



## Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



### Minutes of the Meeting held at The Royal British Legion, Rodney Street, Edinburgh at 1300hrs on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

#### 1. Members Present:

Tom Ormiston, Doug Archibald, Mick Walker, Gil Nicol, Alex McWhirter, Andy Paterson, Kim Panton, John Donaldson, Ronnie Drummond, Roy Kay, Jim Simpson, Frank Murray and Colin Reid.

#### 2. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed members to what was a well turned out meeting and re-iterated his apologies for his absence from our previous meeting.

He went on to inform the meeting that he had attended the last Association OGM as our Branch Representative on Jim Simpson's behalf.

The main matter of importance discussed was the drafting of a new "improved" version of The Airborne Engineers Association Constitution. He reliably informed us that the new constitution would be circulated and was expected to also be included within our next journal to enable members to view this, as any changes to be made would have to be voted on and carried if passed at our forthcoming AGM.

Tom also hinted that it was with regret that he may have to stand down as our Branch Chairman, however, as there is only one further meeting before our AGM it was agreed to take no further action until then.

#### 3. Apologies:

These were received on behalf of Craig McQuade, Brian Earl, Ian Thomson, Jimmy Wilson and Willie Grant.

Although apologies were normally included from our Australian members the Secretary reminded the meeting that although John Donaldson and Kim Panton had found Tom Turner in good spirits and a positive frame of mind when they met up last month, Tom had unfortunately passed away since their return. Tom's Obituary will feature in the August Journal.

#### 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May were proposed as a true record by Mick Walker and seconded by Roy Kay.



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### 5. Matters Arising:

- (I) Falkirk Wheel visit ; Tom Ormiston agreed to look further into what format this should take i.e. A trip on one of the pods and a meal or snack in the restaurant.
- (ii) Forth Rail Bridge walk Colin Reid to pursue this and report back.

### 6. Treasurer's Report:

Mick Walker gave his usual detailed report on our financial position and pointed out that our income was slightly inflated by the fact that he was holding some cash that had been raised for the Help for Heroes fund which would be finalised after today's meeting.

Mick further pointed out that he was in discussions with the florist who had been paid for a Floral Tribute to be sent to Australia for Tom Turner's family, this had not been received and a trace is in progress.

### 7. Welfare:

It was noted that there had been no reported change in the health of Jimmy Wilson or Ian Thomson but both managed to get the odd excursion out of the house.

### 8. A.O.C.B.:

- (I) Roy Kay suggested that if looking for a trip it may be worth considering looking at the boat trip from South Queensferry to Inchcolm Island as there are several points of interest and World War history on the island, Doug Archibald agreed to pursue this.
- (ii) John Donaldson reported that he had seen an entry in the AEA Website Guestbook, submitted by Dave Rutter, that there were two available places for the Arnhem trip with the Yorkshire Branch. Any interested party should contact Bill Rudd.
- (iii) Mick Walker reported that seven members, six accompanied by their wives, had met for a leisurely stroll over the Kincardine Bridge and back to Kincardine via the new Clackmannan Bridge, This had proved not too arduous and the weather had been relatively kind. This had started as a social get together with the subsidiary aim of raising a bit cash for Help for Heroes. The fund raising, however, grew and Mick was delighted to report that £650.00 had been raised in sponsorship and donations and this would be sent to the charity immediately. A special mention for Gil and his wife- Gil was not first over the finishing line but he certainly topped the sponsorship chart!
- (iv) Finally Colin Reid raised the matter of our golf championship and sought challengers to wrest this coveted title from Mick Walker. After some discussion it was agreed that the championship would be held at The Dalmeny Estate Golf Club on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Competitors, caddies, coaches and any other hangers on are to assemble opposite the Hawes Inn on South Queensferry promenade at 1200hrs. and Colin will guide them to the course.



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(v) Roy Kay returned a copy of the Major Ward DVD which was passed on to Ronnie Drummond.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1400hrs.

The date for our next meeting will be **20<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 1300hrs at the same venue.** As this will be our last meeting before our AGM would aspiring candidates for committee positions start their electoral campaigns now!!