



Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman – Mick Walker

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 20th September 2015.

- 1. Members Present; Frank Murray, Gil Nicol, John Donaldson, Gordon McLeod, Alex Mc Whirter, Andrew Paterson, Kenneth Wratten, Andy Gemmell, Bob Hamilton, Norrie Bishop, Alex Cockburn, Raymond Mannion, Dave Henderson, Eoghann macLachlainn and Brian Earl.**
- 2. Apologies; Roy Kay, Willie Grant, Tom Ormiston, Eoin McIntyre, Andy Mullen, Dougie Archibald, Mick Walker, Craig McQuade, Kim Panton, David Brock, Ron McCartan, Ronnie Drummond, George Doak and all overseas members.**
- 3. Chairmans Welcome; Mick Walker was not able to attend as he was on holiday and Frank Murray took over the chair. He welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. A minutes silence was held for absent friends and in particular John Smith who passed away recently. We also remembered “The Few” who took part in the Battle of Britain. “We will Remember Them”**
- 4. Welfare Report; Roy Kay is in a Gylemuir House Care Home in Corstorphine, Edinburgh. John Donaldson and Ronnie Drummond have been in contact with him and are pleased to report he is in good spirits (although he wishes he had some spirits) It was good to see Eoghann macLachlainn and Raymond Mannion at the meeting as they have not been in the best of health recently**
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting; The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as being accurate by Gordon McLeod and seconded by Brian Earl.**
- 6. Matters Arising; There were no matters arising**
- 7. Secretary's Report (a) E-Mail from Legion Scotland- John Clark (Secretary/Treasurer) has forwarded application forms to join the R.B.L. Central Branch, Edinburgh. Cost will be £18.50. Forms to be completed and submitted to Gil Nicol at our A.G.M. on Sunday 15th November 2015. Please remember this is our way of helping them out. (b) Cenotaph Parade – London -8th November 2015—Hotel accommodation and travelling arrangements have been arranged. Details will be forwarded to all concerned. (c) Erskine Hospital; a letter was received informing us of the work that they do and informing us if any members wish to make a contribution an application form is enclosed. No action was taken at this time.**

(d) Cromwell Lock -- Saturday 26th September to Monday 28th September 2015. Members who are attending have been notified regarding travelling and accommodation arrangements. Please note Berets, etc., to be worn. (e) Cromwell Lock, Zetland Park, Grangemouth --The Falkirk Sappers will be hosting a memorial service in Grangemouth on Sunday 27 September and anyone wishing to attend should be at Zetland Park, Grangemouth at 1045hrs for a service commencing at 1100hrs. Berets to be worn (Medals—if any). The Falkirk Sappers will be retiring for a meal and you are cordially invited. The cost of the meal and details will be supplied by Peter Duff (Chairman, Falkirk Sappers) (f) Old Comrades Association Dinner— 24th October 2015— There will be an Old Comrades Dinner on Saturday 24th October 2015, held in New Pearson Hall, Houldsworth Street, Glasgow. Anyone interested please be at the hall for 1930 hrs for 2000hrs commencement. The cost is £15.00 per person and includes a 3 course meal. Please ensure that you have forwarded your attendance form to Alex Kennedy or you will not be allowed entry. (g) Field of Remembrance, Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh. —This event will be held on Monday 2ND November 2015 and will commence at 1100hrs, be there for 1030hrs, (Blazers, Regimental Ties, Berets and medals to be worn). (h) AEA (Scotland)—Xmas Lunch – Saturday 28th November 2015.—Once again our Xmas Lunch will be held at The Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh. The cost is £25.00 per person and we should be there for 1230hrs. Anyone who has still to submit their attendance request and meal request please contact Gil Nicol as he must have details (inc. payment) no later than Sunday 15th November 2015. (i) PRA Xmas Dinner/Dance—The Annual PRA Lothian, Xmas Dinner Dance will be held on Friday 4th December 2015 and held at R.B.L. Rodney Street, Edinburgh.—anyone wishing to attend please inform Mick Walker no later than Sunday 15th November 2015.

8. Treasures Report; Craig Mc Quade was not able to attend as he was on holiday. Gil Nicol presented a verbal report and it is nice to see that we are still in a healthy financial situation .The report was proposed as accurate by Bob Hamilton and seconded Andrew Gemmell.

9. Website Report; John Donaldson informed us that the website is operating fine and we are still attracting visitors.

10. Future Meetings; All future meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, every 2nd month, starting from and including January 2015. Meetings will commence at 1300 hours.

11. A.O.C.B.; (a) T.A. Centre Renaming; We have received word from Captain Olaf Dudley that due to other overriding commitments the renaming will take place sometime next year. We have sent word to Olaf that it would be good if the renaming took place on 12th April 2016 as this is the anniversary of John Lonergan's death. He informed us that he will be speaking to the OC next week and will put our proposal to him (b) Arnhem Tour 2017—Some members expressed an interest in going to Arnhem in 2017 with the same tour operators (Tours International) who we travelled with last year. The trip would include a 5 day/4 night visit to Holland with various tours included. The cost would be in the region of £800.00 (including 2 nights accommodation in London and Train Fares to/from Scotland) If anyone else is interested please contact Gil Nicol as we intend to start a banking book in January 2016. (c) Aden G.S.M—John Donaldson read to us a letter he had received from someone (no name) at The Defence Peoples Secretariat regarding his long ongoing application for the

above medal. The reply from Mr No Name indicated that John is looking for an individual award as in bravery, etc. and not a service medal. Mr No Name was not very helpful as he did not seem to understand what John is applying for. John will now reply to Mr No Name at The Peoples Defence Secretariat restating what he is looking for and hope this enlightens Mr No Name. We wish John all the best

The meeting was brought to a close at 1400 hrs with a vote of thanks to Frank Murray for taking the chair after which we adjourned to the main hall and had some refreshments.

12. Date of Next Meeting; Sunday 15th November 2015, (1230 Hrs) at The Royal British Legion, Rodney Street, Edinburgh. THIS IS OUR 17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND