none

**Corps Birthday** – The deadline for ordering tickets was the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

Mick is well across the catering aspects. All items in place with a possible 60 members attending. Mick stated that whilst he enjoyed organising the dinner over the last 5 years he was willing to handover to a volunteer.

Mick has requested some quotes for 100 standard size table mats to our design with our motif and colours on for use at the Corps Birthday. Topsy is investigating using a NZ operator and will supply costs at our next meeting.

Travel subsidies – Dennis & Maria Harvey

Apologies from Dave & Marilyn Glen who will not be able to attend this year.

### **General Business**

Marty is aware of a Poole based serving Bootneck who will be on course at Papakura Camp in October and he will sound him out.

### **Propositions**

That we should send a fixed amount to the Royal Marines Charity each year from the proceeds of our Corps Birthday raffle donation with any excess remaining in our funds. Following further discussion it was decided that it would be more appropriate to vote in a fixed sum at our AGM rather than from our raffle proceeds. We will vote on this proposition at our December meeting.

That our funds pay for the tickets to the Corps Birthday for Charles Willoughby and his accompanying family member, Patsy King.

**Proposed by:** Vince Harris

**Seconded by:** Ted Palmer

**Carried unanimously**

With business completed the meeting was closed.

**Date of next meeting** – Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2018 commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA. Members were requested to bring nibbles for a gathering after the meeting.