



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 182nd O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 20th February 2012

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	Keith King	Jim Rogers
Bob Seaman	Frank Ryan	Bill Perry

2. Apologies

Eric Blenkinsop	Jon O'Connor	John Elliott
Bob Woolley	Caz Cazaly	

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Bob Matthews
Seconded ~ Peter Kershaw Carried

4. Matters Arising

Peter Kershaw noted that para 10 e was in error referring to last Xmas lunch please ignore.
Also noted para 7 should read John Rock Dinner not Xmas Lunch.
Sec apologised for the errors

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman welcomed all to the meeting . Commented on the busy schedule that the Corps Museum will be holding to mark their 150th anniversary. He proposed that we select notable events and try to organise the branch to make a group attendance at these. Branch is to review the schedule and discuss at the next meeting. Chairman and others will be attending the H4H sponsored talk on the Falklands conflict with a view to recruitment of some younger blood into the branch.

6. Secretary's Report

- Circulated minutes of other branches.
- Circulated a copy of a manuscript about Aden and Radfan that was forwarded to the branch for comment/correction. Asked any member who was present in this theatre who would like to review it to contact Sec for a copy.

7. Treasurers Report

As at 16th Jan 2012

Cash at bank	£705.20
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£2.00
Outgoings	-£0.00
Cash available to Branch	£ 707.20

- a. Branch has 29 paid up members
- b. Peter reaffirmed the branch resolution to direct raffle proceeds to the branch funds for this year – any charitable donations may be decided on an individual basis to be voted out from branch funds.
- c. The £100 deposit for the John Rock Dinner has already been paid
- d. Will Pay £100 deposit for the Xmas Lunch 2012 shortly.
- e. Subs for the year 2012-13 will fall due in April, Renewal form will be attached to these minutes Members please ensure that cheques are made payable to '**AEA Chatham Branch**' and return directly to peter Kershaw who's details are on the renewal form
- f. Branch voted to keep the yearly subs at £6.00 for the year 2012-13 as the fund is maintained at a comfortable level.

Proposed ~ Peter Kershaw

Seconded ~ Jim Rogers

Carried

8. Welfare Report

- a. Young L/Cpl Fisher is 72 - congratulations.
- b. Keith King is on Remedial PT – has lost a stone and still going – Swimming next month, (questions were asked ref his young fit female personal assistant??)

9. Museums and Archives

- a. Events for the Corps Museum 150th anniversary year will be attached again to these minutes, membership to consider events that the branch may want to attend as a group.

10. Branch Events

- a. John Rock Dinner 2nd June 2012. Sgt Thompson will attend as guest speaker from 229 Para Sqn TA.
- b. Ghurkha Curry lunch is proposed for Sunday 19th August in the Officers Mess Maidstone.
- c. Corps Memorial Weekend is 15th/16th September – details to be confirmed
- d. Branch Christmas Lunch in King Charles Hotel confirmed for Sunday 2nd December 2012 12:30 for 1:00 pm

11. Any Other Business

- a. Peter Kershaw commented that we need to focus on recruitment for the branch to bring in fresh ideas etc

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting 19th March 2012 at the RE WOs and Sgts Mess, Brompton Bks

13. Branch Diary

Branch OGM	19 th March 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch AGM	16 th April 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	21 st May 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
John Rock Dinner	2 nd June 2012	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	18 th June 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Ghorkha Curry Lunch	19 th August 2012	Officers Mess Maidstone Bks
Corps Memorial Weekend	15 th /16 th September 2012	Brompton Bks
Xmas Lunch	2 nd December 2012	King Charles Hotel

14. Notices

Nil