



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 154th O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 16th March 2009

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	Bob Matthews	Bill Shield	Bob Woolly
Peter Kershaw	John O'Conner	Bill Perry	Mick Fisher

2. Apologies

Ben Taverner	John Elliott	Don Lay
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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Bob Matthews
Seconded ~ John O'Conner Carried

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman welcomed members to 154th OGM. Reminded members that this would be his last meeting as Chairman as he would stand down at the AGM next month in favour of Bob Matthews who has agreed to stand for election.

6. Secretary's Report

Circulated other branch minutes.
Circulated email from Arthur Cheesman concerning the deaths of 2 Sappers from 38 Regiment in Ulster.
Informed branch that a letter was received from George Miller with a Cheque for £20 pounds and best wishes to all.

7. Treasurers Report

Bob gave notice that he will be standing down as treasurer at the branch AGM. Peter Kershaw has kindly agreed to take up the duties at the forthcoming AGM

As at 16th March 2009

Cash in Bank	£558.39
Parkinson's Disease Society	-£105.00
Postage (Due)	-£0.72
Cash in Hand	£0.12
Cash Available to Branch	£452.79

Proposed ~ Bob Woolly
Seconded ~ Bob Matthews Carried

8. Welfare Report

Ben Taverner is in back in hospital branch wishes him all the best.
Good to see Keith King at the meeting.
Keith has sent a Get Well card to Paddy Wilson

9. Museums and Archives

SSgt Bernie Byrnes is in contact and Nick will visit the barracks soon.
Peter Kershaw has been co-opted onto the FoREm Airborne Engineers Sub-Committee; he will be working closely with Brig Ian McGill to maintain Engineer content with the Airborne Forces Museum.

10. Branch Events

- a. The annual John Rock Dinner to be held on 20th June 2009 in the Trafalgar Suite, King Charles Hotel. The cost will be £23 per head. Proforma attached please return without delay in order to firm up numbers.
- b. August BBQ Sunday 2nd August 2009 cost will be £9.00 per head. To be held at the WOs & Sgts Mess at Invicta Barracks Maidstone, 12:30 till 6:00 ish. Proformas will be sent out nearer to the date.
- c. Xmas dinner to be held on 6th December 2009 in the King Charles Hotel

11. Any Other Business

- AEA Executive Committee meeting will be held on Sunday 31st May in the Officers Mess Invicta Bks Maidstone starting 10:30 am breaking for lunch – Branch members are invited to attend
- Contributions were invited for Billy Morris's run from Aldershot to Woodbridge, Money raised to be donated to Help for Heroes. £60 was raised from members present.
- Saturday 27th June is Armed Forces/Veterans Day. There will be an open day at Rock Barracks and the Chatham dockyard is the national main venue for 2009.
- Tuesday 14th July 14:30hrs will be the thanksgiving service for Lieutenant-Colonel John Grosvenor at St Marks Church Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells.
- Norman Penny's Funeral will be held on Friday 27th March in the Garrison Church, Aldershot at 14:00 hrs. The wake will be held in the Potters International Hotel. The AEA standard will be present and mourners are requested to wear Berets and Medals. Contact Betty of Fred Gray on 01252 668339 prior to attending

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting 20th April 2009