



# Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman - **Frank Murray**

Secretary - **Gil Nicol**

Treasurer - **Mick Walker**

## **Minutes of regular meeting held at The Royal British Legion , Rodney Street , Edinburgh At 13.00 hrs on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

### **1.00 Members Present**

Frank Murray , Gil Nicol , Mick Walker , Andy Mullen , Kim Panton , John Donaldson , Alex Mc Whirter , Tom Ormiston , Ron Mc Cartan , Roy Kay , Jim Simpson , Norrie Bishop , Ronnie Drummond , Craig Mc Quade , Raymond Mannion and Dougie Archibald.

### **2.00 Chairman's Welcome**

Frank Murray gave a warm welcome to all present (16 No) members .

He will re-issue e-mails that were returned to him as "unconnected"

He stated that we are still awaiting information regarding the outcome of the dispute re Rodney Street Hall between The Royal British Legion and the R.B.L. Central Branch , Edinburgh.

### **3.00 Apologies**

Jimmy Wilson and Willie Grant

### **4.00 Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The previous minutes (AGM -21/11/10) were proposed as being accurate by Dougie Archibald and seconded by Jim Simpson.

### **5.00 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

### **6.00 Secretary's Report**

Gil Nicol (Secretary) read out the offer from Millets and Black , regarding discounts at their stores , to members of the A.E.A. Scotland Branch which was unanimously accepted and he will forward details to Steve Morris.

It was agreed that the Secretary should send a letter of condolences to Alex. Smith's widow and family.

Details of Armed Forces Day were announced (23/7/11) as taking place in Dalkeith.

Fliers with full details were made available for all members but just to ensure everyone is notified John Donaldson will post the details on our website.

Details of British Airborne Pilgrimage 2011 Tours were made available to all members. These tours are undertaken by Tours International and come highly recommended.

Jimmy Wilson expressed his thanks to the branch for all the Xmas Cards and best wishes he received.

### **7.00 Treasurers Report**

Mick Walker reported that our finances continued to be in a healthy state and distributed a report to this effect. He added that the £200.00 shown as being paid to the PRA would be refunded to us as their Xmas Dance was cancelled due to the weather conditions at the time. The report was accepted on the motion of Dougie Archibald who was seconded by Ronnie Drummond.

A throwaway line by Mick about us getting 11p in interest led to some debate the outcome of which was that Mick now has authority to open a second account if this gives a better return.

He finished by saying that 22 members had now paid their £6.00 annual subscription for 2010/11, two having done so since the AGM. **Others please note**

### **8.00 Website Report**

John Donaldson says that there was nothing major to report but intimated the following;

- (a) He has received an e-mail from a Belgian Commando requesting linkage to our website. This was put to the members who agreed unanimously to proceed with this request.
- (b) The sending of e-mails should be kept to a maximum of 6No recipients as anymore than this amount can result in e-mails being returned as “unconnected” Not all computers have this problem.

### **9.00 Further Meeting**

Until we receive further notice about the situation at R.B.L. Central Branch ,Rodney Street , Edinburgh we propose to meet as usual on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every 2<sup>nd</sup> Month.

### **10.00 A.O.C.B**

A joint report was given , about the shoe box appeal , by Craig Mc Quade and Tom Ormiston.

A total of 22 No boxes have been sent to our troops and a further 10 No is in the pipeline.

A general description of items sent( for male and female recipients) was given.

Avon Skin Cream , Lip Jab and Baby Wipes appear to be the most in demand and all shoe boxes must not weigh any more than 2Kgs.

The members were reminded that all monetary contributions were to be paid to Mick Walker( Treasurer) who would collect at the end of the meeting.

Tom further informed us that the Yorkshire Branch of the A.E.A. have sent more than 600 boxes.

This has been made possible as they carry out collections at supermarkets , etc..

We as a branch can only contribute what we can and are able to do .

Craig Mc Quade raised the following question – do we continue supplying the troops after our Airborne troops have completed their tour at the end of March 2011 ?

He informed us that 5 Scots were going out to Afghanistan after our Airborne guys return and do we want to keep the supply of boxes going as they are a Scottish Regiment ?

It was agreed that further discussions be held at our next meeting.

Tom Ormiston informed us that one of our colleagues , Iaian Mc Lellan , was seriously ill and he will keep us informed of his condition.

**11.00 Date of Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on **20<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 1300 hrs in the Royal British Legion , Rodney Street , Edinburgh.**