



THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

3rd September 08

- 1. Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
- 2. Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Dave Clarke, Steve Brown, Pete Clarke, John Phillips, Kevin Lambeth, Tony Higgins, Rip Kirby, Harry Potter, Bob Potter, George Barrett, George Hopkins, Mike Holdsworth, Alan Parks, Roy Hicks, Larry Perry, Roger Howells, Bob Dorrell, Ray Sands, Tom Smith, Nev Collins, Gordon Page and of course the Ladies.
- 3. Apologies from:** Bunny Brown, Bob Jones, Brian Care, Alan Oakley, Brian Fosbury, Alf Manders, John Browning, Mike Cole, Jim Hurley, Alan Brough, Peter Pederson, and Mac Nash.
4. The Chair thanked all for attending. Dave Clarke Chaired the meeting in the absence of Bunny Brown who was unable to attend.
- 5. Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were read and voted as correct and true. Proposed by Larry Perry. Seconded, John Phillips. **Carried.**
- 6. Welfare:** It was reported by Bob Dorrell that Mac Nash is now recovering from a serious accident at work. Sally Hicks is recovering from an accident while on holiday. Best wishes to both Sally and Mac for a speedy recovery.
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie. The branch shop was discussed regarding the amount of unsold items and this will be discussed at a later meeting.
- 8. Ramblers Club:** Next meeting to be arranged.
- 9. Shoe Box Parcels:** The sending of these parcels is being suspended for the time being and will continue at a later time.
- 10. AEA AGM and Reunion: 17th- 19th October 2008** The Royal Court Hotel, Coventry. Booking forms are now available from Bunny Brown and the forms have also been included in the AEA Journal. Dave Clarke reported that 180 returns have been received so far.
- 11. Branch Christmas Dinner 6th December 08:** Roger Howells reported that the arrangements were continuing and that the previous costs had been held to the same as last year. The cost of the Dinner would be in the region of £26 - £27 for a 5-course dinner with the cost of a double room at £49.50.
- 12. Any Other Business:**

Kevin Lambeth: Kevin reported that several members were going to Arnhem this year and while he is there he will receive likely accommodation for next year.

Mike Holdsworth: Mike has so far received 22 enquiries regarding the trip to the D-Day celebrations for next year. The likely cost is in the region of £100 for the week. For further information contact Mike.

Nev Collins: Some time ago Nev was entrusted to look after the branch trophy flags, he has now returned them to the branch for safekeeping. These will be looked after by George Barrett.

13. Branch Shop: Your support is needed to sell the remaining stock. Prices are;

Polo Shirt	£17.00
Baseball Cap	£10.00
White cotton dress shirt, short sleeve	£18.00
White cotton dress shirt, long sleeve	£20.00

14. Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st October 08 at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

15. AEA Journal. Deadline for the December issue is Monday 10th November 08

W Steve Brown
Secretary

Diary of Events

- 7th September 08 – Double Hills, Somerset. 14.15 Hrs
- 18 – 20th September 08 – Music on Fire RMA, Sandhurst
- 1st October 08 – Branch Meeting
- 17th – 19th October 2008 – AEA AGM & Reunion
- 5th November 08 – Branch Meeting
- 21st November 08 – Presentation of John Rock Bust, Woodbridge.
- 3rd December 08 - Branch Meeting
- 6th December 08 – Branch Christmas Dinner

Gentlemen subs are now due. If you still wish to receive the branch minutes please pay your subs to Elsie Barrett (0121 628 7578) 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, Birmingham B26 2PP, so that the mailing list can be kept up to date.

Name. _____

Telephone _____

Cheque / Cash £5.00 enclosed _____

Date _____