



Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman – Frank Murray

Secretary – Gil Nicol

Treasurer – Vacant

**Minutes of the Meeting held at The Royal British Legion, Rodney Street, Edinburgh at
1300hrs on Sunday 20th January 2013.**

- 1. Members Present;** Gil Nicol , Kim Panton, John Donaldson, Gordon Mc Leod, Jim Simpson, Doug Archibald, Ron Mc Cartan, Alex Mc Whirter, Roy Kay and Ronnie Drummond.
- 2. Apologies;** Willie Grant, Hugh Mc Phee, Eon Mc Intyre, Kenny Wratten, Mick Walker, Brian Earl, Frank Murray, Craig Mc Quade, Andy Paterson, Andy Mullen, David Brock and all overseas members.
- 3. Welfare Report;** Nothing to report
- 4. Chairman's Welcome;** Frank Murray was unable to attend so Gil Nicol welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of all past members and those who have fallen in recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- 5. Minutes of Last Meeting ;** Jim Simpson raised the point that the minutes from the previous meeting showed that he had proposed the position of Almoner when in fact it was not he but should read Roy Kay , Gil Nicol apologised for the confusion. The minutes of the last meeting and previous A.G.M. were then passed as being accurate by Jim Simpson and seconded by Dougie Archibald.
- 6. Matters Arising;** See item 5.00 above
- 7. Secretary's Report;**
 - (a) Gil Nicol explained that Mick Walker was on holiday but in his absence wished to be considered for the vacant position of Treasurer. This will be ratified at our next meeting in March 2013.
 - (b) The story about the young girl Molly was read out to all members present (Molly is the granddaughter of the caretaker at the Yorkshire Branch of The Airborne Engineers Association) who unfortunately has flat head syndrome and is in need of treatment .It was proposed by Gordon Mc Leod and seconded by Dougie Archibald that we, as a branch, will send a donation of £100.00 towards this treatment. I should point out that all members present unanimously agreed to this proposal .This information will be forwarded to Mick Walker to attend to.
 - (c) All copies of Fred Grays book “Airborne Engineers” have been distributed to all who ordered them.
 - (d) It was reported that all who attended the PRA Christmas Dance, in December 2012, helped make it a very good and well attended occasion.
 - (e) We have been informed, by The Lothian Branch, PRA, that Armed Forces Day 2013 will take place in Glenrothes on 27th July 2013. Those who wish to attend must notify the Secretary by or on

18th March 2013. More details will be forwarded to us by The PRA.

8. Treasurers Report; Dougie Archibald, on behalf of Mick Walker (on holiday), produced a detailed report of our finances and it was good to see that we are still in a financially healthy position.

The Financial report and accounts were proposed as being accurate by Gordon Mc Leod and seconded by Alex Mc Whirter.

9. Website Report; John Donaldson reported that he has compacted/consolidated the photograph section as he was experiencing difficulty with some pages.

Captain Olaf Dudley 131 Indep. Cdo. Sqn. R.E. V congratulated John regarding the layout and presentation of our website. Suffice to say that he wants to use some of our photographs in his recruitment website.

He required some details regarding the camps in Cyprus and Belize and John Donaldson gave him as much information as he had on Cyprus and Gordon Mcleod contacted him regarding Belize.

Details on a camp held in Libya, where members were involved in demolition mine clearance (remains from WW2) as well as other duties were requested by Captain Olaf Dudley.

Alex Mc Whirter agreed to provide details as he attended this particular camp.

Captain Olaf Dudley also wanted information regarding a proposed camp in Malaya but apparently this camp did not go ahead.

10. The Shoebox Appeal; Craig Mc Quade was not available so Gil Nicol reported on his behalf. Craig wanted to know if we still want to continue distributing shoeboxes. If we do he will be happy to carry on however he is still experiencing difficulty in obtaining contact names and addresses to forward shoeboxes to. Jim Simpson suggested that he contact John Ferry and other AEA Branches with a view to getting this information. It was pointed out to the members that from the end of January Craig and Kathy are not available so to speed up matters it was agreed that Gil Nicol contact John Ferry and others .

Craig also wanted it to be known that our funds, for The Shoebox Appeal, are virtually non existent (it takes approximately £10.00 to complete a box) and more funding is required.

It was agreed by the members that no money be contributed until we have definite points of contact and addresses. Hopefully by the date of our next meeting we will have the relevant information

11. Subscriptions; Would all members who have not paid their yearly subscriptions please pay Mick Walker at the next meeting or forwarded as follows;

Cheques should be made payable to “The Airborne Engineers Association” and sent to Mick Walker at the following address;-

1 Halbeath Road

Dunfermline

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12. Future Meetings; All future meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, every 2nd month, starting from and including January 2012. Meetings will commence at 1300 hrs.

13. A.O.C.B.

The meeting was brought to a close at 1400 hrs with a vote of thanks to the chair after which we adjourned to the bar for refreshments

14. Date of Next Meeting; Our next meeting will be **Sunday 17th march 2013** at RBL Rodney Street, Edinburgh at 1300 hrs