

Royal Marines Association, Riders Branch
Inaugural Meeting
Royal Marines Association Plymouth Clubroom, Royal Marines Barracks Stonehouse

Saturday 6th June 2015 at 1230 hrs

Present 18

Apologies 3

Minutes of the last AGM:

Being the Inaugural Meeting there were no previous Minutes.
RMA Riders Inaugural Meeting held at 1230 Sat 6 June 2015

Item 1.

Arrive and Bar Open 1200 – 1230 during this period the proposed secretary announced that RMA Gifts were available during this time from the shop, the shop was being run by Mrs Lisa Charles and Ms Chloe Wilkin.

The names of the proposed branch officer candidates:

Mr Graham Barber	Chairman
Mr Neal Harris	Treasurer
Mr David (Dai) Charles	Secretary

Were announced and other committee positions were advertised. Members were informed that any member present could stand for the above positions they would require a proposer and seconder.

Item 2. Opening Remarks

2. Mr David (Dai) Charles, the proposed secretary, welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all those who had come from any distance, he explained the history to “Lighting of Candle” and a 1 min Silence was held.

Item 3. Introduce Mick New Secretary RMA Plymouth

3. Mr David (Dai) Charles, the proposed secretary, introduced and welcomed Mr Mick New explaining that the proceedings were to be over seen by him. Mr M New explained his role in the AGM procedure. He was there to guide the Branch and to support a fair and transparent process. He offered the chance to any one else to fill the key positions and explained that he would remain at the committee table to offer advice and steer the fledgling committee through the process.

Item 4. Proposition of committee.

Mr Mick New the Plymouth RMA Secretary took the chair for the election of Branch Officers
The following nominations have been received:

Branch Chairman:

Mr Graham Barber	Proposed	Mr David (Dai) Charles	Seconded:	Mr Neal Harris
Carried Unanimously				

Treasurer:

Mr Neal Harris	Proposed	Mr Graham Barber	Seconded:	Mr Mr David
(Dai) Charles				

Secretary:

Mr David (Dai) Charles	Proposed	Mr Graham Barber	Seconded:	Mr Neal Harris
Carried Unanimously				

Each officer was presented individually with separate votes being taken for each candidate.

The Chairman Mr Graham Barber thanked Mr M New for his valued input and his continued involvement, he took the chair for the election of the Branch Committee.

Committee Members:

Mr Ted Flood	Norwich (East Anglia) Region
Proposed Mr Graham Barber	Seconded: Mr Neal Harris
Carried Unanimously	
Mr David Richardson	Northern Region
Proposed Mr Graham Barber	Seconded: Mr Neal Harris
Carried Unanimously	
Mr Tony Lang	Web Master and Rest of the World Rep
Proposed Mr Graham Barber	Seconded: Mr Neal Harris
Carried Unanimously	
Mr Tony Harris	France
Proposed Mr Graham Barber	Seconded: Mr David Charles
Carried Unanimously	
Mr Simon Capon	Parade marshal, Branch Standard
Proposed Mr Graham Barber	Seconded: Mr Neal Harris
Carried Unanimously	

Each candidate proposer and seconder were read out. The membership were offered the opportunity to speak for or against the candidates

Mr John Panter said he would consider the post of Midlands Region Representative post the item 13 agenda topic.

Item 4. Back Patch.

4. Mr John Panter was interested in the reason that the RMA Riders Branch would not be sanctioning a large Globe and Laurel cap badge style badge on the rear of motor cycle apparel.

5. The Chair opened the discussion to the floor. A well-ordered and meaningful discussion ensued carried out in a dignified and orderly fashion. A number of former 'Back Patch' and 'Side Patch' candidates stepped forward to ratify why we should not entertain a large patch on our backs. There was some discussion re-individuals discretion re back patches and those who currently have a back patch may carry on wearing to military events.

6. The Chair stated that the Branch must operate under RMA Articles and Bye-Laws, general principals of governance and dress codes. A vote was taken that only the RMA badge would be worn, in the area of left chest but that a request would be put forward for a wire badge proclaiming RMA Riders Branch be developed to wear below this.
Carried Unanimously

7. Mr John Panter Midlands Region Representative
Proposed Mr James Hale Seconded: Mr Carl Brough
Carried Unanimously

Item 5. Secretaries Report.

8. The Secretary thanked all those for voting him in and explained the registration routine to become a member of the RMA and cost of £10, transfer routine and the £5 Branch fee.

Item 6. Treasurers Report.

9. The Treasurer thanked all those for voting him in and explained that he would need to take £5 for Branch membership fees from any one wanting to be a member and a further £3 to pay the bar staff and RMA Plymouth Clubroom.

Item 6. Chairman's Report.

10. The Chairman thanked all those for voting him in he then went on to explain Other Committee Requirements Vice President and requirement for Entertainments Committee. He went on to explain RMA Riders Branch Standard, it's probable cost and how it would be dedicated, with a hope of having it ready for September 15.

11. Future Projects and Events we had a chance of a visit to France that was being organised by Mr Tony Harris and that we would also look at a number of track day events run by a former RM.

Item 7. Any Other Business.

12. Mr Marty Wilkin asked the question on recruiting and a request for a recruiting pack would be forwarded to RMA Central Office, if there is one available Secretary to action.

13 Mr Russ Craig asked what are our aspirations now? The Chair stated that it was to uphold RM values, recruit serving and veterans to get out and show the RM Corps in a further light, whilst enjoying the hobby of Motorcycles, a family branch with family values.

14. Mr Russ Craig put his name forward for Vice chair
Proposed Mr Graham Barber Seconded: Mr David Charles
Carried Unanimously

15. Before the bar was reopened it was reiterated on collection of the £3, that we would have our first riders Branch photograph with all the bikes in the car park. The first AGM would be during the half term period of April/May 2016 date to be promulgated when all the area reps get back to chair with school dates

The meeting ended at 14:05

Submitted Secretary.....
Mr D H Charles

Chairman.....
MR G Barber