



Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman – **Frank Murray**

Secretary – **Gil Nicol**

Treasurer – **Mick Walker**

Minutes of meeting held in The Royal British Legion, Central Branch, Rodney Street, Edinburgh on Sunday 15th July 2012

1.0 Members Present; Frank Murray , Gil Nicol , Mick Walker , Andy Mullen , Kim Panton , John Donaldson , Gordon Mc Leod , Kenny Wratten , Raymond Mannion , Tom Ormiston , Jim Simpson , Doug Archibald , Ron Mc Cartan , Brian Earl and Ronnie Drummond.

2.0 Apologies; Willie Grant , David Brock, Andy Paterson , Craig Mc Quade , Hugh Mc Phee , Eon Mc Intyre , Roy Kay and Norrie Bishop.

3.00 Welfare Report; We are pleased to announce that Ronnie Drummond has recovered successfully from his operation, getting a pacemaker installed, we wish him all the best. We were also pleased to see Jim Simpson as he had been unwell at our last meeting.

4.00 Chairman's Welcome; Frank Murray welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of Colonel D. Eagan and all past colleagues including those who have fallen recently in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Frank also thanked all those branch members who participated in the Armed Forces Day Parade in Edinburgh on Saturday 30th June 2012, the PRA members appreciated us attending.

5.00 Minutes of Last Meeting; It was pointed out that there were 2 of errors in the minutes of the last meeting and they were;

(a) Andy Paterson's name was omitted from the Apologies Section

(b) The date for the trip on the Waverley, on the itinerary, was wrong.

The remainder of the minutes was passed as accurate by Gordon Mc Leod and seconded by Tom Ormiston

(c) It was pointed out that in the last minutes that any information regarding the AEA –AGM be forwarded to Joe Stoddart MBE, this in fact should be “forwarded to J. Ferry”.

6.00 Matters Arising;

(a) Gil Nicol apologised for omitting Andy Paterson's name from the minutes of the last meeting

(b) Gil Nicol apologised for getting the dates wrong, on the Itinerary, for the trip on The Waverley and confirmed that it is Wednesday 15th August 2012. He also confirmed the price of £37.00/person subject to group discount.

(c) Members were asked to nominate someone to attend the National Memorial Arboretum. The majority of the members attending were interested in a visit to The Arboretum however a discussion regarding a date to visit has still to be clarified.

(d) Members were reminded of the annual PRA Bowls Championship which is being held at the usual venue (Bilston) on 2nd September 2012. All members and wives/partners are invited.

7.00 Secretary's Report;

(a) Unfortunately due to health reasons Eric Borlase was not able to attend the July meeting , he has had a pacemaker fitted and last week he underwent an operation to remove a tumour behind one of his eyes , however he is hopeful of attending our September meeting.

In the meantime Craig Mc Quade and Gil Nicol sent him a bottle of the amber nectar (malt whisky) to make up for his disappointment at not being able to attend.

Gil Nicol sent him a letter of support, from the branch members and he has replied thanking everyone for their concern as well as sending his best wishes.

(b) Members were reminded that we have 4 places allocated to our branch for inclusion in attending the memorial service/parade at The Cenotaph in London on November 2012. To date we have 5 members wishing to attend. These names will be forwarded to the AEA Secretary.

(c) All names of those wishing to go on the Waverley trip were reminded to pay Gil Nicol to-day. Full details will be forwarded by Gil Nicol after he has made the final booking.

(d) Members were informed that he and Andy Paterson's were allocated teams in the Euro 2012 Championship, France and Czech Republic respectively, unfortunately as we all know they were gubbed.

8.00 Treasurers Report; Mick Walker informed us that there has been very little change to our financial situation; we are still in a healthy position.

9.00 Website Report; John Donaldson informed us that he has been experiencing problems with the website , mainly that on pages 8 , 9 & 10 of pictures the captions are missing from all the photographs therein. He has contacted FastHosts but pages are still missing the details but he is confident all will be corrected shortly.

He has been contacted by a Gordon Brady (former Sapper) who asked if he could post his website address site on our website; this is an address site that has contact details of all registered former Sappers.

10.00 The Shoebox Appeal; Craig Mc Quade is still working up North so there is no change to the issuing of shoeboxes.

11.00 Future Meetings; All future meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month , every 2nd month , starting from and including January 2012 . Meetings will commence at 1300 hrs.

12.00 A.O.C.B;

(a) Some of the branch members met up , on Wednesday 13th June , for an intermeeting pint at The Guards Club in Edinburgh. It was a good day out but it would have been nice to have seen a few more members.

(b) John Donaldson has some car stickers available, for members, which can be collected after the meeting (free of charge)

13.00 Date of Next Meeting; Our next meeting will be **Sunday 16th September 2012** at RBL Rodney Street, Edinburgh at 1300 hrs.