



# Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman – **Frank Murray**

Secretary – **Gil Nicol**

Treasurer – **Mick Walker**

**Minutes of the Meeting at The Royal British Legion , Rodney Street , Edinburgh at 1300hrs  
on Sunday 19 May 2013.**

## **1.0 Members Present ;**

Frank Murray , Gil Nicol , Mick Walker , Kim Panton , John Donaldson , Ronnie Drummond , Brian Earl , Gordon McLeod , Dougie Archibald , David Henderson , Andy Mullen , Kenny Wratten , Jim Simpson and Roy Kay

## **2.0 Apologies ;**

Willie Grant , Craig McQuade , David Brock , Ron McCartan , Hugh McPhee , Andy Paterson , Tom Ormiston , Eogahann Maclachlann , Alex McWhirter Eoin MacIntyre , Norrie Bishop and all overseas members.

## **3.0 Welfare Report ;**

There was no report however it was good to see Jim Simpson recovering from his kidney operation and Roy Kay who has not been keeping very well since our last meeting.

## **4.0 Chairman,s Welcome ;**

Frank welcomed all present with a special mention for David Henderson ( formerly 2 Troop) who travelled up from Wales. 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”**

## **5.0 Minutes of Last Meeting ;**

Frank Murray pointed out that in the last minutes reference was made to making the Dakota able to fly .This was incorrect as it should have read making the Dakota more more decoratively presentable. Once this amendment was acknowledged the minutes were proposed as accurate by Kim Panton and Seconded by Gordon McLeod

## **6.0 Matters Arising ;**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting other than previously stated by Frank Murray.

It was agreed after much discussion to donate the following ;

- (a) £50.00 to the repair of The Dakota Aircraft--Mick Walker will forward a cheque
- (b) £100.00 to The Erskine Care Home (Edinburgh)—John Donaldson and Kim Panton will hand over this donation at a later date.

## **7.0 Secretary,s Report ;**

- (a) We have submitted a donation of £100.00 towards “Mollys Fund” and this has been acknowledged as being gratefully received.
- (b) Details were given to members regarding the Freedom of Woodbridge parade being held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
- (c) Arnhem 2014 – members were reminded that Arnhem 2014 is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Operation Market Garden” and should anyone wish to make the journey please contact Gil Nicol or Craig McQuade as they are looking into various options  
It was pointed out to the members that it could cost in the region of £800 . We are looking at less expensive options. There are 7 members interested.
- (d) A copy of the current “Waverley Steamer” brochure is available for members who wish to look at it
- (e) A copy of the current “Sir Walter Scott”(Loch Katrine Trips) is available for members who wish to look at it

## **8.0 Treasurers Report ;**

Mick Walker reported that we are still in a healthy financial position and presented a statement to this effect.

## **9.0 Website Report ;**

Our website is still attracting visitors and more importantly former members of 131 Para. Engr. Regt.

## **10.0 The Shoe box Appeal ;**

There was no report from Craig but Gordon McLeod has been in contact with Major D.Jones , 23 Engineer Regiment (Air Assault) is still awaiting further details of contact. Craig will contact Gordon regarding details of the contents of The Shoeboxes.

## **11.0 Future Meetings ;**

All future meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month , every 2<sup>nd</sup> month , starting from and including January 2013. Meetings will commence at 1300hrs.

## **12.0A.O.CB.**

- ( a) Gil Nicol asked the members to give some thoughts to having more outings in the summer of 2013 as we did not have so many last year eg Waverley Trip , Falkirk Wheel , Xmas Lunch , Inchcolm Island Trip , Guards Club and a trip on “The Sir Walter Scott” at Loch Katrine.  
Dougie Archibald suggested that we meet up once again at The Guards Club , Edinburgh before our next meeting –This was agreed upon and members will be notified of a date soon.
- (b) Gordon McLeod is willing to organise hill walking trips for members , commencing after our May 2013 meeting , anyone interested please speak to Gordon.
- (c) Gil Nicol asked the members if they were interested in a Xmas Lunch and to give it some thought with a view to deciding at the next meeting where and when to have it.  
David Henderson proposed “The Pantry” , Stockbridge , Edinburgh as a venue and was seconded by Gordon McLeod—a date will be agreed at the next meeting.
- (d)Final numbers are required for attendance at The Armed Forces Day Parade to be held in Glenrothes on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013. No one will be allowed entry if they do not have the necessary passes (even if anyone turns up suited and booted). 8 members put their names forward for this event.

- (e) We have filled the 4 places available for the trip to London for Remembrance Parade ,
- (f) It was raised about the proposed subsidising of this trip , by the branch and agreed to the sum of £50.00/person (maximum of 4 persons)
- (g) Golf Outing.—proposed date 22/9/13 – still to be agreed upon.

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

**13.0 Date of Next Meeting ;**

**Our next meeting will be on Sunday 21 July 2013 (1300hrs) at The Royal British Legion ,  
Rodney Street , Edinburgh.**

**Message from Frank Murray**

**“Brian Keith served with 9 Sqn during the early 1970s, including tours in Northern Ireland and possibly Germany, perhaps at Sennelager. He has lived in Aberdeen all his life.**

**To celebrate his seventieth birthday next year his son has asked if we can track down a photograph of him taken during his military service.**

**If any member has such a photograph, please ask them to contact Frank Murray by e-mail at [fgmurray@lineone.net](mailto:fgmurray@lineone.net)”**