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Minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Branch RMA
held on Monday 18th June 2007 at 7.30, The Miners Arms, Meliden

Present: Chris Stallard – Treasurer
Helen Stallard – Membership Secretary
Colette Harrison
Ron Hooper
Jeff Jones
Barry Cahill
Mike Beckett
Richard Beckett
Jed Dovey
Mervyn Jones
Leon Davies

Apologies: Alan Logan
Sue Logan
Lawrence Reynolds
Eric Vaughan
Doug Taylor
Mike O'Rourke

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

There was a vote by members to wish Sue "**A Happy Birthday"** from us all at the North Wales Royal Marine association.

Minutes of the last meeting
These were accepted.

Change of Venue
There were no objections with the members present to change the venue to The Kings Head in Rhuddlan. It is proposed that we change to our new venue from the September meeting.

If members have transport difficulties then they can ring either Chris or Alan and something will be arranged between us.

Treasurer's report
Statement of accounts as of today:

Already in bank account	£1210.03
Paid In	£ 70.00
Total	**£1280.03**

There are cheques that have been paid but not gone through the bank yet for £810 for the standard, £130 for tickets for the concert in Llandudno. These will show on next month's statement.

Monies taken on the night:

Raffle	£ 29.00
Subs	£ 11.00

Many thanks to the members who gave their raffle prizes back to be re-drawn next month.

Sunday 1st July - Dedication ceremony
Chris reminded members that this takes place on Sunday 1st July in St. Asaph Cathedral. He asked that people could be there for 10.30 as the service is at 11.00 a.m. He said there were letters from Chris Ruane, The Duke of Edinburgh, Capt. Mark Latham (for Commanding Officer Lympstone), WO1 Kevin Moss (RSM of 40 Commando RM) thanking Alan for their invites but due to other commitments will be unable to attend. Chris then mentioned the letter from WO1 B.A Dawes (Corps RSM) saying he will be able to attend and he had also managed to secure Corps funding for the standard. As you know Lawrence donated the monies for this and he has now donated the money to branch funds instead. We would like to thank him for this.

Sunday 8th July - Falklands March in Rhuddlan
Please meet at 10.15 a.m. in the Kings Head car park in Rhuddlan. Chris asked for as many as possible to turn out for this as it will be the branch's first march since forming. Jed informed us that the Para's have got a wreath for us (which is to be paid for from funds). All are then invited back to the Kings Head for food.

Saturday 14th July – Flag Collection at Asda Kinmel Bay
We will be collecting between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Chris again asked for volunteers as at the minute it is just him and Alan there. They would like at least another 2 more please.

Sunday 15th July – North Wales Falklands Commemorations in Llandudno
Could all those marching please assemble in Trinity Square, Llandudno at 11.00 a.m. Many cafes and restaurants in Llandudno are offering reductions on the day to veterans. Lapel labels are available to those attending if they wish to take advantage of this. There is also a concert in the evening at Venue Cymru in Llandudno featuring the RM Band and the Fron choir.

Date of next meeting
Monday 16th July in Miners Arms Meliden at 19.30 p.m.