

THE ROYAL MARINES ASSOCIATION of NEW ZEALAND

Minutes of the regular meeting (bi-monthly) held on Saturday 18 April 2009
@ 2pm at Pt Chevalier R.S.A.

Meeting Commenced at 2.10 with the President proposing the Loyal Toast. Peter Collins recited the Royal Marines Prayer and a toast was raised to absent Friends. Peter Collins proposed another toast to the passing of our members Edward Palmer CHX 105887 in December 2008 and Andrew Brown CH/X 3439 on 18th March 2009.

Members in attendance : Bob & Hilda Reay, Noel & Barbara Harker, Colleen Ellis, Peter Collins, John Glaze, Dave Glenn, Pip Townend, Ken Weldon, Steve Ritson, Philip Ayling & Jacqui Mellamphy, Edwin Barton, Gordon & Gloria Moore, Max Beare, Joe Simms, Martin Kavanagh, Bob Battersby, Brendan Johnson, Ralph Donnison, Ian & Peter Walton, Colin McRae, Martin Kavanagh.

Apologies: Eddie Edwardson, Bill Houston - Ausi, Roger Biggs, Mandy Glaze, Peter Gosling, George Wootten, Harold Robinson, Lev Leatherland, Jock Munro, Len Doran, Edward Munro, Ticker Ayling (in Australia), Colin Campbell, Rob Morrice, Len Cox
Minutes of the previous meeting February 14th, 2009. The President moved the minutes be adopted. Proposed and seconded – Gordon Moore/Bob Battersby

Incoming Mail - A letter and booklet from The Governor Generals' Office advising of the new formalities in relation to the Governor General's status from a Principal Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit to a Knight Grand Companion of the Order. The new Honours System was brought into law from 27th of March 2009 by Prime Minister, John Key.

We also received a letter from the Pt Chevalier RSA thanking us for our donation of \$100.00 (see previous minutes)

Outgoing Mail. - Nil

Sick Bay : Edwin Barton reported that Peter Gosling is improving and we all wish him well. Edwin will keep us posted.

Globe & Laurel. Peter Collins is preparing an article for the next issue which will be emailed by the end of April.

General Business.

Bob Reay confirmed the Corps Birthday is set at the Birkenhead RSA on **1st November 2009**. The Luncheon will follow the same schedule including the same luncheon menu and cost (\$20.00) as last year.

Peter Collins suggested a letter be sent to Corporal Bill (Willy) Apiata VC, inviting him to our Corps Birthday as a guest and if he wishes, that he address our Luncheon.

David Glen suggested a speaker for the Corps Birthday, Jack Welsh who was a Rear Admiral of the Navy. Bob Reay also suggested a speaker, James Blackwell who is a current member of the SAS.

Our member Peter Coombes from New Plymouth contacted Peter Collins about the passing of RM Calvert and also sent a Tie for the Corps Birthday Raffle.

Max Beare has once again offered, DVD copies of the Edinburgh Tattoo 2008 & Festival of Remembrance 2008 along with the latest, BBC Programme (Commando) on 2 DVDs Prog 1-4 & 5-8. Contact Colleen for more details.

Max also supplied a form for all ex-Service personnel to apply for a Veterans Lapel Badge. Please contact Colleen if you would like this form emailed & or posted.

Peter Collins asked how many people were going to the Auckland Anzac Parade & Gordon Moore reported that he will be taking the Standard to the Ceremony on the 25th of April at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Everyone is to meet as per the previous newsletter. Gordon advised, on the 1st of May he will be taking the

Standard to the Waiuku Primary School for their Anzac Ceremony which is held in conjunction with the Waiuku RSA. Gordon will prepare a short report for the newsletter each time the Standard is presented at an event.

We are looking forward to hearing from 2 prospective new members to our Association, Peter Walton and Lev Leatherland.

The Chief Executive of the UK RMA reminded us that membership of their Association is only 10 pounds per year. For the over 80's it's free – even to NZ. Contact Colleen for the paperwork or complete the application form on their website. John Glaze explained the benefits of joining the UK RMA and this information will be included in the next newsletter.

SUBS – The subs will remain the same, \$20.00 for Auckland and \$15.00 for all other areas. The Subs are due from the 1st of April 2009.

The bi monthly meeting closed at 15.30 hours.

AGM – 18th April 2009.

At the commencement of the AGM, a general discussion took place, the reason being similar to last years AGM(4) only 5 nomination forms were received. There was no pattern in order to give a sensible result - 1 member proposed had not attended any meetings in the last few years & although Bob Reay had been nominated, he was not seeking re-election, as stated at the last AGM " he would stay for 1 more year." The previous AGM minutes were taken as read: Proposed by Gordon Moore/ Seconded by David Glenn.

Nominations were called for

Election of Officers.

President	<i>Peter Collins</i>	Proposed	& Seconded	J. Glaze	D. Glenn
Vice President	<i>Philip Ayling</i>	"	"	G. Moore	R. Reay
Secretary	<i>Colleen Ellis</i>	"	"	B. Johnson	D. Glenn
Treasurer	<i>Noel Harker</i>	"	"	B. Battersby	K. Weldon
Web Manager	<i>Philip Ayling</i>	"	"	C. Ellis	G. Moore
Standard Bearer,	<i>Gordon Moore</i>	"	"	D. Glenn	B. Battersby
Globe & Laurel	<i>Ticker Ayling</i>	"	"	G. Moore	B. Battersby
Sick Visitor	<i>Ticker Ayling</i>	"	"	B. Battersby	B. Johnson
Entertainment Officer	<i>Brendon Johnson</i>	"	"	G. Moore	M. Kavanagh

Committee: *Steve Ritson, Martin Kavanagh, Brendon Johnson, Jock Munro, Jacqui Mellamphy.*

Bob Reay, as President, addressed the meeting with the RMA's summary of events for 2008 – 2009, thanked all who had assisted him during his 3 year tenure and then vacated the Chair handing the position of President to Peter Collins.

Peter thanked Bob Reay for his outstanding service to the Association. Peter addressed the meeting asking for commitment from the whole Association to enable the NZ RMA to flourish and commented, "we must collectively enjoy ourselves."

Treasurers Report :

The email from Ian Pallas our Auditor states: I would also like to record my thanks to Noel for the way the accounts were presented which made the audit a much easier task. I am also very impressed with the work done over the last year by Colleen, Phil and others in bringing the RMA into the electronic age. The Association indeed looks in good shape.

Financial statement \$8,328.58. The Statement of Financial Position will be emailed & posted to all members.

The AGM closed at 4.15 p.m. All present enjoyed the catered sandwiches & cake supplied by the RMA.

**Brendon Johnson(PO 45211Q) shouted a round of drinks for all attendees of the AGM which was a very generous and much appreciated gesture.

The next Committee meeting will be at the Pt Chevalier RSA @ 2pm on 13th June 2009.