



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 196th O.G.M IN THE KING CHARLES HOTEL GILLINGHAM 15th July 2013

Committee Members

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

* These Committee Members were in attendance

1. Members Present

Bob Woolley	Bill Perry	Jim Rogers
Bill Shield	Tim Van der Kraan	

2. Apologies

Bob Seaman

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Tim Van der Kraan
Seconded ~ Peter Kershaw Carried

4. Matters Arising

Nil

5. Chairman's Report

Thanked all concerned for organizing the excellent John Rock Dinner.
Mentioned with thanks the ladies from Thorntons that contributed the sweets and raffle prized and also contributed a £10 prize.
Recruiting continues with some useful contacts made at the recent Armed Forces Day event on Great Lines. Its hoped that with the change of venue it will attract more of the serving lads. Tim VdK has picked up the reins of recruiting member

6. Secretary's Report

- Reported that He and Jim Rogers were in the bar in lieu of a full meeting last month. Met no-one else during the evening but managed to put the world to rights between the two of them.
- As there is no meeting next month they will again be in session at the bar if anyone cares to join them they will be most welcome
- Will contact Bob Matthews re the Ghurkha Curry Lunch
- Correction to last months diary – the next informal drinks at the KCH will be on the 19th not 18th as posted in last months minutes

7. Treasurers Report

- For the year 2013-14 there are 24 Branch Members paid up

As at 15th July 2013

Cash at bank	£774.76
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£6.89
Uncashed Cheque No 251	-£50.00

Funds available to Branch

£ 731.65

Deposit of £100 for the Christmas Lunch has been paid to the King Charles Hotel

Proposed ~ Tim VdK

Seconded ~ Mick Fisher

Carried

8. Welfare Report

- a. Bob Seaman is improving slowly wanted to attend but decided not to due to the oppressive heat

9. Museums and Archives

- a. Peter will get to grips with the airborne display posters. Remarked on the accuracy of the new sundial outside the museum – fabricated by the workshops
- b. Bob Woolley enjoyed a visit with friends to the museum using the branch entrance card. This is available to any branch members to take any size of party into the museum free of charge

10. Branch Events

- a. Ghurkha Curry lunch will be on 22nd September – proforma attached to these minutes – please return directly to Bob Matthews as soon as possible
- b. Branch Xmas Lunch will be on 8th December

11. Any Other Business

Although there is normally no meeting in August this year some members will be present at the bar for informal drinks and hospitality.

Bob Woolley and Bill Shield enjoyed the weekend at Woodbridge as guests of the 23 Engineer Regt (Air Assault). They took part in the freedom march with the regiment.

12. Next Meeting

Note there is no OGM in August due to the holiday season however some members will be in the bar of the KCH for informal drinks

Next meeting 16th September 2013

13. Branch Diary

Branch Drinks	19 th August 2013	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	16 th September 2013	King Charles Hotel
Ghurkha Curry Lunch	22 nd September 2013	Maidstone Officers Mess
Branch OGM	21 st October 2013	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	18 th November 2013	King Charles Hotel
Branch Xmas Lunch	8 th December 2013	King Charles Hotel

14. Notices

Nil