



Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Minutes of the meeting held at The Royal British Legion, Rodney Street, Edinburgh at 1300hrs on Sunday 16th May 2010.

1. Members Present :

Frank Murray, Doug Archibald, Gil Nicol, Alec McWhirter, Andy Paterson, Andy Mullen, Kim Panton, Ronnie Drummond, Norrie Bishop, Mick Walker and Roy Kay.

2. Chairman's Welcome :

Frank Murray gave a warm welcome to all present invited members to be up standing in a minute's silence to remember those whom we had lost from our Association and the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He then went on to say that two recent events outwith our normal meetings (a) Jimmy Wilson's 90th Birthday Lunch and (b) The Falkirk Wheel Visit were both well attended and it was good to see so many members make the effort to get together informally.

3. Apologies :

These were received from John Donaldson, Craig McQuade, David Brock, Ian Thomson, Jimmy Wilson.

4. Minutes from the Previous Meeting :

The minutes from the meeting held on 21 March 2010 were proposed as a true record by Jim Simpson and seconded by Gil Nicol.

5. Matters Arising :

There were none.

6. Website Update :

There was nothing to report as John Donaldson's apology had been recorded.

7. Treasurer's Report :

Mick Walker introduced his period report to the meeting and pointed out that there had been little activity since his report in March but our balance was still healthy at just over £1000.00.

8. Future Activities :

Doug Archibald presented dates and times for The Maid of The Forth boat crossing to Inchcolm Island and suggested that the format should be similar to our recent visit to The Falkirk Wheel i.e. Members and wives. Meet at the quay at South Queensferry enjoy the trip to the Island and then retire to The Hawes Inn for lunch.

The date agreed for this day out was **Sunday 13th June on the 1215hrs crossing**, time on the Island approx. one and half hours. It is therefore suggested we meet at 1145hrs to facilitate purchase of tickets, concessions £12.80 per person, and boarding.

Please phone Doug on 01324 713987 or 07874 968438 to confirm your wish to go on this trip as some sort of discount may be negotiable once final numbers are conformed.

9. A.O.C.B. :

(I) Normandy D-Day Landings Battlefield Tours; Several members have shown an interest in making this journey and Norrie Bishop kindly produced some details he had printed from a website titled Travel 55 giving some travel dates and price details for both 4 or 5 day Trips. This appeared to those present to be a better option than trying to tie in with our Association AGM in October.

For full details on this trip log on to http://www.travel55.co.uk/leger_dday.html

(ii) Armed Forces Day 26th June 2010; The Lothian Branch PRA have invited us to join them on this Parade which will include a march from The Castle either down The Royal Mile or down The Mound, Princes Street and finishing in Kings Stables Road.

Timings are as follows: assemble 1230 hrs on Castle Esplanade. Parade to commence immediately after The One o'clock Gun. Dress : Blazer, Tie and Beret.

(iii) The Secretary was invited to contact The Falkirk Herald to ask if they would consider helping attract former members of 1 and 3 Troops of 300 Sqn. by publishing a picture of our trip to The Falkirk Wheel and asking " Where are the others now? " or something along those lines.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1358hrs.

The date for our next meeting is 18th July 2010 at 1300hrs at the same venue.