



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 17th September 2017

1. **Members Present;** Doug Archibald, Gil Nicol, Craig Mc Quade, Mick Walker, John Donaldson Gordon McLeod, Alex Cockburn, Bob Masson, David Henderson, Kenneth Wratten and Brian Earl.
2. **Apologies** Andy Paterson, Andy Mullen, Alex McWhirter, Frank Murray, Willie Grant, Tom Ormiston, David Brock, Eoin McIntyre, Eoghan macLachlainn, Ron McCartan, Ronnie Drummond, Norrie Bishop, Bob Hamilton, Andy Gemmell, Kim Panton and all overseas members.
3. **Chairmans Welcome;** Doug Archibald welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and apologised for his absence at the last meeting. He also thanked Mick Walker for taking the chair as well as other duties.
Doug informed all members present that a good day was had by all who attended the AEA Scotland Lunch held at The Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh on Saturday 2 September 2017. He was also very pleased to see all the ladies in attendance including some of the wives of past members who, I am reliably informed, had a good day out.
4. **Welfare;**
 - (a) Mick Walker has also been very ill and it is good to see him at today,s meeting.
 - (b) Bob Hamilton has been seriously ill but is now recovering at home under the watchful eye of his good wife Dot.
 - (c) Gordon McLeod, complete with beard, has recovered from his accident with a motorcyclist and it is also good to see him at today,s meeting.
 - (d) Dougie Archibald has also recovered from his accident and it is good to see him in attendance today
 - (e) Frank Murray has recovered from his leg injury.
 - (f) Andy Mullen has an ongoing problem with his legs
 - (g) Ron Mc Cartan will be undergoing eye surgery soon
 - (h) Norrie Bishop has recently suffered a stroke
 - (i) We also note that Franks wife Jinty and Craig McQuade's wife Kathy are recovering well from their respective illnesses. Let us not forget Andy Patersons wife Liz who is having a constant battle with her balance

We wish them all well and a speedy recovery.

5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting;** The minutes of the last meeting were passed as being accurate by Gordon McLeod and seconded by Alex Cockburn.

6. **Matters Arising;** No matters arising

7. **Secretary's Report.**

(a) **Secretaries Duties;**--Gil Nicol thanked Mick Walker for carrying out The Secretary,s duties at the last meeting as Gil was attending a wedding.

(b) **AEA Scotland Lunch;** The annual lunch was held on Saturday 2 September 2017 and Gil Nicol has paid the bill, however, there was £44.00 outstanding from the room booking. It was agreed that Gil Nicol be reimbursed the monies from our Branch Funds.

It was good to see Alistair Burnett attend the lunch as he had travelled from Australia to visit relatives.

(c) **Cenotaph Parade London—12/11/17—**We are allocated 4 places and it is good to see that all places are being taken by Gil Nicol , Gordon McLeod, Craig Mc Quade and David Henderson.

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

(e) **Raymon Mannion—**A thank you card from Raymons wife and family, was read out to members.

(f) **Erskine Homes—**After receiving correspondence from Erskine Homes it was agreed to forward a donation of £50.00. This would be carried out by the Branch Secretary

8. **Treasurers Report;** --Craig McQuade 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 3rd Sunday of the month , every 2nd month starting from and including January 2017.Meetings will commence at 1300hrs except our AGM(November) which shall commence at 1230hrs.

11. **A.O.C.B;**

(a) **Cromwell Lock –Memorial Service, Zetland Park, Grangemouth—Sunday 24**

September 2017 (1030hrs)—Details have been finalised regarding our memorial service for the 10 Sappers tragically killed whilst participating in “Operation Trent Chase” in 1975.

Expenses as follows—Piper £25.00, Bugler £35.00, Buffet £50.00—were passed by the members and will be paid on the day by our Secretary. AEA Scotland members will be joined by representatives from –PRA Lothian Branch, The Falkirk Sappers, R.B.L.

Grangemouth, Navy Cadets, Army Cadets, Air Force Cadets as well as family members.

Colour Standards will be supplied by the combined Cadet Forces and hopefully PRA Lothian The RBL Grangemouth have been very involved in helping arrange this service and will contribute towards the cost of the buffet. We accord them a vote of thanks.

All ex service personnel should be suitably attired, Blazers, Berets, Regimental Ties and Medals (if applicable). Please be punctual.

Everyone is invited back to The Royal British Legion Grangemouth, 4 Dundas Street,

Grangemouth, FK3 8BX where refreshments will be served.

Whilst we were finalising details, our Chairman Douglas Archibald, presented Alan Lochrie (RBL Grangemouth) with an Airborne Engineers Shield to adorn their wall also presented were shields from XV Para and The Cameronian (Scottish Rifles) Regiment –these were donated by one of our members Gordon McLeod.

- (b) **Arnhem 2019** –Tours International has contacted The Secretary and asked if any members were interested in attending this event as it is the 75th anniversary. Ralph Bennett (Tours International) stated that he is prepared to consider laying on a coach leaving from Glasgow or Edinburgh. No costs are available and it was agreed to leave this until a later meeting.
- (c) **OCA Dinner**—There is an Old Comrades Dinner taking place on 7 October at XV Para H.Q, Holdsworth Street, Glasgow—1930hrs for 2000hrs—Cost £15.00 per person which covers a 3 course meal. Anyone interested can contact Alex Kennedy, 4 Dunbar Avenue, Rutherglen Glasgow, G73 3JW (0141-562-4310)—email; abkennedy2000@yahoo.co.uk
Please contact before 25 September 2017.
- (d) **Field of Remembrance** –Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh—Monday 6 November 2017 (1030hrs for 1100hrs)—Berets, etc to be worn
- (e) **Eoghann maclachlainn**—Craig McQuade was asking if anyone had any details of how Eoghann is getting on –Gordon McLeod had spoken to him by telephone a couple of days ago and Eoghann is back in his croft on South Uist and is hopeful of attending our AGM in November 2017.
- (f) **Coldstream**—David Henderson informed the members that Coldstream has a strong Royal British Legion where they have a breakfast club. He has been invited to join The Aden Veterans Association but will respectfully decline.
David has recently moved from Wales to Coldstream
- (g) **Caribbean**—John Donaldson informed us as a point of interest that Lt Col. Salberg MBE R.E. CO 24 Commando Engineer Regiment, who was interviewed regarding the British Protectorate Islands, was the Officer who attended the renaming of 131 Cdo. Sqn. Royal Engineers, Army Reserve Center, “Lonergan's Lines”.
- (h) **Montage re Scott Wilson**—Douglas Archibald displayed the montage as presented by Scotts two colleagues Charlie McColgan and Paul Moore. This will be displayed in the upper hall at RBL Rodney Street , Edinburgh.

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

12. Date of Next Meeting; AGM on Sunday 19 November 2017 (1230hrs) at R.B.L. Rodney Street, Edinburgh.

Please be punctual as we will be electing Office Bearers as well as conducting our normal business.