



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 159th O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 21st September 2009

Committee Members

Chairman	~	Bob Matthews	*
Secretary	~	Nick Gibson	*
Treasurer	~	Peter Kershaw	
Welfare	~	Keith King	

* These Committee Members were in attendance

1. Members Present

Mick Fisher	Jim Rogers	Eric Blenkinsop	Bob Seaman
John O'Conner	Bob Woolley	Bill Perry	Charlie Pegler

2. Apologies

Peter Kershaw Don Lay Bill Shield

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Bill Perry

Seconded ~ Jim Rogers Carried

4. Matters Arising

Jim Rogers was incorrectly shown as not attending the last meeting

5. Chairman's Report

Since the sad loss of John Grosvenor the Branch has been without a president. Chairman has approached Lt Col (Retd) Brian Awford ex 9 Sqn OC & active within the Airborne Officers Association. Chairman proposed that we invite him to take the Position

Proposed ~ Bob Matthews

Seconded ~ Eric Blenkinsop

AGM is on track and going well for a good weekend

Summer BBQ showed surplus of £43 which will be carried over towards the Xmas Lunch

Xmas Lunch – Bob & Pam have agreed to organise this event as usual – with the branches thanks

Chairman has suggested that we invite the CO 1 RSME Lt Col Paul Fontaine as guest of honour at the Xmas Lunch

6. Secretary's Report

Circulated other branch minutes.

7. Treasurers Report

Report by Mick Fisher in absence of Peter Kershaw

As at 11th September 2009

Cash at bank on 15 th June 2009	£716.83
Petty Cash	£12.11
Outgoings	-£0.00
Cash available to Branch	£ 728.94

NB so far 33 members have renewed their Membership.

Proposed ~ Bill Shield

Seconded ~ John O'Conner

Carried

8. Welfare Report

George Dutton took Keith King Canoeing on the Medway – excellent day
Bill Shield has had an op – he is recovering at home

9. Museums and Archives

Ray Fiander's family have passed on his Free Fall Parachute dated from the 60's that he used to parachute in on Arnhem days. Nick will see about lodging it with the regiment in due course

10. Branch Events

- a. Branch Xmas Dinner set for 6th December.

11. Any Other Business

- a. Jim Rogers offered the branch's thanks to Bob Matthews for the excellent BBQ that he organised

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting 18th October

13. Post Scriptum

Nil

14. Branch Diary

Branch OGM	19 October 2009	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	16 November 2009	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch Xmas Lunch	06 December 2009	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	20 January 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	17 February 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	17 March 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	21 April 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	19 May 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess

15. Notices

Mick Fisher recommended a Novel written by ex 9 Sqn Rob Alexander titled REPERCUSSION
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