# The Royal Marines Association
# North Wales Branch

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**Minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Branch RMA**
**held on Monday 16th April 2007 at 7.30, The Miners Arms, Meliden**

**Present:** Alan Logan
Sue Logan
Chris Stallard
Lawrence Reynolds
Eric Vaughan
Jeff Jones
Stephen Flanigan
Ted Evans
Doug Taylor
Leon Davies
Jim Oliver
Mervyn Jones
Richard Beckett
Mike Beckett
Jerard Bone

**Also Present:** David Drysdale

**Apologies:** Helen Stallard
Colette Harrison
Philip Williams Jones
Martin Moyse
Jed Dovey

Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting and a minutes silence was held in memory of absence friends.

Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted.

Agenda Items

- Awards for All form has been returned for further documentation to be sent with it so will be sent off again this week.

- The branch standard was ordered about 4 weeks ago and so should be with us in a couple of weeks. The money is in the account ready to pay for it – kindy donated by Lawrence. The standard is to be dedicated in St Asaph cathedral on Sunday 1st July – details to be confirmed. Stephen Flanigan to coordinate arrangements. Mervyn asked about dress code for marches and it was agreed that because members were now civilians they could not be dictated to but should dress smartly with blazers, medals, berets, etc.

- We have some more dates for the calendar – Sue to send out the updated list with the minutes. We now have three flag days confirmed. 14th July at Asda, 1st September at Morrisons and 22nd September at Sainsburys. Volunteers requested please. Alan said that Head Office are asking for 50% of all monies collected. Tins and stickers to be sent out from Head Office in May. Eric Vaughan asked whether we could have our own charity number but David Drysdale explained that it was decided to have charity number under the Head Office banner for all branches as it involved less paperwork for the branches.

- Hopefully we will have a summer barbecue after the August meeting. The Corps dinner is to be held on Friday 26th October and the Christmas dinner/dance is to be held on Friday 14th December.

- Jim Oliver has now organised the joint Falklands parade on 8th July in Rhuddlan and gave us details of this. The sea cadet band will march. The branch needs to order a wreath for the service. Chris to find out whether there is a local branch of the Welsh Guards Association who we can invite to join us.

- Jeff has set up our new website at www.nwrma.org.uk and is adding to it gradually.

- Alan mentioned that the RMA are reorganising the branches. Now instead of 5 regions they are proposing 7. We would be put into Wales and West. The membership agreed that they wish to be in a Wales only region if possible.

- Alan welcomed a new member to the meeting – Jerard Bone.

- Chris gave his report and total in bank account stands at £1203.19 (£810 to be deducted from this to pay for branch standard). Anyone wishing further details please contact Chris.

- Raffle prizes for tonight – copy of the DVD "Return to Limbang", bottle of port and personal CD player.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 21st May at 7.30 pm in the Miners Arms, Meliden

**To be followed by a showing of the DVD RMA 60th anniversary reunion and a quiz entitled "Birds, Battles, B movies and Booze!"**