



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 18th March 2012

1. **Members Present** ; Frank Murray , Mick Walker , Gil Nicol , Andy Mullen, John Donaldson , Gordon Mc Leod , Alex Mc Whirter , Kenneth Wratten , Craig Mc Quade , Andy Paterson , Brian Earl , Roy Kay , Jim Simpson , Ronnie Drummond , Norrie Bishop and Raymond Mannion.
2. **Apologies** ; Eon Mc Intyre, Kim Panton , Doug Archibald , David Brock , E.maclachlainn , Hugh Mc Phee , Tom Ormiston and all overseas members.
3. **Welfare Report** ; No one appears to be ill so we do not have a “sick parade”. Mick Walker has contacted the members who have not been attending and asked after their welfare and took the opportunity to remind them that some of them have unpaid annual fees.
4. **Chairman’s Welcome** ; Frank Murray welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. We then observed a minutes silence in remembrance of past colleagues and those who have fallen recently in Iraq and Afghanistan.
In particular we remember Bill Livingston TD who died suddenly and his funeral is on Monday 19th March 2012.
Bill served with 3 Troop , 300squadron in the mid 60,s
Frank Murray intends to attend his funeral on behalf of the branch.
5. **Minutes of Last Meeting** ; The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as accurate by Mick Walker and seconded by Andy Mullen.
6. **Matters Arising** ; There we none
7. **Secretary’s Report** ; Gil Nicol reminded everyone that we have places to fill for the Remembrance Sunday Parade at The Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday 2012. The following put their names forward for consideration ;
 - (a) E.maclachlainn
 - (b) Gordon Mc Leod
 - (c) Mick Walker
 - (d) Craig McQuade

(e) Gil Nicol

Craig McQuade suggested applying for more places , to boost the numbers represented by the AEA overall but it was pointed out that the numbers are set and allocated by The British Legion.

A donation was forwarded to The Parachute Regiment Charity towards the Memorial appeal. The donation was to the value of £100.00.

We received , very promptly , a letter of acknowledgement from the Parachute Regiment Charity for the donation submitted.

There was a general discussion regarding a “Trip doon the watter” on the steamship The Waverley and it was agreed that we should try for a trip on Monday 16th July 2012.

The trip we are applying for is from Glasgow – Girvan – Glasgow

Gil Nicol will obtain details and costs and report back at the next meeting in May 2012.

Approximately 18 personnel were interested(Members/partners)

8. Treasurers Report ; Mick Walker (Treasurer) reported that we are in good health financially.

There are outstanding monies from the PRA Xmas Dance and these monies will have to be paid to the Treasurer A.S.A.P.

9. Website Report; John Donaldson stated there is nothing to report

10. The Shoebox Appeal ; Craig McQuade submitted a detailed report as follows ;

He forwarded 10 No boxes to 35 Engineer Group. In Afghanistan they are changing over from Herrick 14 to Herrick 15 and Craig is awaiting a contact name.

He received a letter of thanks from the SSM of 44 HQ & SP Squadron acknowledging receipt of the shoeboxes already forwarded. To date we have issued a total of 90 No boxes and will not be issuing anymore until we receive a contact name.

11. 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. A.O.C.B. ;

(a) It was agreed that we should meet up for a mid-meeting pint on **Wednesday 11th April (1300 hrs) at The Guards Club in Edinburgh , everyone is welcome. Dress code is casual but smart.** The Guards Club is situated directly opposite Haymarket Station.

(b) Jim Simpson reminded us that the AEA AGM2012 is in being held in Hull and next year it will be held in Bournemouth.

Any questions that are to be raised should be passed on to Joe Stoddart as Jim Simpson cannot manage to attend.

(c) Craig McQuade reminded us that Eric Borlace (Chelsea Pensioner) will be his guest at our July meeting. Eric was the ex 9 Sqn member who looked after us when we were in London for the remembrance parade last year

It would be nice if we had a large turnout and gave him a good Scottish welcome.

(d) A Centenary Para Engineer Tie was handed in from the late Jimmy Wilson's Daughter and was passed on to one of our older members and the gesture was much appreciated.

(e) Copies of minutes from A.E.A. Chatham and Birmingham Branches are available for viewing.

The meeting was then closed , at 1345 hrs , with a vote of thanks to the chair.

13. Date of Next Meeting ; Our next meeting will be **Sunday 20th May 2012 at RBL Rodney Street , Edinburgh** at 1300 hrs.