



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 148th O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 16th June 2008

Committee Members

Chairman	~	Eric Blenkinsop	*
Secretary	~	Nick Gibson	*
Treasurer	~	Bob Seaman	*
Welfare	~	Keith King	

* These Committee Members were in attendance

1. Members Present

Jim Rogers	Bill Shield	Don Lay	Bob Woolly
Ben Taverner	John O'Conner	Charlie Peglar	

2. Apologies

Bill Perry	Keith King	John Elliott
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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting were accepted as read.

Proposed ~ Jim Rogers

Seconded ~ John O'Conner Carried

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Chairman's Report

Welcomed all to the 148th meeting of the Chatham branch. Did not give report but asked branch to stand for a moments silence in respect for the 5 soldiers who recently died in Afghanistan and also for Smoky Gibson who passed away on Tuesday 10th June

6. Secretaries Report

Distributed minutes of other branches. Said that the AEA website would be shortly undergoing a major revision. Secretary said that any member who is able to receive their Minutes etc by E-Mail should forward their E-Mail address to n.d.gibson@blueyonder.co.uk as this will save a significant amount of postage from branch funds.

7. Treasurers Report

As at 11th July 2005

Cash in Bank	£1591.51
Cash in Hand	13.89
Funds held for Rock	-£966
Dinner	
Cash Available to Branch	£639.40

Proposed ~ Jim Rogers

Seconded ~ Charlie Peglar Carried

8. Welfare Report

Branch welcomed Don Lay. In attendance.
John & sue Grosvenor send their best wishes

9. RE Museum

Nick will submit his proposal to the FoREm agm on Wednesday
Branch has renewed it membership of FoREm

10. Branch Events

- a. John Rock Dinner. - attendance is now at around 60 people. Gifts for a small raffle will be welcomed, proceeds to Help the Heroes Charity
- b. Due to the escalating costs of the venue the BBQ at Fort Clarence is now cancelled. An alternative venue will be found for next year.
- c. Branch Christmas Lunch will be held on 7th December 2008 at the King Charles Hotel

11. John Rock Bust

The sculptor is still at work on the bust. Work has commenced on the Garden of Remembrance at Rock Barracks

12. AGM Raffle

NTR.

13. Any Other Business

- 5 Parcels have been sent to the Regt in Afghanistan and there is 1 more ready to go. A letter written by Eric's granddaughter has been very pleasantly replied to from the SSM 61 Sqn.
- A charitable grant from Tubelines Ltd has been applied for – a result will be expected this week – if successful a few hundred pounds will be available for a substantial shoebox parcel for the regt. Eric has asked RSM Muirson for suggestions.

14. Next Meeting

19th JULY 2008