



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 145th MEETING O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS ON 17th MARCH 2008

Committee Member

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

* These Committee Members attended

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Rogers	John O'Connor	Charlie Peglar	Bill Shield
Bill Perry	Ben Tavener	Bob Woolly	

1. Apologies

Nick Gibson	John Elliott	Brian Cazaly	Frank Ryan
Jon Stubbs	Peter Ives	John Grosvenor	Bert Fordham
Reg Parsons	Craig Marshall	Don Lay	Alan Craven
Arthur Cheesman	Ray Ogden		

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting were accepted as read.

Proposed ~ Jim Rogers

Seconded ~ Bob Woolly

Carried .

3 Matters Arising

Regret the use of outdated headed paper. .Now corrected

4 Chairman Address .

Welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance..

A big welcome back to our venerable secretary Ron Gibson. The Chairman had further information to tell the members and would speak about it later in the meeting.

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5. Secretary

Minutes of other branches made available to members. Nothing more to report.

6 Treasurers Report

As of the 19th November 2007 No Change

Cash in Bank £ 1293-54

Cash in hand £ 17-27

Total £ 1365-81

Acceptance

Proposed –John O'Connor

Seconded- Graham Collins

Carried

7. Welfare Report.

No Report . Member not present..

8. R.E. Museum

Nick Gibson was unable to attend due to transport problems..

9. Branch Events

John Rock Dinner 21st JUNE 2008

Please make your booking as soon as possible.

All appears to be going to plan to date.

Our four guests Bill & Dorothy Rudd and R.S.M. Steve Lomas and Jane have Accepted and will be joining on the night.

Christmas lunch at the King Charles Hotel Sunday 7th December 2008

The B.B.Q. at Fort Clarence T.A. Centre will be on Saturday 2nd August 2008 alert your friends and family NOW !!

10. The John Rock,

The unveiling of the bust at Rock Barracks Woodbridge will take place on FRIDAY 21ST November 2008. Mark your calendar and diaries now.

The bronze plaque is now ready for collection

11. A.G.M. 2008 RAFFLE /PRIZE DRAW

As proposed and agreed at last month's meeting the proceeds from the draw will go to " Help for Heroes" which is the official fund raising body appointed to raise funds for the provision of a swimming pool and a new gymnasium at The D.M.E.T.A. Headley Court.

12. A.O.B.

Branch Funds raised to date for the John Rock bust will now not be required for that purpose as 23 Engineers Regiment have agreed to donate £5000 to the procurement of the bust.

It is now proposed that these funds be used to provide a Star Prize for the prize draw at Coventry.

The prize that has been suggested is 2 nights B.&B in the King Charles Hotel Chatham.

To include tickets for the R.E.Museum and the royal Dockyard Chatham and tickets for Dickens World this should enhance the sale of tickets and the proceeds arising from the Coventry Draw.

For further discussion at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING 21st APRIL 2008

Subs for 2008 are now due, still at £6, performer enclosed. Send it off now.