



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 175th O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 16th MAY 2011

Committee Members

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

* These Committee Members were in attendance

1. Members Present

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| Bill Shield | Bob Matthews | Jim Rogers |
| Bob Seaman | Eric Blenkinsop | Bill Perry |

2. Apologies

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| John Elliott | Jon O'Connor | Keith King |
| Bob Woolley | Charlie Peglar | |

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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| Proposed ~ Bill Shield | |
| Seconded ~ Baz Bassett | Carried |

4. Matters Arising

Nil

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman spoke at length on the need for better forward planning for the next year, Considered that cancellation of recent events may have been due to a lack of sufficient early notice for people to clear diaries etc. He intends in the immediate future to begin to compose the diary entries for the coming year.

6. Secretary's Report

Minutes of other branch meetings circulated. Mentioned proposed Freedom parade in Woodbridge but notice was too short to receive support from branch

7. Treasurers Report

As at 16th May 2011

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| Cash at bank | £1073.35 |
| Petty Cash & Cheques in hand | £72 |
| John Rock dinner | -£702.35 |
| Outgoings | -£0.00 |
| Cash available to Branch | £ 443.00 |

12 members have paid subs for 2011/12

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| Proposed ~ Bill Shield | |
| Seconded ~ Mick Fisher | Carried |

8. Welfare Report

Nil

9. Museums and Archives

Peter will check on the state of the Airborne Bike and informed us that the display boards will be refurbished professionally.

10. Branch Events

- a. John Rock Dinner 18th June 2011. We have 8 veterans attending. Timings are 1900 hrs for 2000hrs. Nick apologised that he will be unable to attend but will be supplying the menu cards as usual. NB There will not be a meeting before the event
- b. Airborne Forces Weekend at Rock Barracks will be on the weekend of 2nd – 3rd August

11. Any Other Business

The Branch proposed a vote of thanks to our Chairman for arranging and conducting an extremely interesting tour of Skinners Hall.

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting 20th June 2011 at the RE WOs and Sgts Mess, Brompton Bks

13. Post Scriptum

Nil

14. Branch Diary

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| John Rock Dinner | 18 th June 2011 | King Charles Hotel |
| Branch OGM | 20 th June 2011 | RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess |
| Branch OGM | 20 th July 2011 | RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess |
| Airborne Weekend | 2 nd -3 rd August 2011 | Rock Barracks - Woodbridge |
| NB | No branch Meeting in August | |
| Branch OGM | 19 th September 2011 | RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess |

15. Notices

Nil