



Minutes of the Bi- Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA  
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Attendees**

Peter & Gill Collins   Rob Morrice   Phil Turner   Pip Townend   Ted Palmer   Noel & Barbra Harker  
Martin Kavanagh   Brendon Johnson

**Apologies**

Mick McMahon   Ticker Ayling   Phil Ayling   Jacque Mellamphy   Darren Wood   Bob Garrett   Will Fielding  
Dave Vaudrey   Dave Glen   Gordon & Gloria Moore   David & Heather Bailey   Martin James  
Steve Hall   Cuong Huynh   Bruce Cain

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

**The Royal Marines Prayer** was recited by Barbara Harker

**A moment's silence was observed in respect of Fallen Comrades**

**New Members in attendance** – Nil

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Following up on the distribution of the proceeds from our Corps Birthday raffle – there is a proposition to follow.

There were no other matters arising. Proposed by Noel Harker and seconded by Rob Morrice that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**President's Report:**

The Corps Birthday celebration was once again a resounding success and very much enjoyed by all who attended. Our thanks go to Mick for his superb organization, to Rob and Sally for sorting all the finances, to Pusser and Sonja and to all those who made a contribution to its success.

Peter and Gill are hoping to re-locate to Waihi Beach at the end of January. Peter is happy to stay in post until the AGM in June and to get to Auckland for the meetings. It is likely that he will stand down in June.

**Outward Correspondence:** None

**Inward Correspondence:**

Peter received a hand written Christmas card from the Governor-General wishing all members a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

Peter received a 12 page RMA update letter from Brigadier Richard Spencer, CEO of the RMA. This has been sent out to all members for their review and comments.

We received a Christmas card and cheque donation from our member, Peter Coombe. He has re-located in Hawkes Bay but Peter doesn't have an address for him.

Peter received an email from Rachel Ebben's daughter of retired Major, Andy Ebbens. Rachel is traveling NZ with friends and having problems with their camper van. ***Post meeting note - Brendan was able to help Rachel with her mechanical problems***

### **New Members:**

Michael Farmer in Te Awamatu – those who attended met him at Ron Powell's funeral. Topsy has had correspondence with Matt Brindle in Christchurch but we have received no joining documentation to date – Phil confirmed he hadn't heard anything more.

### **Vice President's Report:**

We should look at freshening our presence and profile on social media. We should also look to see if we still appear on the RSA information website and re-start the recurring notice in the RSA Review re our bi-monthly meetings and investigate all possible ways to raise the profile of the RMA NZ

### **Treasurer's Report:**

#### **Current Statement** as of 8/12/2018

Current Account	\$3,042.83
Ready Saver	\$802.90
Term Deposit	\$7,449.07
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	\$11,294.80

#### **Incoming** since last meeting (from 12th Oct to 8th Dec 2018)

- \$510 Corps Birthday Raffle proceeds
- \$275 donation for RMBF (Auction)
- \$1,080 for Corps Birthday tickets, \$20 for Subscriptions.
- \$0.14 interest

#### **Outgoing**

- \$160 for gifts for members.
- 1 cheque to Mazuran's for \$152 for Port for the Corps Birthday
- 1 cheque \$100 to R Creamer Organist at the Corps Birthday Church service
- 1 cheque \$353.50 for Wine for the Corps Birthday
- 1 cheque to a member for Travel Subs for \$100 for the Corps Birthday
- \$2,090 for Catering at the Corps Birthday

#### **Treasurer's Notes**

- **Corps Birthday** - 1 outstanding Cheque for \$87.18 (bar staff) not yet withdrawn. Outstanding Raffle Prize of \$1,000 not yet received.

- **ANZ Term Deposit** is maturing on 17th December. Principal Invested was \$7,449.07 and Net Interest of \$37.55

### **Incoming**

Paid Tickets	\$2,160.00	
Guests that paid	\$80.00	
Unpaid Tickets Last Year	\$80.00	
	\$2,320.00	
Raffle	\$510.00	
Auction for RMBF	\$1,250.00	*\$1k o/s

### **Expenses**

Caterer	\$2,090.00	
Organist	\$100.00	
Port	\$152.00	
table wine	\$353.50	
Bar Staff	\$87.18	*
Travel Subs	\$100.00	
	\$2,882.68	

\* not yet at bank

### **No Shows but paid**

Levs Leatherman	\$40.00
Chip Adcock	\$40.00
David and Heather Bailey	\$80.00

### **Secretary's Report:**

Reviewing the membership list to ensure all details are current

### **Standard Bearer's Report:**

Apologies from Gordon – still looking for a volunteer to take on this role

### **Entertainment Members Report:**

Apologies from Darren. Marty suggested we start to look at organising some social events and is going to look at a wine tour to Waiheke Island and the possibility of going to a Black Caps cricket match. Marty will work with Darren to get it kicked off.

### **Sick Visitor's Report:**

Peter spoke to Gordon and Gloria Moore on Wednesday. In his own words he has “come on in leaps and bounds” since being released from hospital 6 weeks ago and has suffered no further setbacks. They both asked me to pass on their thanks for all the very kind communication that they have had and to wish all members and families a very Merry Christmas. Phone calls from any members would be very much appreciated – 0279 222 009.

Dave Glenn is not very well and would welcome calls from any one. Please call day time only on 09 9590333 or 0211007941

## **Globe & Laurel Report:**

Our most recent Branch submission was made at the end of October and was sent out by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent before the deadline of the 4th of January.

**Quartermaster's Report** – Phil is looking to reposition the RM display cabinet and will discuss with the RSA committee.

**Webmaster's Report** - NTR

**Any Other Committee Members Report** – NTR

## **General Business**

Pip announced that due to health and transport challenges he would no longer be able to attend future meetings. Peter wished him all the best for the future and thanked him for all his involvement and contributions over recent years. Pip will be missed for his wit and his memories.

## **Propositions**

The general consensus from our discussions at the last meeting and from e-mail communications was that we should vote in a fixed sum at our AGM to make a donation to an agreed Corps charity.

**Proposed by:** Brendon Johnson

**Seconded by:** Marty Kavanagh

**Carried unanimously**

With business completed the meeting was closed.

**Date of next meeting** – Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.