

Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch President ~ Lt. Col. J B Grosvenor RE



Secretary ~ Ron Gibson, 43 Northolt Way, Hornchurch, Essex, RM12 5RR. Tel 01708 559326

MINUTES OF 144th O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 18th February 2008

Committee Members

Chairman ~ Eric Blenkinsop *

Secretary ~ Ron Gibson

Treasurer ~ Bob Seaman *

Welfare ~ Keith King

1. Members Present

Jim Rogers Bill Shield Nick Gibson

2. Apologies

John GrosvenorRon GibsonBill PerryJohn ElliottBob WoollyJohn O'ConnerCharlie PeglarBen Taverner

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting were accepted as read.

Proposed ~ Jim Rogers

Seconded ~ Bill Shield Carried

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Chairman's Address

Welcomed all to the 144th meeting of the Chatham branch and looked forward to a meaningful meeting.

6. Secretaries Report

Secretary unable to attend. Nick Gibson said that nothing was forwarded to report.

7. Treasurers Report

As at 18th February 2008

Cash in Bank £585.31
Cash in Hand £4.37

Proposed ~ Nick Gibson

Seconded ~ Bill Shield Carried

8. Welfare Report

Ron Gibson was in hospital at present but was showing improvement and looked forward to being home soon.

^{*} These Committee Members attended

9. Membership Secretary

NTR.

10. RE Museum

Nick Gibson was consulting with the curator with regard to a possible link between the Museum and the Regiment.

11. Branch Events

John Rock Dinner 21st June 2008. A booking form is enclosed. To help the organizers please make your booking as early as possible, any cheques forwarded will not be cashed before 7th June. Branch agreed to pay for the four guests of honour.

There will be a BBQ at fort Clarence TA centre Saturday 2nd August 2008. A booking form will be available from the June Meeting

Branch Christmas lunch will be held on the 7th December 2008 at the King Charles Hotel.

12. John Rock Bust

Eric has been informed that there was every possibility that 23 Engineer Regt (Air Assault) will match the AEA £1 for £1 pending final approval thus we should receive £5000 approximately. He is is communication with the Project Officer for the Garden of Reflection at Woodbridge. The ceremony for the official opening of the garden is likely to take place in late October or early November.

13. AGM 2008 Raffle

It was decided at the OGM that that the target would be set at £1500 of which 75% would go to charity. The chairman has advised the committee that the challenge would be accepted provided that the conditions at the AGM are conducive to raising that level of funds.

The Charity proposed is the project to provide an indoor swimming pool at Hadley Court, the Combined Services Remedial centre for injured servicemen.

Proposed ~ Jim Rogers

Seconded ~ Nick Gibson

Carried Unanimously

14. AEA OGM Matters Arising

Archivist – Consideration to ask Nick Gibson to assist the archivist Fred Gray AGM 2008 Raffle – see item 13

Finances – The treasurer, Dick Brown, informed that it is imperative the branches inform the Executive Committee of all working capital to comply with current regulations regarding Charitable Organisations. Also that Branches must seek permission from the Executive Committee before applying for Lottery Grants etc.

15. Any Other Business

None.

16. Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING 17th March 2008