



**Royal Marines Association**

**Highland Branch**

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**Registered Charity 206003**

**Branch Website – <http://www.rma-highlands.org.uk>**



**Minutes of the Branch meeting of the Royal Marines Association Highland Branch Held, held in the Committee Room of the Masonic Lodge, Gordon Terrace on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Present**

Paul Wilson[Chairman] Bob Chalmers[President]Alastair Mackenzie[Hon Vice President]David McIntyre [Treasurer]Sandra Chalmers[Welfare rep]James Thomson, Jacqueline Thomson, Doug Frazer, Willie Rae, Sylvia Rae, Roddie Macrae, Phil Lefevre. [12]

**Apologies**

Rod Macdonald, Lobby Hall, Jules Hall, John Cowie, Wayne Dixon, Allan Mitchell, Janet Graham, John Culliven, Sheila Culliven, Ian McIntosh.

**Absent**

All not listed above

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed those present, thanked all for attending and opened the meeting at 1232hrs.

**Loyal Toast**

A loyal toast was drunk to her Majesty the Queen and her Majesty's Royal Marines.

## **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed as a true record, Proposed by Alastair Mackenzie, Seconded by David McIntyre. Carried Unanimously.

## **Chairmans report**

The Chairman said that a total of £650 was collected for the RMC on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, a big thank you to all who attended. WELL DONE

The Graspan parade is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Four of the Branch are attending and will report back at the next meeting.

For anyone who saw the latest 'rep net' a limited quantity of old style 'pussers grips' will be made available for £50 if there is enough interest so contact the makers asap.

Gunnery Sgt Lee Ermey USMC of Full Metal Jacket fame has crossed the bar.

There will be a service of remembrance for Cyprus Emergency casualties at the NMA at 1100hrs on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August. For more information contact Les Smith [RHG] at [cyprusveterans@gmail.com](mailto:cyprusveterans@gmail.com)

There are still nine Royal Marine families they have been unable to contact so if you can help, please do so.

## **Secretarys report**

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## **Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer stated that the Branch funds stood at £3,503.91. Including the £650 collected from Tesco this made a grand total of £4,362.29

The Bonus ball for 31 March and 7 April, were roll overs and the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21 April were won by Sylvia Rae.

## **Welfare report**

Sandra stated that she was not aware of any ongoing welfare problems

## **Membership**

Bob Chalmers said that the membership details for the Branch were still ongoing and that e mails had been sent out for members to add their names and details. There were 29 emails sent, 16 lapsed members and 7 members on the HQ books who we did not know anything about.

## **Events**

Paul stated that we had an event virtually every month this year but a discussion was held regarding any other event we could add to the calendar and top of the list was another games night on the first weekend in June and a roller ball event which it was hoped that Allan Mitchell might arrange in August.

The next collection day would be at Tesco Dingwall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May [assuming we didn't have an invitation to the Royal wedding!!]

Timings would be 0900-1100 Paul, Alastair. 1100-1300 Phil, Janet 1300-1500 Roddie, Rod 1500-1700 Sylvia, Willie.

The Branch has been invited to the RNA Trafalgar night dinner on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Beaufort hotel at £30 per head.

## **G&L Report**

Alastair stated that a report had gone in for the next G&L issue.

## **AOCB**

A discussion was held regarding the prizes for the Spean Bridge raffle and it was decided that several big prizes would be made available, including the above mentioned "pussers" grip and a decanter and glasses from the RM shop. Bob was going to donate a RM bath robe! In blue hopefully!

Willie asked if there could be a collection day at Tesco Elgin. Paul would try to arrange that.

James asked if anyone was interested in the RMFVR dinner at Glasgow. After much discussion it was decided that the tickets were too expensive [£100] and no one wanted to attend at that price.

**Meeting Closed 1315hrs**

**Next Meeting Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Minutes taken by A. Mackenzie, standing in for Secretary.