



# Airborne Engineers Association Edinburgh Branch

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## Minutes of the meeting held at The Royal British Legion, Rodney Street, Edinburgh at 1300hrs on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

### 1. Present:

Jim Simpson, Bill Ridland, John Donaldson, Kim Panton, Brian Earl, Roy Kay, Ronnie Drummond, Norrie Bishop, Mick Walker, Tom Ormiston, Doug Archibald.

### 2. Apologies:

These were received on behalf of Colin Reid, Jimmy Wilson, Ian Thomson, Andy Paterson, Peter Watt, Willie Grant and Eoghann maclachlainn.

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were proposed as a true record by Brian Earl and seconded by Kim Panton.

### 4. Matters Arising:

There were none, although at this point in the meeting due to a range of administration problems members were informed that if there were no objections, Doug Archibald and Mick Walker requested that they revert to their former previous roles i.e. Doug revert to Branch Secretary and Mick to Branch Treasurer, there being none it was agreed that this change should be minuted.

### 5. Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer gave a resume of our Income/Expenditure for the period 20<sup>th</sup> January - 10 March 2008, pointing out that several more members had now paid their subscriptions and outstanding ticket monies re the PRA Dance had all been collected and included under our income. The main items in our expenditure were for a raffle prize to the PRA for the dance held for The Afghan Trust and our website fees. The accounts were proposed as a true record by John Donaldson and seconded by Doug Archibald.

### 6. Welfare:

Roy Kay informed the meeting that he had spoken to Jimmy Wilson and he is as well as can be expected and he remains cheery, Jimmy asked Roy to pass on his regards to all members.

Ronnie Drummond reported no change in the health of Ian Thomson who still has difficulty getting about but is keeping his chin up.

We send our best wishes to both Ian and Jimmy.

### 7. A.O.C.B.:

(I) The Chairman gave out particulars of a letter he had received from Major General W E B Loudon CBE who is the Chief Executive & Producer of The Edinburgh Military Tattoo. The main point of the letter was to publicise that volunteers were being sought to assist either with stewarding or courtesy car driving for this event.



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The timetable for 2008 is as follows;

Duration of Tattoo 1<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August - Training for duties 29 -31 July.

There are 24 performances between 1<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and performance times are “on parade” 1800hrs - 2300hrs on weekdays and 1730hrs until just after midnight on Saturdays.

Volunteers are not paid but there is out of pocket expense allowance for each performance and a thank you dinner for all Tattoo stewards and volunteers at an Edinburgh restaurant in late October/ early November.

Major General Loudon believes that we are the type of association who will have members who have smartness of turnout, the ability to understand a security plan, communication skills, a flexible approach and an understanding of the dynamics of group discipline. (His words not mine)

Any member wishing to volunteer to assist at this event or who may require further details should contact the stewarding co-ordinator as follows;

Mr. Steve Walsh

Assistant Producer

Edinburgh Military Tattoo

32 Market Street

Edinburgh EH1 1QB

Telephone 0132 225 4783 or Mobile 07770 366557

e-mail address [steve@edintattoo.co.uk](mailto:steve@edintattoo.co.uk)

### (ii) Help for Heroes Appeal. **Airborne & Commando Cycle Challenge 2008**

Captains Donald McIntyre 131 Ops. Officer and Chris Wilcock 2 ic 299 Sqn.RE are doing a sponsored cycle through France (top to bottom) approx 1400 kilometres. To find out more about this charity go on line to [www.helpforheroes.org.uk](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk)

It was proposed by John Donaldson that we make a Branch donation of £100.00 to this worthwhile cause, this was seconded by Doug Archibald and carried unanimously.

**This does not mean you cannot give a personal donation should you desire to.**

**There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1355hrs.**

**The date for our next meeting is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 1300hrs at the same venue.**