



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 173rd O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 21st March 2011

Committee Members

Chairman	~	Baz Bassett *
Secretary	~	Nick Gibson *
Treasurer	~	Peter Kershaw
Welfare	~	Mick Fisher *

* These Committee Members were in attendance

1. Members Present

Bill Shield	Bill Perry	Eric Blenkinsop	Bob Seaman
Bob Woolley	Jim Rogers		

2. Apologies

John Elliott	Jon O'Connor	Bob Matthews	Charlie Peglar
Keith King	Peter Kershaw		

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Eric Blenkinsop
Seconded ~ Bob Seaman Carried

4. Matters Arising

Due to zero uptake the AJEX visit was cancelled

5. Chairman's Report

Welcomed all to the evening. Attended Ripon Branch dinner, noted that the waiters were drawn from youths that had 'been in trouble' and were working on community services. Evening was well attended and very enjoyable.

6. Secretary's Report

Circulated Minutes of other branches.
Confirmed invitation to Airborne Forces Weekend at Rock Barracks on the first Weekend in July 2011 more details will follow

7. Treasurers Report

As at 21st March 2011

Cash at bank	£799.24
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£174.11
John Rock dinner	-£348.00
Outgoings	-£0.00
Cash available to Branch	£ 625.35

Treasurer noted that subs are due by next month – subs will be held at £6 per year – renewal form attached to these minutes

Proposed ~ Bill Shield

Seconded ~ Bill Perry Carried

8. Welfare Report

Jim Rogers thanked the branch for the get well card which seemed to be effective.

9. Museums and Archives

Treasurer now holds renewed group membership tickets fro 2011 – these tickets are available to all branch members at no cost for multiple persons to visit the RE Museum.

10. Branch Events

- The April meeting of the Branch OGM will be held at 12:00 am on the 18th at Skinners Hall in London. Chairman Baz Bassett will host the meeting there preceded with a tour of the magnificent building and finishing with a light lunch at the Salvation Army Headquarters. Wives & partners are welcome as usual.
- Parking is impossible and the nearest station is Canon St. Further Details attached to these minutes, please let the secretary know if you will be attending by phone, mail or email details on letterhead. Nick gibson will be waiting at the entrance of Canon St Station to direct members to Skinners Hall
- John Rock Dinner 18th June 2011. We have had a very encouraging response from the WW2 veterans to attend although some are unfortunately unable to make the journey.
So far we have 21 confirmed attendance and 6 veterans.

11. Any Other Business

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting 18th April 2011

13. Post Scriptum

Nil

14. Branch Diary

Branch OGM	18 April 2011	Skinners Hall London
Curry Lunch	8 May 2011	RE Offrs Mess Maidstone
Branch AGM	16 May 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
John Rock Dinner	18 June 2011	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	20 June 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess

15. Notices

Subsequent to the meeting ending Bob Matthews has arranged for a Ghurka Bart Curry Lunch to be held in the Officers Mess Invicta Park Maidstone on Sunday 8th May 2011. Cost will be £12 per head , children between 6 & 13 £6. Names will be checked at the gate so ensure that you return the attached proforma in good time. The last one was a really enjoyable affair and I'm sure this will be just as good.