



Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman – **Frank Murray**

Secretary – **Gil Nicol**

Treasurer – **Mick Walker**

**Minutes of Meeting held in The Royal British Legion, Central Branch, Rodney Street,
Edinburgh on 15th January 2012 at 1300 hrs**

- 1. Members Present;** Frank Murray , Mick Walker , Gil Nicol , Ross Stevenson , John Donaldson , Doug Archibald , Alex Mc Whirter , Gordon McLeod , Ron McCartan , Craig McQuade , Kim Panton , Tom Ormiston , Jim Simpson , Ronnie Drummond , Roy Kay and Andy Mullen.
- 2. Apologies;** Andy Paterson , Norrie Bishop , David Brock , Eon Mc Intyre , Hugh McPhee and all overseas members.
- 3. Welfare Report;** Nothing to report
- 4. Chairman's Welcome;** Frank Murray welcomed those present and wished us all the best for 2012.
He invited us to stand and observe a minutes silence in remembrance of all who have been lost during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan , including past members
- 5. Minutes of the previous meeting (2011 AGM);**The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as correct by Gil Nicol and seconded by Alex Mc Whirter.
- 6. Matters Arising;** There were none.
- 7. Secretary's Report;** Gil Nicol reported on the following ;
 - (a)There are 24 places available, same as last year, for The Remembrance Parade at The Cenotaph, London in November 2012. Full details will follow when received.
Craig Mc Quade stated that he will be inviting Eric Borlase (Chelsea Pensioner who looked after us last year) to spend a period of time at his residence in Newcastleton, hopefully prior to our next meeting.
John Donaldson wondered if we could not arrange accommodation at some of the Army Barracks . This will be pursued when all the names of attendees are finalised.
It would also be prudent to discuss travel and accommodation arrangements with The PRA Lothian Branch.
Gordon Mc Leod has indicated that he is available to attend the parade.
 - (b) Details have been received from Tours International regarding tours to The Rhine and Normandy – all details are available for perusal after the meeting.

8. Treasurers Report; Mick Walker circulated a report of our finances showing that we are in good health.

There are 28 membership fees paid to date and Mick will be writing to members whose annual fees are still outstanding.

The branch received a donation of £50.00 from Robin Ward, former O.C. of 300 Para Sqn. as his “wee boost” to our funds.

We also receive a donation of £14.00 from Bobby Connal.

These donations were very much appreciated by the branch.

Mick also indicated there are still some wristbands available.

9. Website Report; John Donaldson informed us that he has a bill to the value of £64.66 for the website “Airborne Engineers Scotland” which was promptly presented to our treasurer for payment.

10. Shoebox Appeal; Craig McQuade reported that not a lot was happening , due to the Xmas period , and the money collected previously was still in the bank.

He will commence distribution of the boxes in February 2012. To date there has been no acknowledgment from anyone regarding the November 2011 issue of shoeboxes.

It was the general opinion that this was probably due to the Xmas period and not lack of interest by the recipients. Craig supplied details of how shoeboxes are distributed and also what items are included in these boxes

11. 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 1300hrs.

12. A.O.C.B; (a) Gil Nicol suggested that we, as a branch, go on an outing on The Waverley Paddle Steamer “Doon The Watter” in June 2012. This was agreed upon unanimously. Gil has invited the governing body to forward details of all trips available , including discounts, etc..

These details should be available for our next meeting in March 2012.

(b) Frank Murray raised a point about the visit to The National Arboretum Memorial – all details and costs to be supplied by Norrie Bishop.

(c) Frank also suggested we send a donation to The Parachute Regiment Charity. A donation to the value of £100.00 was proposed by Frank and seconded by Craig Mc Quade.

The Treasurer made out a cheque to the value of £100.00 and this was passed on to the Secretary for forwarding.

(d) John Donaldson informed us that copies of minutes received from other branches were sent to all branch members on the e-mail list. Copies will now be made available at Branch Meetings for those members not on the e-mailing list.

(e) A collection of £225.00 was collected in memory of Jimmy Wilson and passed on to Help For Heroes.

(f) Craig Mc Quade – on a lighter note – asked if we were going to reintroduce the practice of supplying hot pies after the meetings.

This was discussed, very light-heartedly, but no conclusion was arrived at.

A decision will be made at our next meeting

The meeting was then closed at 1400hrs with a vote of thanks for the chair.

13. Date of Next Meeting; Our next meeting will be **Sunday 18th March 2012** at RBL Rodney Street , Edinburgh at 1300hrs