

# The Royal Marines Association

## North Wales Branch



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### **Minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Branch RMA held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007 at 7.30, The Miners Arms, Meliden**

**Present:** Alan Logan  
Sue Logan  
Lawrence Reynolds  
Eric Vaughan  
Stephen Flanigan  
Ted Evans  
Doug Taylor  
Leon Davies  
Mervyn Jones  
Richard Beckett  
Mike Beckett  
Philip Williams Jones  
Ron Hooper  
Barry Cahill  
Chris Macdonald Parry  
Jeff Jones

**Apologies:** Helen Stallard  
Chris Stallard  
Colette Harrison  
Martin Moyse  
Mike O'Rourke  
Tim Cahill

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

#### **Minutes of the last meeting**

These were accepted.

## Agenda Items

- Awards for All form – June Cahill, Barry’s wife, is acting as our referee for the grant application. She has been asked to respond to more questions put by Awards for All. However Alan is hopeful that we should soon have the grant money through and will be able to make arrangements to attend the RMA annual reunion at Llymestone in September.
- Branch standard dedication ceremony – The standard should be with us any day now. Flan went through the arrangements for the ceremony on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July in St Asaph Cathedral. The standard will be escorted by 3 members of the branch dressed in authentic 1664 uniforms. The cadet band will play for us and the ceremony will be followed by Welsh refreshments in the Dean’s library. Sue has sent out around 200 invitations. Could everyone please let Sue know asap if they are attending and if so how many guests they will be bringing. Lawrence stressed that we need to ensure that everyone adheres to the strict dress code of blazer, beret and medals.
- Transport to meetings and other events – Sue stressed that members who feel they are unable to attend due to transport difficulties should get in touch with her or Alan who should be able to help them.
- Alan welcomed a new member to the meeting – Ron Hooper.
- No names, no pack drill but one of our members who is one of our welfare reps paid a visit to a member who was ill and in doing so paid for a bag of fruit and card out of his own pocket. This is just what the RMA is about. Well done.
- Ron mentioned that Swasi Turner may be prepared to come along and talk to the members at a future meeting. Sue asked if we could have his contact details to try and arrange this.
- In Chris’ absence Sue read out the current financial status of the branch. A donation of £20 has been received by one of the members this week – this is to be added to the current total. The current total in the bank stands at £1256.44 (£810 to be deducted from this to pay for branch standard). Anyone wishing further details please contact Chris. Subs taken this evening £17.
- Raffle – several members donated bottles of alcohol for the raffle – our thanks for these. Thanks to Ted for doing the raffle for us. Raffle takings this evening - £28.
- Birds, Booze, Battles and B Movies quiz was held – winners were Leon and Mervyn – well done!
- It had been intended to show the DVD of the RMA’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary but the DVD player was unavailable so this will hopefully be shown at a future meeting.
- Sue and Alan explained that they would be unable to attend the next meeting so the meeting will be run by Chris, Helen and Lawrence.
- Could everyone please let Sue know ASAP whether they will be attending the standard dedication in St Asaph on 1<sup>st</sup> July, the joint parade in Rhuddlan on 8<sup>th</sup> July, the flag day collection on 14<sup>th</sup> July (Asda, Kinmel Bay) and the North Wales Falklands day in Llandudno on 15<sup>th</sup> July. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO GIVE US A GOOD TURN OUT!

## Date of next meeting

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm in the Miners Arms, Meliden

(Apologies – Sue Logan, Alan Logan, Eric Vaughan, Doug Taylor, Mike O’Rourke)