The Royal Marines Association
North Wales Branch
Cymdeithas y Môr-filwyr Brenhinol
Cangen Gogledd Cymru

Minutes of the Meeting held on *Tuesday 21 July 2008*
At 1900 hrs. In The Kings Head, Rhuddlan.

Members Present

Mike Beckett	Richard Beckett	Derek Bellis
Eric Borman	Nora Borman	Barry Cahill
Leon Davies	David Drysdale	John Fryatt
Jim Green	Ron Hooper	Jeff Jones
Mervyn Jones	Roy Lockyear	Chris Stallard
Helen Stallard	Allan Thomas	Peter Wood
	Phil Williams-Jones	

Apologies

Mike O'Rourke

Minute's Silence was observed for absent friends

The Chairman mentioned in particular the recent death of a young Marine.

Correction to the minutes of the last meeting
In Peters Welfare report it is Ken Hawkins' son-in-law who is ill. And of course it was Charles Greatbatch not Greenbatch who made a donation of £20.00 to the branch not £10.00. my sincere apologies to both members these were my errors not Peter's

Minutes of last meeting

It was proposed by Roy Lockyear, seconded by Peter Wood that these be accepted as a true record of the meeting and passed unanimously.

The Chairman welcomed Allan Thomas a new member to his first meeting.

Maters Arising

The President reported that the cost of the Corps Birthday dinner would be £12.50 per person, a menu would be circulated with a pro-forma, to be filled in with choice of dishes required, etc. After some discussion it was decided that any wine required be purchased by members themselves. The President kindly offered to supply the port.
Guests were discussed and it was agreed that we have three official guests with their partners, provisionally Col. G. Wells-Cole, Senior RM Officer in the Area, David Jones MP for Conwy and the Parents of a local Serving Marine. It was further agreed that we charge £15.00 per head to help pay for the official guests, any shortfall or other expenses to be met from Branch funds.

The Chairman reported on the visit to Mrs. Eleanor Jones, when he presented her with a Certificate of Honorary Membership of the Branch, she was delighted to be so honoured.

He mentioned the Veterans Day in Caernarfon, of which we only had late notification. It was thanks to Derek Bellis that we heard about it at all. The Secretary to make sure that we have more advance information in future.

Mike Beckett reported that they had attended the funeral of Patrick Courtney, in Chester,

Ron Hooper reported that he had arranged for Swasie Turner MBE to give a talk at our November meeting. It was agreed that we would invite the Rhyl RM Cadets to visit that night.

A letter of condolence had been sent to the Para Association.

Jeff produced a white shirt and a blue polo shirt and was taking orders for these, Order form attached if you are interested.

Secretaries Report

The Secretary reported that since the visit to Mrs Eleanor Jones he had forwarded some Photographs to the Reporter who had done the first article, Peter had spoken to her, but as yet we have seen no result. Following on from this the Secretary has been in communication with Reg Rush, who after service with 30 Commando Assault Unit in North West Europe, was in the Commando Holding Company, Wrexham. He took part in the Victory Parades in Chester, Wrexham, Llangollen and Mold and is seeking any photographs of these parades.

The Secretary has received notification of the Northern Region RMA's reunion on the 20/23 March 2009 at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport. The cost will be – 3 nights £140.00, or 2 nights £115. If anyone is interested further details can be obtained from the Secretary.

A former C/Sgt. Tony Cude from Austrailia, is offering Belts and Buckels for sale, copy of advert is attached, in case anyone is interested.

Treasurers Report

Money collected at last meeting

Raffle	£ 38 00
Subs	£ 30. 00
Donations	£ 20. 00
	£ 88. 00

Expenditure

Raffle prizes	£ 9. 27
Total	£ 78. 73

Cash in Banks

HSBC	£926. 33
To be paid in	£ 78. 73
Total	£1005. 06

Nat West	£ 783. 50

Collection Sainsbury's	£ 391. 94
Interest	£ 1. 90
Total	£ 1177. 34

The Treasurer reported that from the start he has been having difficulties with HSBC and proposed that we close this account and transfer the funds to the Nat West, who give us interest on our account. This was agreed.

Welfare Officers report

Peter reported that he had visited Ken Hawkins in the company of the Secretary and Leon Davies, Bill Parry and Charles Greatbatch, who were both keeping well. He has been in touch with our oldest member, John Priest, 95 years old, in Runcorn, and intends to visit him soon.

Any other business

Eric Borman said that they had sent out eleven letters to various businesses asking for donations for the shoebox appeal, to date there have been three replies, two negative, Iceland and Aldi and one positive from Morrisons of Rhyl. Boots of Rhyl have also promised to assist. We need is a list of items that are required. The President said that he would talk to Charlie and see if a list could be obtained, he also suggested that a trolley could be positioned at the entrance to Supermarkets with a poster asking shoppers to donate gifts for the shoeboxes.

The Treasurer suggested we purchase 50 diaries and this was agreed.

After the business was completed we had a very interesting talk by Mike Burrows on "Combat Stress" the organisation that assists ex-servicemen and women suffering from stress related illness. Mike is the representative for "Combat Stress" for Wales and the border areas of England. The organisation which was started in 1919, is a charity partly funded by local health authorities but mainly by public donations.

The Chairman thanked Mike for his most enlightening talk.

The next meeting will be at 1930 hrs. on Monday 18 August at the Kings Head.

Stop Press. I have this morning, 22 July 2008, received notification from Awards for All Wales, that our application for a grant to visit the RMA Reunion in September has been unsuccessful. Therefore if anyone wishes to attend they will, unfortunately, have to make their own arrangements. Anyone who is going to the Reunion should contact RMA Central Office for Concert Tickets and meal tickets, at RMA Central Office, Building 32, Whale Island, Portsmouth, PO2 8ER or on Tel:- 02392 651 519 or by e-mail chiefexec@rma.org.uk

If you require a polo shirt and/or a White shirt, please send a completed form to Jeff Jones, Fairways. Carmel Hill, Carmel, CH8 8NZ. Tel: 01352 710 345.
e-mail ajtypesetters@btinternet.com

Order Form

Name .....

Polo Shirt – Blue
Sizes

Sizes	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
To Fit Chest Size (inches)	36	38	40	42/44	46	48	50/52	54
Please Tick ✔	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Quantity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Price £9.00 each
NB. £1.00 extra per garment for 3XL + above

TOTAL .....

Short Sleeve – White
Sizes

Size	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
To Fit Chest Size (inches)	38/40	42	44/46	48	50	52/54
Please Tick ✔	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Quantity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Price £7.75 each
NB. £1.00 extra per garment for 3XL + above

TOTAL .....

NORTH WALES

Royal Marines Association North Wales

CORPS BIRTHDAY DINNER

The RMA North Wales will celebrate the Corps' Birthday Dinner this year at the Rhos-on-Sea Cricket Club at 7 for 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st October at a cost of £15 per head.

Please would you return this form to me indicating your choice of courses and including payment for the meal (cheques made out to RMA NW). Please, also, use the remarks section to indicate any special requirements, Gluten Free, Vegetarian etc. Wine can be purchased at approximately £10 a bottle; Port will be provided.

Thank you.

To: DAVID DRYSDALE, 127 Dinerth Road, Rhos-on-Sea, LL28 4UP.

FROM: GUEST:
(Name in capitals please)
Date:

MENU

Melon
or
Home made Vegetable Soup
-
Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding
or
Salmon with Hollandaise Sauce
-
Home made Sherry Trifle
or
Fresh Fruit Salad & Cream
-
Coffee & Mints

Remarks:

I enclose £ for the cost of the meal.