



Royal Marines Association
Highland Branch
Once a Marine always a Marine
Registered Charity 206003



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

Secretary - Allan Mitchell

Chairman - Paul Wilson BA.

Treasurer - David McIntyre

President - Bob Chalmers

Welfare - Sandra Chalmers

Hon Vice President – Alistair MacKenzie

Globe & Laurel – Alastair MacKenzie

**Minutes of Branch Meeting of the Royal Marines Association Highland Branch
Held in ‘The Club’ 5 Gordon Terrace Inverness at 1230hrs
On Saturday 31st March 2018**

Present

David McIntyre (Treasurer), David Sutherland, Rod MacDonald, Wayne Dixon, Alastair MacKenzie (Hon Vice Pres), Paul Wilson (Chairman), Bob Chalmers (Hon President), Sandra Chalmers (Welfare Rep), Lobby Hall, Joules Hall, Ian McIntosh, James Thomson, Ian Tasker, Dougie Frazer, Allan Mitchell (Secretary). (15)

Apologies

Steve Menmuir, Janet Graham, Jacqueline Thomson, John Culliven, Sheila Culliven, Willie Rae, Sylvia Rae (7)

Absent

All not mentioned above.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked all for attending and opened the meeting at 12.38 hrs.’

Loyal Toast

A loyal toast was drunk to Her Majesty the Queen and Her Majesties Royal Marines.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as true by Phil Lefevre and seconded by Alastair MacKenzie

Matters Arising From The Minutes

Nil

Chairman's Report

A big thank you to all who helped collect £400.00 at Tesco Inshes.

A band has been booked for Spean Bridge this year instead of a Ceilidh as some have expressed that they would prefer a change so that is what has been organised.

Some of us, although the numbers are still short, have booked transport, accommodation and tickets for this years Graspan parade in London. To date James and Jacqueline are making a long weekend of it and Alastair and I are going down for the weekend staying at the UJC. If anyone else is interested please make it if you can.

Jim Morris former ML and TV star of the early 80's documentary behind the lines was on Radio 5 last night if anyone caught it.

The RMFVR are celebrating their 70th anniversary in Glasgow on the 13th June with a big dinner event. Anyone who can make please support this event if you can. I'm sure James will be attending as a RMFVR candidate himself.

I would like to appeal again for volunteers for the upcoming Tesco Collections in April and May so please step up if you can and thank you for those that have.

Membership has been worked on considerably by Bob lately and we feel we have now got a good handle on it but please check if you know anyone and more importantly if you can help with the contacting or support of new members please let Bob know.

Finally, our events calendar appears to have dropped off a bit please support this part of the minutes and let us know of any events or dates that we need to include with as much detail as possible to grab people's attention.

That concludes my report.

The Secretaries Report

To access the minutes online, on the front page of the website there is a button "current minutes" click on this and you will be able to get to the minutes in PDF format

Treasurers Report

We have £3503.91 in the bank.

Bonus Ball fees are now due

BRANCH BONUS-BALL PAY-OUTS :-				31 st MAR, 2018.	
24 th Feb, 2018 to 24 th Mar, 2018.				Royal Marines Association, (H.B.).	
Day.	Month.	Ball No.	Member.	Amount.	Date Paid.
24	Feb.	7.	ROLL-OVER.	N/A.	N/A.
3	Mar.	36.	ROLL-OVER.	N/A.	N/A.
10	Mar.	50.	ROLL-OVER.	N/A.	N/A.
17	Mar,	39,	ROLL-OVER,	N/A.	N/A,
24	Mar.	49.	ROLL-OVER.	N/A.	N/A.
David A. McIntyre.			Amount Due :	£ 00-00.	paid out.
31 st Mar, 2018.					

Membership Report

Bob and Paul have been working on the membership list which they hope is now up to date. Bob will hold the master copy.

Bob explained the membership list

We have 22 regular members

9 occasional members

29 lapsed

And 13 we know nothing about

James T suggested we take it upon ourselves to contact people.

Welfare Report

NTR

Events Report

.Events Calendar has dropped of the minutes this is due to the lack of updates from the members, if you have anything for the calendar please send it in so we can update it regularly.

Globe and Laurel Report

The report has gone in for the next issue

Proposition Book

There was nothing in the book but Paul wanted to put one in –

He proposed that anyone attending National Events representing the branch be given a donation towards their costs.

Seconded by Wayne Dixon

It was decided to give the sum of £50 per person no receipts required,

AOCB

The shotgun No one in the branch seems to be interested. Dixie has a friend who is interested.

Name Badges Paul is looking at a couple of companies

Joules will have a couple to look at for next meeting.

Rod MacD would like to know where the £400 collected at Tesco's is going

It will go into the bank, we decided that we would bank everything and send money to the Charities in one Lump sum

James T Could we have something at the door to say that the RMA is holding a meeting in the room

Paul I will bring in the pop up banner

Bob Befriending former RM's is it worth progressing further

Paul we need someone who is committed, there are courses we could go on

James David Friend was going to come and give us a talk. He will come and give us a talk

Rod MacD I am ? of the local Befriender Association

Paul can you get them to liaise with us

Rod will do

Raffle

The raffle raised £74

Meeting Closed

The Chairman closed the meeting at 1316 hrs. Next meeting, Saturday April 28th 2018.

Signature

A A Mitchell

Secretary.

Date 2017

