



# Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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**Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at The Royal British Legion, Rodney Street, Edinburgh at 12.30 hrs on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2010.**

## **1. Members Present:**

Frank Murray, Doug Archibald, Mick Walker, Raymond Mannion, Gil Nicol, Alex. McWhirter, Andy Mullen, Kim Panton, Andy Paterson, John Donaldson, Tom Ormiston, Brian Earl, Ross Stevenson, David Brock, Jim Simpson, Ronnie Drummond, Norrie Bishop, Ron McCartan and Roy Kay.

## **2. Chairman's Welcome:**

Frank Murray gave a warm welcome to all present 19 members and invited all members to be upstanding in a minutes silence to remember departed friends and colleagues whom we have lost from our Association and the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At John Cowtan's funeral the association was represented by Mt Robin Ward ( Ex OC . of 300 Sqn.)

John Lonergan was also remembered by a minutes silence , at our day out at the Falkirk Wheel

John Lonergan's family have since received The Elizabeth Cross in recognition of his untimely death in Aden ( 1965 )

Frank Murray also reported on his visit to Cromwell Lock , where he represented The A.E.A. (Scotland) Branch , for the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the members who died so tragically during the operation " Trent Chase ".

Frank also mentioned the celebration , earlier in the year , of Jimmy Wilson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and our outing to Inchcolm Island – which were successful events and well attended by members and partners.

He also informed that on Armed Forces Day ( 25/6/10) several members of The Branch attended the parade, along with members of The Lothian Branch PRA.

He also informed us that Andy Mullen ( part of The Castlemilk Mafia ) won this year's Golf Tournament.

## **3. Apologies:**

Craig McQuade, Allan Davidson and Jimmy Wilson

## **4. Minutes of previous A.G.M:**

The previous minutes were proposed as being accurate and correct by Jim Simpson and this was seconded by Tom Ormiston.

## **5. Matters Arising:**

( a ) There is no further news on the proposed New Constitution

( b ) The Mark Wright project has opened and we were informed by Ross Stevenson that local Masonic Lodges are fundraising for this project.

( c ) Armed Forces Day 2011 --- we will be kept informed on latest developments.

## **6. Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary could only reiterate on some of the years events as The Chairman stole his thunder on most items.

## **7. Treasurers Report:**

Mick Walker ( Treasurer ) gave a detailed report stating that we were in a good position financially (just over £1000.00 in the bank )

This report was proposed as accurate by Gil Nicol and seconded by Andy Mullen.

## **8. Website Report:**

John Donaldson ( Webmaster) informed the meeting that the website fees have been increased. Since permission to proceed with the website had been previously agreed it was decided that John should meet any necessary expenses and will be reimbursed from Branch Funds by The Treasurer.

## **9. Election of Office Bearers:**

( a ) Chairman ; Frank Murray was proposed by Mick Walker and seconded by Jim Simpson

No other candidates were forthcoming therefore the proposal was carried .

( b ) Secretary ; Doug Archibald stood down and Gil Nicol was proposed by Alex McWhirter and seconded by Brian Earl.

No other candidates were forthcoming therefore the proposal was carried .

( c ) Treasurer ; There being no rush to fill this post Mick Walker was proposed by Andy Mullen and seconded by Raymond Mannion.

No other candidates were forthcoming therefore the proposal was carried

( d ) Auditor ; Jim Simpson , who previously stood in for Colin Reid , was proposed and seconded by Andy Mullen

( e ) Webmaster ; It was agreed , unanimously , that John Donaldson continue in this position . John agreed to carry on as Webmaster

( f ) Branch Representative ; It was proposed by Mick Walker and seconded by Andy Paterson that this position should be shared between Jim Simpson and Tom Ormiston

Jim and Tom both agreed to carry out this duty.

## **10. Subscriptions:**

The Treasurer proposed that the Annual Subscription remain at £6.00/annum and this was seconded by John Donaldson.

Brian Earl counter proposed that the fees should be reduced to £5.00/annum.

An open vote was taken and The Treasurers proposal was passed, by majority.

The Treasurer asks us to remind those members who were not present at The A.G.M to please consider this as a request for payment of the yearly subscriptions ( £6.00).

**Cheques should be made payable to “ The Airborne Engineers Association “ and sent to Mick Walker at the following address ;**

**1 Halbeath Road  
Dunfermline  
KY12 7QZ**

**11. Date for future meetings:**

Doug Archibald informed the meeting that due to the uncertainty of the future of The Royal British Legion ( Rodney Street ) we could only fix one date for next year and that will be Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

He suggested we wait until a decision was reached by Lothian P.R.A. as it would be to our mutual advantages.

**12. A.O.C.B.:**

( a ) Ian Thomson – it proposed that the sum of £50.00 be presented to an organisation of Ian’s family choice.

Ronnie Drummond informed us that he had been in touch with Ian’s wife and she said that he had an active interest in “ Help The Aged “ and it was agreed that The Treasurer send a cheque for £50.00 to this organisation , on the branches behalf.

The Treasurer agreed to do this in the next few days.

( b ) Mick Walker suggested that we should meet for a Xmas lunch and he would make the necessary arrangements and inform everyone accordingly.

( c ) Gil Nicol, on Craig Mc Quades behalf, proposed that we individually donate cash to be put towards a “ shoe box appeal “fund.

Craig and his wife are prepared to collect all items required and distribute shoe boxes on the branches behalf

It was agreed to collect any monies at the next meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

In the meantime Tom Ormiston, who has already sent shoe boxes to our troops in Afghanistan and is therefore aware of any difficulties that may arise in carrying out this duty, will liaise with Craig McQuade.

( d ) Recognition of Douglas Archibald’s service, as Secretary over the years, was acknowledged by a hearty round of applause ( he may have preferred a round of drinks )

( e ) Jake Hogg (Chairman, Lothian Branch PRA.) informed us about Airborne Forces Day 2011 – 23/7/11

More information will be available at the next meeting.

( f ) The meeting was brought to a close at 2.00pm with a vote of thanks to the chair after which we adjourned for a group photograph of our largest turnout at any meeting held at our branch.

**13. Date of Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 13.00 hrs in The Royal British Legion, Rodney Street, Edinburgh

**“ WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR “**