



Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman – **Gordon McLeod**

Secretary – **Gil Nicol**

Treasurer – **Craig McQuade**

Minutes of the Airborne Engineers Association (Scotland) Ordinary General Meeting Held on Sunday 15 January 2023 (1300hrs) at R.B.L.S. 33 Rodney Street, Edinburgh

- 1. Members Present;** Gordon McLeod, Gil Nicol, Craig McQuade, Andy Nelson, Andrew Shankland, Jim Queen, Brian Earl, John Donaldson, Mick Walker, Bob Masson, Bob Hamilton, Douglas Archibald and Michael Ellery.
- 2. Apologies;** Andy Mullen, Joe Davidson, Willie Grant, Eoghann maclachlainn, Robert Stewart, Bill Pagan, John Carter, Andy Paterson, G.Taggart, Alex Cockburn, David Henderson, Keith Coventry, 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 including The Royal Toast The Branch had 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.
- 5. Minutes of AGM Sunday 20 November 2022;** The minutes were passed as being accurate by Andy Nelson and seconded by Michael Ellery.
- 6. Matters Arising;** There were none.
- 7. Secretary’s Report; Erskine Home.** We have sent a donation of £50.00.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Webmaster’s Report;** John Donaldson continues to monitor and update our website and we are still receiving “hits” from visitors. We are awaiting the bill from Fasthosts.
Anyone who wants anything included on the website can contact John.
- 10. Future Meetings;** All future meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, on alternate months, commencing Sunday 15 January 2023. Meetings will commence at 1300hrs except for 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.

11. Annual Subscriptions; We still have a few members outstanding.

The Annual Dues are £15.00/person

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

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

Account Name—Craig and Katherine McQuade

Sort Code -----82 – 70 - 21

Account Number-00061094

Reference-----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 following.

Craig Mc Quade

37 Riverview Park

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12. A.O.C.B. (a) AEA Scotland 25 Anniversary. This is proposed to be held on 8 October 2023 and Gil Nicol has sent out enquiries to five venues (The Guards Club, The Navy Club, The Taxi Club, Hotel at York Place, Edinburgh and RBLs Grangemouth).

This enquiry has been followed up by emails, however, we still have had no replies.

(b) PRA Lothian Branch Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance; This was held on Friday 22 December 2022 (1900hrs) at RBL Rodney Street, Edinburgh. It was well attended.

(c) Andy Nelson is doing a sponsored walk for Chest, Heart and Stroke Association on 26 March 2023. A 13 mile walk around Loch Leven. The branch has agreed to sponsor him to the tune of £50.00 -- this does not stop any individual from sponsoring him.

(d) Michael Ellery is still looking at venues for a future AEA—AGM to be held in Scotland.

(e) Jim Queen will take orders for a celebratory Pen for our forthcoming 25th Anniversary, the cost of which will be £25.00 each

(f) Gordon McLeod reported that he read somewhere (Birmingham Branch Minutes 3 January 2023) that it is proposed to have the annual ceremony at Cromwell Lock every 5 years. We at AEA Scotland will still have a yearly turnout at Zetland Park, Grangemouth.

13. Date of Next Meeting; Our next meeting will be on Sunday 19 March 2023, commencing at 1300hrs at RBLs. Rodney Street, Edinburgh, in the Small Downstairs Lounge

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