



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 171st O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 17th January 2011

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	Jim Rogers	Eric Blenkinsop	Bob Seaman
Bill Perry			

2. Apologies

John Elliott	Jon O'Connor	Bob Matthews	Charlie Peglar
Bill Shield	Keith King		

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Peter Kershaw
Seconded ~ Eric Blenkinsop Carried

4. Matters Arising

Nil

5. Chairman's Report

Welcomed all to the evening. Wished all a Happy New Year. Remarked on the good state of the branch which was compact but very strong and active and looked forward to a good year ahead. Passed on comment from our Branch President on how much he had enjoyed the Christmas Lunch.

6. Secretary's Report

Circulated Minutes of other branches.
Received letter from Bob Sullivan to inform the branch that family commitments meant he was unable to attend the John Rock Dinner in June.

7. Treasurers Report

As at 20th January 2011

Cash at bank	£552.24
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£91.11
Outgoings	-£0.00
Cash available to Branch	£ 643.35

Branch has 31 Paid up members

Proposed ~ Bob Seaman

Seconded ~ Bill Perry Carried

8. Welfare Report

Regretfully Ian McLennon ex 9 Sqn passed away before Christmas.

9. Museums and Archives

Brigadier Ian McGill will be giving a talk at the RE Museum in aid of Help for Heroes. Brig McGill will talk about the end of the First Gulf war and the problems that arose. Cost is £10 per head on the door a finger buffet is available prior to the 7:00pm start 28th January 2011

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 holds the post of Beadle for the guild and will host the meeting there preceded with a tour of the magnificent building and finishing with a light lunch. Wives & partners are welcome as usual. Parking is impossible and the nearest station is Canon St. Further Details will be forthcoming

The postponed trip around the AJEX Museum will be rescheduled for March subject to confirmation. Members will need to drive themselves to the venue in Hendon where there is parking available and then on to the RAF Museum for lunch and a trip round the exhibits. Full details to follow.

John Rock Dinner 18th June 2011. George Hopkins will be invited as guest of honour in place of Bob Sullivan.

Eric proposed that all attending WW2 Veterans will dine at the Branches Expense – carried.

Eric will undertake to coordinate attending WW2 Vets. Dinner is open to any who wish to attend – details & proforma attached to these minutes

Bob Mathews will be organising another Ghurkha Bart Lunch at Maidstone details TBA

11. Any Other Business

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting 21 February 2010

13. Post Scriptum

Nil

14. Branch Diary

Branch Xmas Lunch	21 February 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
AJEX Visit	?? March 2011	AJEX Museum Hendon
Branch OGM	21 March 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	18 April 2011	Skidders Hall London
Branch OGM	16 May 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
John Rock Dinner	18 June 2011	King Charles Hotel

15. Notices

Nil