

The Royal Marines Association North Wales Branch



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Minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Branch RMA held on Thursday 15th February 2007 at 7.30, The Miners Arms, Meliden

Present: Alan Logan – Chairman (provisional)
Sue Logan – Secretary (provisional)
Chris Stallard – Treasurer (provisional)
Lawrence Reynolds – President (provisional)
Helen Stallard – Membership Secretary (provisional)
Colette Harrison
Eric Vaughan
Jeff Jones
Barry Cahill
Stephen Flanigan
Mike Beckett
Richard Beckett
Mike O'Rourke
Martin Moyse
Doug Taylor
Mervyn Jones
Tim Cahill

Apologies: Phillip Williams Jones
Martin Boardman

Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted with one amendment. The winner of the main raffle prize was Eric Vaughan not Barry Cahill.

New members

Alan welcomed 4 new members to the meeting:

- Stephen Flanigan
- Mervyn Jones
- Doug Taylor
- Martin Moyse

Chairman's report

- Letter received from Chester Sea Cadets asking for help
- Alan and Chris visited Rhyl Sea Cadets for their annual inspection. Doug thanked them for attending and said that the cadets had received an excellent report. Doug handed out cadet brochures for us. Both Doug and Martin offered to be Cadet Rep.
- Alan said he is attending a meeting tomorrow in Rhyl town hall arranged by the Veterans Agency and Chris Ruane, the local MP. There is money available for veterans' events.
- Alan to complete Awards for All form to apply for grants for us to have trips away to the RMA reunion in September and Remembrance parade in London in November. We are talking to Galina Travel in Chester re quotes. Barry mentioned that perhaps we could try the Union Jack Club for accommodation. The Victory Club and Merchant Navy Club were also mentioned. Sue to look into these.
- Alan said we are hoping to have a barbecue in July, corps dinner in October and Christmas dinner/dance in December.
- Alan mentioned that we are hoping to have a local Falklands commemoration this June in association with the Denbighshire branch of the Parachute Regimental Association and our local sea cadets.
- Mike O'Rourke asked if we could also commemorate the 40th anniversary of Aden this year. The members thought this was a good idea.
- Alan said that Lawrence has agreed to be our President and Helen is acting Membership Secretary.
- Lawrence's wife, who works for Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, has put in for a grant from them. Lawrence said this would probably be a cheque for £200. Lawrence and his wife donated this month's raffle prize.
- There was a discussion about purchasing the branch standard. Lawrence said he may be able to pay for this for us. Flan to provide us with the name of the company who makes the standards.
- Alan said that the AGM and election of officers would take place at the April meeting and nominations for officers should be submitted by the March meeting. We will be looking to appoint the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Cadet Rep, Welfare Rep, Fundraising rep, Standard Bearer and Entertainment committee.
- Jeff is producing our membership cards free of charge and taking the photographs to go on them. All new members to complete a form obtainable from Chris and Helen.
- The members voted on a proposition that we want to be in the Welsh Region, not Northern Region. Proposed by Flan and seconded by Lawrence and Mike O'Rourke. The vote was passed unanimously.
- The members voted on changing the night of the meeting. **Meetings now to be held on the 3rd Monday of every month instead of the 3rd Thursday.**
- Mervyn suggested we have a piece in the Daily Post. Alan to write a press release.

- Lawrence said that his wife could help us if we wanted to create our own website.
- Alan showed the members the details of RMA Diamond Jubilee medals and said that all members should be able to apply for these if they are interested.

Secretary's report

- Sue has written 2 letters to try and obtain a grant towards the cost of the branch standard – no reply received as yet.
- Sue to contact Gary who is making a slate plaque for the door of the pub to tell him to change the wording to 3rd Monday.
- We had sent a letter to Chris Ruane asking him if he would like to be an honorary member of the association. He has written back to us to say he would leave it until we were better established!
- Sue to write to Morrisons, Sainsburys and Asda to ask if we can hold a flag day on a Saturday in April, July and September. Need to obtain tins, stickers and posters to display at venue.

Treasurer's report

- We now have 27 members.
- Chris has just received the sortcode and account number from Natwest in Rhyl.
- Statement of accounts as of today – raffle money from last meeting £36, membership money received £165 making a total of £201. Membership money to pay out to Head Office £75 making our total in the bank now £126.
- Raffle monies received tonight £33, subs £22 and a further £60 membership monies taken.

Date of next meeting

****** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF NIGHT ******

3rd Monday of the month:

Monday 19th March at 7.30 pm in the Miners Arms, Meliden