



# Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman – **Gordon McLeod**

Secretary – **Gil Nicol**

Treasurer – **Craig McQuade**

**Minutes of the Airborne Engineers Association (Scotland) Annual General Meeting  
Held on Sunday 20 November 2022 (1230hrs) at R.B.L.S. 33 Rodney Street ,Edinburgh.**

**1. Members Present;** Gordon McLeod, Gil Nicol, Craig McQuade, Alex Cockburn, Andy Nelson, Brian Earl, John Donaldson, Mick Walker, Andy Gemmell, David Henderson, Bob Masson, Bob Hamilton, Andy Paterson, Douglas Archibald, Kenneth Wratten and Michael Ellery.

**2. Apologies;** Andy Mullen, Joe Davidson, Willie Grant, Eoghann macLachlainn, Robert Stewart, Bill Pagan, John Carter, Keith Coventry, Jim Queen, Andrew Shankland, Alex McWhirter, John Hare MBE, Ron McCartan, Alan Morrison and all overseas members.

**3. Chairmans Remarks;**-Gordon welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. The meeting was opened with the reading of the Airborne Prayer by D.Henderson including The Royal Toast

Gordon informed the members that we had received a thank you card from Catherine Carter as we had given her an Airborne tartan Shawl as a thank you for supplying wreaths on a yearly basis at no cost.

Gordon reminded all members of the passing of Ronnie Drummond on 1 March 2022.

The Branch stood for a minutes silence to remember the fallen and absent friends.

“We will Remember Them”

**4. Welfare;** The following members are still not keeping well and we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery ; Willie Grant, Andy Mullen, Eoghann macLachlainn and John Carter.

Willie Grant had an accident a couple of years ago and is now confined to getting about in a wheelchair, but he is in good spirits.

Although he wasn't mentioned in our welfare list it was good to see Craig Mc Quade back, hale and hearty, at our meeting after his recent pacemaker operation.

**5. Minutes of AGM;** Sunday 21 November 2021.

The minutes were passed as being accurate by Mick Walker and seconded by Craig McQuade.

**6. Matters Arising;** There were none.

**7. Minutes of O. G. M.;** Sunday 18 September 2022.

The minutes were passed as being accurate by Andy Gemmell and seconded by Andy Nelson

**8. Matters Arising;** There were no matters arising.

**9. Minutes from AEA-AGM –Held on Saturday 22 October 2022 at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham;** All members have received email copies of said minutes.

**10. Matters Arising;** Michael Ellery and Kenneth Wratten both attended stating that they had a very good time and it was very well organised. Unfortunately Mick Walker could not make it as his flight was cancelled

Please note that Kenneth Wratten’s flight was also cancelled, however he took a taxi to Birmingham from Glasgow and we commend him for that.

We as branch thank those who managed to attend and also those who intended going but could not make it.

**11. Secretaries Report; (a) Norrie Bishop**—Sadly we have to inform you that Norrie Bishop, who was an Associate Member, has resigned his membership of AEA Scotland as he will be meeting up, on a regular basis with some of his ex colleagues at their RSA Meetings .He sends his best wishes to all our members and thanks everyone for all the pleasant times he had at AEA Scotland. We have been in touch with Norrie and informed him we are sorry to lose him and wish him all the best for the future.

**(b) Cromwell Lock Memorial Garden-Newark**—It has been agreed that the following members will make up a committee of 3 who will look after maintenance and organise the annual parade , Insurance will be covered by The AEA National Executive—Eamon Smyth (Birmingham), Craig Gadd (299) and Gil Nicol (Scotland)

**(c) Toscaig Bridge, Strathcarron;** Alex Cockburn reported that the bridge has been damaged due to Flooding. He was informed that the responsibility for the upkeep of the bridge rests with the relevant council, in this case Highland Council.

**(d) Erskine Home;** It was agreed to send a donation of £50.00.

**12. Treasurer’s Report;** Craig Mc Quade presented a very clear and defined financial report stating that we are still in a financially healthy position. He thanked all who submitted donations. A friend of our Chairman has donated £120.00 to our branch funds.

This Financial report was passed as being accurate by Dave Henderson and seconded by Alex Cockburn.

Michael Ellery informed us that Dave Rutter had received a £1000.00 donation from an ex Arnhem Veteran, who has since passed away. This was received as a very good gesture.

Annual Dues will be collected after this meeting. Details of Annual Dues and payment methods will be contained further on in Section 16. The members thanked him for his detailed report.

**13. Webmaster’s Report;** It was agreed that John Donaldson will continue to monitor and update our website .We are still receiving “hits” from visitors.

Anyone who wants anything included on the website can contact John.

**14. Future Meetings;** All future meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, on alternate months, commencing Sunday 16 January 2022. Meetings will commence at 1300hrs with the exception of our AGM which will commence at 1230hrs.We will meet in the downstairs small lounge at R.B.L.S, 33 Rodney Street, Edinburgh, EH7 4OQ.

**15. Election of Office Bearers; Chairman**—Gordon McLeod—Proposed by John Donaldson and Seconded by Brian Earl and unanimously agreed by all members present. Gordon McLeod returns as Chairman.

**Secretary** — Gil Nicol -----Proposed by Andy Paterson Seconded by Dave Henderson and unanimously agreed by al members present, Gil Nicol returns as Secretary.

**Treasurer** —(a)Craig Mc Quade—Proposed by Gil Nicol Seconded by Gordon McLeod

(b) Michael Ellery stated that he was interested in taking up this position.

Although he had no proposer or seconder it was agreed, in fairness to him that we would vote accordingly.

Both candidates were asked to leave the room while voting took place

When they were invited back to the meeting they were informed that Craig Mc Quade was voted back in as our Treasurer.

Events Social Convener—no one interested in taking up this position, so all events will be conducted by the committee as previous years. Gil Nicol will forward to all members a list of events proposed for 2023.

The following officials agreed to carry on for another year;

Auditor ----- Bob Hamilton -- Unanimously voted back in

Webmaster--John Donaldson-Unanimously voted back in

Branch Rep. (1)-Gordon McLeod - Unanimously voted back in

Branch Rep.(2) – Andy Paterson----Unanimously voted back in

**16. Annual Subscriptions;** It was proposed that (a) Annual Subscriptions be £15.00 per member to be paid annually.

This was proposed by Gil Nicol and seconded by Robert Hamilton.

Michael Ellery proposed (b) Increase Annual Dues by £1.00

Mick Walker proposed (c) that we reduce our Annual Dues by £5.00

A vote of all members present was taken and proposal (a) was elected by a majority over the other two proposals. Therefore Annual Dues will remain at £15.00 per member to be paid annually.

Subs will be collected after today's meeting.

Anyone paying by cheque should make the cheque out to our Secretary Craig Mc Quade

If you wish to pay by bank transfer the details are as follows

Account Name-Craig and Katherine Mc Quade

Sort Code— **82 -70 -21**

Account Number –00061094

**AEA Subs 2023/ Own Name**

This method enables our Treasurer to get almost instant details of who has paid and he can then transfer these monies electronically to our Branch Account

Any correspondence regards finance should be forward to the Treasurer:-

Craig Mc Quade  
37 Riverview Park  
Mangerton  
Newcastleton  
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**17. A.O.C.B;** (a) AEA Scotland's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is on 20 September 2023 and we the committee suggest we use our Annual Lunch as a means of celebration. We can also have a toast to our anniversary at our OGM on Sunday 18 September 2023.

Jim Queen can make bespoke pens commemorating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and they will cost approx. £25.00 each. Anyone else requiring pens see Gil Nicol.

Due to a busy September it was proposed that we have our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meal on Saturday 7 October 2023 at a venue to be decided. Members have submitted quite a few ideas of where we should have our Anniversary Meal and the committee will work towards securing one of these venues.

(b) Cromwell Lock Memorial Service 2022 (Grangemouth); This was held on Sunday 25 September 2022 at Zetland Park, Grangemouth. This was very well attended including RBLs. Grangemouth and PRA Lothian were in attendance as well as others. After the service we retired to RBLs. Grangemouth for refreshments. Refreshments were supplied by RBLs. Grangemouth however we do give them a donation towards the cost.

(c) Cromwell Lock Memorial Service, Newark—This was held on Sunday 25 September 2022 (1030hrs for 1100hrs)—this was also very well attended.

(d) AEA—AGM—Was held on 21—23 October 2022 at Holiday Inn, Birmingham.

(e) Field of Remembrance, Edinburgh; This was held on Monday 24 October 2022 at The Gardens of Remembrance, Princes St., Edinburgh.

(f) PRA Lothian Branch, Annual Xmas Dinner/Dance; This will be held on Friday 2 December 2022 (1900hrs) at RBLs, Rodney Street, Edinburgh—Ticket prices £10.00 per person. Any members interested please contact Gil Nicol.

(g) Annual Lunch 2023—This is covered in Section 17; Item (a).

(h) Bespoke Clothing—Alex Cockburn informed us that a local Falkirk clothing manufacture is willing to make up bespoke items of clothing, eg Polo Shirts, Kagools, etc. The company is called BEE Uniforms. However we all agreed that should we require any items we will purchase from the AEA Shop.

(i) Our Treasurer reminded us that the pies that are supplied for consumption after our meeting are bought and paid for by members. The monies charged goes into the branch funds and none of it goes back to the purchasing member. The pie money generates approx. £240 per year.

(j) AEA—AGM Reunion—Michel Ellery informed us that, with the exception of Scotland and Wales, all other branches are taking their turns at hosting this event. He feels that in the future we can also host this event. He has offered, with assistance from Alex Cockburn and Andrew Nelson,

to organise this event in the future. This was well received by our members. Our Branch Committee will contact all other branch secretaries with a view to finding how many of their members will be willing to travel to Scotland for this venue—A Feasibility Study if you like. The intention is to host the event in Central Scotland. Our Secretary, on behalf of our Chairman, will send out information to all branches in the near future

**18. Date of Next Meeting** - Our next meeting will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023, commencing at 1300hrs at RBL Rodney Street, Edinburgh, in the Small Downstairs Lounge.

We wish all our colleagues “South of The Border”—A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A GUID NEW YEAR.

The Meeting was brought to a close and the Chair was thanked