



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

4th March 2015

Members Present: K Lambeth, B Brown, D Bowron, A Parks, R Howles, S Brown, B Dorrell, T Higgins, E Fenwick, G & E Barratt, N Collins, C Green, J Phillips, M Williams, D Flynn, D Yeo, K Woulough, B Care, D & P Clarke, Rip Kirby, P Owen and of course the Ladies.

Apologies from: Chris Chambers, T Bark, Maj Hooper, E McNulty, A Brough, Ron Mason, John Mason, B Fosbury, J Browning, R Hicks, J Hurley, M Holdsworth, G Page, M Nash.

Minutes: Proposed as a true record of the last meeting by E Fenwick & seconded by S Brown.

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all to the meeting; he then introduced the new owner of the "Club" who continued to give a brief of the club future regarding our Branch. Basically things will stay the same, meetings will be held at the same time and date, there may be a club subscription of £5 per member per year, but he said that being we are only there 1 night a month it was hardly worth taking.

A vote will be taken at our AGM to decide weather we stay or move.

The Chair then continued with the Loyal Toast, Airborne Prayer and absent friends.

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report accounts still healthy. The "Thrift Club" is now set up this will be completely confidential. D Clarke to audit the account for the AGM.

Welfare: Nev Collins gave a brief on three members of the Branch who travelled to Windsor on the 25th Feb to visit Capt Ian Butler (R Howles, A Brough and Nev Collins) He was in good spirits although now confined to a wheelchair, a pleasant afternoon was passed in the local pub with lunch and refreshments before safely returning Capt Butler home. He sends kind regards to all members of the Branch. It was also reported that R Hicks is struggling with his hip.

Dedication of the Airborne Sappers Bench in Arnhem: Provisionally July 2nd-6th TBC. A 14 seater minibus and trailer can be provided and driven by M Williams, **Definate names with a non returnable £50 deposit required ASAP.** Secretary to try to cost the event for the next meeting.

A.O.B

- The PRA Dinner at the Royal Court Hotel, will take place on the 10th October 2015 144 Para Field Ambulance will also boost numbers, along with Para Log Regt.
- Steve Brown is going to place a free advert for the Branch in the Birmingham Mail.
- Cromwell Lock, planning and arrangements to continue.
- D Bowron's daughter is Boxing in a charity sponsorship Bout, a sponsorship form was passed around, donations can be made on the Internet via: - Bonnie the Beast at www.justgiving.com/bonniesbigfight

All Nominations for positions on the Committee Must reach the Secretary before the next meeting.

Next Meeting will be The Branch AGM followed by an ordinary meeting on Wednesday 1st April 2015 @ 20 00hrs Chelmsley Wood EX British Legion.

Diary of Events

Next Meeting:	1 st April 2015 at the CWRBL.
Long weekend Arnhem	2-6 July 2015.
PRA Dinner Coventry	10 th October 2015
AEA AGM	16-19 October Royal Court Hotel.