



# Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman – **Douglas Archibald**

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 21 May 2017.**

1. **Members Present;** Doug Archibald, Gil Nicol, Mick Walker, John Donaldson, Gordon McLeod, Alex Cockburn, Bob Masson, David Henderson, Ronnie Drummond, Norrie Bishop, Bob Hamilton, Andy Gemmell and Kim Panton.
2. **Apologies;** Andy Paterson, Andy Mullen, Craig McQuade, Alex McWhirter, Frank Murray, Brian Earl, Willie Grant, Tom Ormiston, David Brock, Eoin McIntyre, Eoghann macLachlainn, and all overseas members.
3. **Chairmans Welcome;** Doug Archibald welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He also informed member that he had received a thank you card from Raymon Mannion's family. Raymon passed away in February 2017.  
We were all upstanding and observed a minutes silence.
4. **Welfare;** Bob Hamilton had a spell in hospital when he had an infection. We are happy to report he is out of hospital and is on the mend.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting;** The minutes of the last meeting were passed as being accurate by Mick Walker and seconded by David Henderson.
6. **Matters Arising;** No matters arising.
7. **Secretary's Report;** (a) **AEA Scotland Lunch;** The annual lunch will be held on Saturday 2 September 2017 at The Royal Scots Club , Edinburgh (1230hrs for 1300 hrs). Names to be given, as well as a non-refundable deposit of £5.00 per head), to Gil Nicol – Full price £19.00 per head, preferably to be paid no later than our July meeting. However if it is more feasible it can be paid on the day (Cash or cheque)  
Doug Archibald has been in contact with Myra Drummond and has been informed that 4 widows are willing to attend. All details will be finalised at a later date.  
Gil Nicol will not be attending the July meeting, he is attending a wedding, so any monies to be paid can be paid to Gordon McLeod.  
(b) **Cenotaph Parade, London—12/11/17—**We are allocated 4 No places and it is good to see that all places are being taken by Gil Nicol, Gordon McLeod, Craig McQuade and David Henderson.  
(c) **Operation Corporate-27/28<sup>th</sup> June 2017—**23 Para.Engr.Regt.will be hosting an event at Woodbridge commemorating this event—Details will follow.

**(d) AEA—AGM & Reunion—Friday 20—Monday 23 October 2017**—This will be held at Mercure Royal Hotel, Ferensway, Hull HU1 3UF

**8. Treasurers Report;** --Gil Nicol informed the branch members we are still in funds and looking financially healthy.

**9. Website Report;** John Donaldson informs us that all is ok with our website and we are still receiving hits.

**10. 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 2017. Meetings will commence at 1300hrs.

**11. A.O.C.B. (a) Aden 1965 –G.S.M;** John Donaldson informed us that everything is as it was at our meeting in March 2017. The campaign for this medal seems to be “**dead in the water**”.

**(b) Cromwell Lock –Memorial Service, Zetland Park, Grangemouth—Sunday 24 September 2017 (1030hrs)**—Mick Walker is still awaiting a reply from John Ferry.

However in the interim period Alex Cockburn with has been in contact with R.B.L.Grangemouth and they are willing to supply a piper or pipers, standard party and a representation of members from RBL Grangemouth. Doug Archibald, Gil Nicol and Alex Cockburn will contact RBL Grangemouth and discuss the proposed agenda for this memorial service. It has been agreed that AEA Scotland will supply the wreath.The members thanked Alex for his attendance on this matter.

**(c) Scott Wilson—Wreath Laying –Sunday 12 June (1300 hrs)** — This ceremony will be held at The Edinburgh Eastern Cemetery, next to Easter Road Stadium. Meet up at **1245hrs** at The Drum Terrace entrance. Scott was killed whilst engaged in the battle at Mount Longdon, Falklands. Berets, Medals, etc., to be worn.

**(d)** John Donaldson informed us that the Royal Air Force are training Physical Training Instructors from Airborne Forces as Parachute Jumping Instructors. Those who qualify will wear the Army Parachute Jumping Instructors Brevet and will be based at No.1 PTS Brize Norton.

The meeting was brought to a close and the chair was thanked.

**12. Date of Next Meeting; OGM on Sunday 16 July 2017 (1300hrs) at R.B.L. Rodney Street, Edinburgh .**