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Chairman – **Mick Walker**

Secretary – **Gil Nicol**

Treasurer – **Craig Mc Quade**

Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting held at The Royal British Legion, Rodney Street, Edinburgh, EH7 4EL at 1300hrs on Sunday 19 July 2015.

1. **Members Present;** Mick Walker, Gil Nicol, Craig Mc Quade, Frank Murray, Gordon McLeod, Alex McWhirter, Kenneth Wratten, John Donaldson, Kim Panton, Andy Gemmell, Bob Hamilton, Norrie Bishop, Ronnie Drummond, Alex Cockburn and Brian Earl.
2. **Apologies;** Roy Kay, Willie Grant, Tom Ormiston, Eoghann macLachlainn, Eoin McIntyre, Dave Henderson, Andy Paterson, Andy Mullen, Dougie Archibald, David Brock, Ron McCartan and all overseas members.

3. Chairmans Welcome; Mick Walker welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. He informed all present about an email received from John Lee, regarding the commemoration service to be held at Cromwell Lock. Gil Nicol read out the contents.

Details we have, at present, are as follows; The service will begin at 1400hrs on Sunday 27 September—A “snack wagon” will be on site for the provision of tea/coffee and snacks—following the service The Ferry Inn, Public House in Muskham, located just a couple of miles down the A1, has been booked to provide light refreshments (on payment). Final details will be forwarded once we have received them.

It transpires that we have 3 extra Edinburgh – Newark return rail tickets and these are available free gratis to any members who want them. Should any or all the tickets remain spare they are available to the partners of those already going on the trip. Anyone interested should contact Mick Walker on 01383 723925 by 31 July, at the latest.

We extend our thanks to all the members who were involved in preparing and tidying up the Cromwell Lock area.

4. Welfare Report; Roy Kay is in the Liberton Hospital Edinburgh and arrangements are being made to transfer him to a nursing home. Ronnie Drummond and Kim Panton have been keeping us all up to speed. Kim visited Roy at Liberton Hospital and informed him that he was pleased to receive visitors. Ronnie Drummond and Kim Panton have agreed to continue visiting. Eoghann macLachlainn was in the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, recently where he underwent surgery for bowel cancer. We are happy to report that he has been discharged and is recovering in Oban. Gordon McLeod and Bob Hamilton went to visit him whilst he was in hospital, but he was already on the way to theatre. Frank Murray has spoken to Eoghann and said he is pleased to get at least three nights trouble free sleep. Frank will pass on his address details to anyone who wants them. Eoghann passes on his best wishes to all members of the A.E.A.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting; The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as being accurate by Brian Earl and seconded by Gordon McLeod.

6. Matters Arising; There were no matters arising.

7. Secretary's Report (a) e-mail from Legion Scotland- John Clark (Secretary/Treasurer) has thanked us for our contribution towards their funds and will forward application forms, to be available at next meeting, for membership of The Royal British Legion.

(b) Caledonian Challenge; Bill Norris (AEA Membership Secretary) has acknowledged receipt of the £91.00 contribution. His team came in sixth in the competition. Well done lads.

(c) Armed Forces Day Parade –Sunday 28 June 2015—Aberdeen-Some members attended and had a very good couple of days.

(d) Cenotaph Parade –London -8 November 2015—Hotel accommodation has been arranged. Travelling arrangements will be completed later and details forwarded to all concerned.

(e) Erskine Hospital; a letter was received informing us of the work that they do and informing us if any members wish to make a contribution an application form is enclosed.

(f) AEA National AGM--Mick Walker will be attending the AGM in October 2015. Details are in the last issue of “The Journal” if any other members wish to attend.

8. Treasures Report; Craig Mc Quade presented a verbal report and it is nice to see that we are still in a healthy financial situation. The report was proposed as accurate by Gordon McLeod and seconded by Kim Panton.

9. Website Report; John Donaldson informed us that the website, after a minor breakdown, is working fine now. The cause was a lightning strike that fried his router and landline.

10. Future Meetings; All future meetings will be held, on the 3rd Sunday of the month, every 2nd month starting from and including January 2015. Meetings will commence at 1300 hours.

11. A.O.C.B; (a) T.A. Centre Renaming; we have been informed that official sanction has been given to call the new Reservist Centre in Kingsbury after SSM John Lonergan, who was tragically killed in action while attending overseas camp in AL Milah, Aden in 1965. ***We are still awaiting details.***

(b) Correspondence; John Donaldson raised the question of posting correspondence out to members who are not fully paid up and it was agreed that only paid up members receive correspondence.

(c) Cromwell Lock Remembrance Service Grangemouth—Gil Nicol will inform all members once we are advised by The Falkirk Sapper Group.

The meeting was brought to a close at 1400 hrs with a vote of thanks to the chair after which we adjourned to the main hall and had some refreshments.

Please note that at the next meeting the kitchen will be available so hot pies will be on the menu.

12. --Date of Next Meeting; Sunday 20 September 2015 (1300 Hrs) at The Royal British Legion, Rodney Street, Edinburgh.