



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 147th O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 19th May 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	Bill Perry	Bob Woolly
Ben Taverner	John O'Conner	Charlie Peglar	

2. Apologies

Ron Gibson	Keith King	John Elliott
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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting were accepted as read.

Proposed ~ Charlie Peglar

Seconded ~ Bob Seaman Carried

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Chairman's Report

Welcomed all to the 147th meeting of the Chatham branch. Read letter in response to Iain Muirsons letter of last month

6. Secretaries Report

Nick Gibson said he would be taking up duties of Secretary during his fathers illness. Branch expressed their gratitude to Ron for all his efforts and wished him well for the future. 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	£1328.81
Cash in Hand	£0.17
Funds held for Rock Dinner	-£593.00
Cash Available to Branch	£735.98

Proposed ~ John O'Conner

Seconded ~ Bill Shield Carried

8. Welfare Report

Ron Gibson Don Lay & John Grosvenor all doing well

9. RE Museum

Recently taken possession of 2nd Parachute Squadron History from Bob Burgess will pass on to Corps Museum

10. Branch Events

List of attendees for Rock Dinner growing. Jim Rogers agreed to give Grace & Loyal Toast. Branch BBQ to go ahead on 2nd August – Bob Seaman awaiting confirmation of costs.

11. John Rock Bust

Eric is in possession of garden works plan and all seems to be going according to plan. The ceremony for unveiling will take place on Friday 21st November 2008 at Rock Barracks.

12. AGM Raffle

Nick Gibson has acquired a Wilkinson Sword Presentation quality Fairbairn-Sykes para/commando knife and will acquire a quality scabbard to accompany it. Chairman will continue to acquire other prizes. Notice (enclosed) has been passed to the editor of the Journal for inclusion and will be available on the Website.

13. Any Other Business

- The branch will send Shoe Box Parcels to the regiment in Afghanistan for distribution to the lads serving in Bastion Camp. These are parcels of small gifts to help the living conditions and let the lads know that they are not 'forgotten' back home. The branch will make available funds of £100 split between 5 members Jim Rogers, Bob Woolly, Bill Shield, Bill Perry & Charlie Peglar who will purchase such items to a total weight not exceeding 2Kg and will post off each to a different Squadron SSM. All members are encouraged to do the same on their own initiative and expense. Parcels may be sent post free if less than 2 Kg and should be filled with such items (or similar nature) as detailed in the attached slip, addressed to the relevant SSM's of the squadron (also on attached slip). From consultation with lads in the mess here in Chatham these parcels are greatly welcomed and do much to maintain morale.
- Double hills Ceremony will take place on Sunday 7th September 2008. Attendees to be at the memorial no later than 14:30hrs. A statue of a sapper will be unveiled at the site. Major-General Geoff Field will officiate.
- Arnhem pilgrimage 2009 will be 65th Anniversary Aldershot branch will be organizing a trip – details to follow

14. Next Meeting

16th JUNE 2008