



Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman – **Frank Murray**

Secretary – **Gil Nicol**

Treasurer – **Mick Walker**

Minutes of the Meeting held at The Royal British Legion , Rodney Street , Edinburgh at 1300hrs on Sunday 15th September 2013

1.0 Members Present ; Frank Murray , Mick Walker , Gil Nicol , Kim Panton , Craig Mc Quade , Alex Mc Whirter , Gordon Mc Leod , Andy Mullen , Andy Paterson , Brian Earl , Norrie Bishop , Ronnie Drummond , Jim Simpson , John Donaldson and Bob Hamilton.

2.0 Apologies ; Willie Grant , Hugh Mc Phee , David Brock, Roy Kay and all overseas members

3.0 Welfare Report ; We send our best wishes to Roy Kay who was not up to attending and expressed our appreciation at seeing Jim Simpson at the meeting.

4.0 Chairman,s Welcome ; Frank welcomed all present and a minutes silence was observed in remembrance of all past members and those who have fallen in recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“We will remember them”

A warm welcome was given to Bob Hamilton who was formally a member of 3 Troop in the 60,s.

Frank also informed the meeting that he has advised Fred Carslake to contact the local press in the Inverness Area in his quest to contact a “Jock Fraser”.

5.0 Minutes of Last Meeting ; The minutes of the last meeting were then proposed as being accurate by Jim Simpson and seconded by Gordon Mc Leod

6.0 Matters Arising ;

(a)The members attended “Airborne Forces Day” on Saturday 27th July 2013 held at Glenrothes and a very good day out was had by those who managed to attend. A letter of appreciation has been forwarded to P.R.A. Fife Branch who organised the day.

(b) The date for our branch Xmas Lunch was agreed as 30th November 2013 and Gil Nicol has contacted David Henderson with a view to booking, Approximately 22 –30 in number are interested in attending. There has been a change to this venue as David Henderson's son has since left “The Pantry” as it was not living up to his expectations especially the front of house service area. It has been left to Gil Nicol to contact (a) The Guards Club and (b) The Royal Scots Club regarding a booking.

(c) The Golf Outing 2013 – Craig Mc Quade has arranged that we have our outing at Newcastleton Golf Course on Sunday 22nd September 2013 and he and his wife provide food and refreshments after the competition.

7.0 Secretary's Report ;

(a) Gil Nicol was reminded by Dave Rutter (Editor of The Journal) that it would be more convenient if members paid by Standing Order as opposed to sending a cheque.

(b) On Saturday 17th August some members attended a barbeque , organised by The Falkirk Sappers Group , at Tullibody . This venue was changed from Falkirk to Tullibody because of the bad weather that day. It was held at the house of Joe Davidson and we thank him for allowing this to happen. Needless to say a good time was had by all and a letter of appreciation has been forwarded to The Falkirk Sappers Group.

(c) On Saturday 24th August some branch members attended an Armed Forces Day Parade in Grangemouth , once again this was in conjunction with The Falkirk Sappers Group and was well attended.

(d) On Saturday 28th September members of our branch are attending a memorial service for the 10 sappers who were tragically killed while participating on "Exercise Trent Chase" in 1975 . This will be held in Zetland Park , Grangemouth.

(e) Details of a trip to "Arnhem 2014" organised by Tours International , was described to members by Gil Nicol.

8.0 Treasurers Report ; Mick Walker reported that we are still in a healthy financial position and gave us a verbal report to this effect. This report was accepted as being accurate by the members. Mick Walker has received an acknowledgement of the donation we submitted regarding the refurbishment of The Dakota Aircraft.

9.0 Website Report ;

John Donaldson stated that the only information he has is that the cost of the website will be increasing and he will advise us accordingly. There was nothing else to report as the website appears to be functioning normally.

10.0 The Shoe box Appeal ; No report as we have suspended this appeal.

11.0 Future Meetings ; All future meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month , every 2nd month , starting from and including January 2014. Meetings will commence at 1300hrs.

12.0 A.O.CB.

(a) There was No Bowls Outing this year

(b) The members attending The Cenotaph Parade in London in November 2013 will contact each other and make arrangements regarding travel . Craig Mc Quade has booked the accommodation for everyone and travel arrangements for "The Westies" as "The Easties" have made their own arrangements.

The meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Date of Next Meeting ; Our next meeting will be on Sunday 17th November 2013 (1230hrs) at The Royal British Legion , Rodney Street , Edinburgh.

This is our AGM so please arrive early as we will have a lot to discuss.