



Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman – **Frank Murray**

Secretary – **Gil Nicol**

Treasurer – **Mick Walker**

**Minutes of meeting held at The Royal British Legion , Central Branch , Rodney Street ,
Edinburgh at 13.00 hrs on 17th July 2011.**

1.0 MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Murray , Gil Nicol , Mick Walker , Dougie Archibald , Craig Mc Quade , Andy Mullen , John Donaldson , Hugh Mc Phee , Roy Kay , Kim Panton , Raymond Mannion , Jim Simpson , and Kenneth Wratten.

2.0 CHAIRMANS REMARKS

The Chairman warmly welcomed those present. He invited us to stand and observe a minutes silence for all who have been lost during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He also asked us to remember Scott Mc Laren , who was recently killed in Afghanistan

He went on to thank Mick Walker for organising the “Alternative Xmas Lunch” held in The Glenn Tavern , Dunfermline on Sunday 26th June 2011 which was well attended and enjoyed by all present .He also thanked Rosemary(Micks wife) for the hospitality shown towards us when we retired back to their house for the partaking of further refreshments.

He also asked us to remember David Brock , who only recently lost his mother.

Audrey Parker (Alan Parkers wife) sadly passed away and Frank tried to attend the funeral but because of the tragic accident on the M8 that day he could not make it
He did send a letter of condolences , on behalf of AEA Scotland Branch, to the family of Alan and Audrey Parker.

3.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following members ; David Brock , Jimmy Wilson , Willie Grant , Andy Paterson , Alex Mc Whirter , Norrie Bishop , Ronnie Drummond and all overseas members.

4.00 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as correct and accurate by Mick Walker and seconded by Andy Mullen .

5.00 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

6.00 SECRETARYS REPORT

There were none –Please see AOCB

7.00 TREASURERS REPORT

Mick circulated a report of our financial position. This showed that we remain in a relatively healthy position and had made a small surplus since our last meeting.

The Shoebox appeal showed a value of £220.00 of which £200.00 was obtained by Hugh Mc Phee approaching R.B.L.Dalkeith and asking then for a donation , which they gladly did. Our congratulations were passed on to Hugh Mc Phee.

The report was accepted on the motion of Gil Nicol and seconded by Andy Mullen.

8.00 WEBSITE REPORT

There was none

9.00 FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings will continue to be held at RBL, Central Branch, Rodney Street , Edinburgh

10.00 A.O.C.B

(A) Airborne Forces Day, Dalkeith, Saturday 23rd July 2011 --- It was agreed that we meet up at the RBL Dalkeith no later than 10.00am as we have to be seated by 10.45am for the church service, in ST Nicholas Buccleuch Parish Church, 119 High Street, Dalkeith which commences at 11.00am. There will be a short parade after the service and then a buffet lunch is available at the Midlothian Indoor Bowling Club.

(B) Remembrance Sunday, 13th November 2011 --- There are 24 places available to all Airborne Engineer Association Members for the parade at The Cenotaph, Whitehall, London.

The tickets for places are allocated as 4 per AEA Branch. Anyone wishing to attend please contact either Frank Murray (Chairman) or Gil Nicol (Secretary)

Final allocation of names will be decided at the September meeting.

(C) Golf Competition on – Our annual competition for the Colin Reid Memorial Cup will take place on Sunday 7th August at Pittenfern Golf Club , Crossford , Dunfermline.

The competition will commence at 12.00noon , please be sharp.

Last years winner (Andy Mullen) has returned the trophy which will be presented to this years winner

Anyone who was not at the meeting please contact Mick Walker on 0138 372 3925 or by-mail at balvaig@btinternet.com.

(D) Proposed Battlefield Tour -- A tour relating to Operation Varsity has been organised for MARCH 2012 . Anyone interested in attending please contact Gil Nicol(Secretary) on 0141 631 2092 or by e-mail at gilbertandmyra@gmail.com

(E) Roof Repairs to Rannville Parish Church – We have been contacted by ex Lt J.Mason and asked , as well as all other AEA Branches , if we would consider contributing towards the cost of the repairs. This was passed over to the members for discussion and it was agreed , unanimously, to forward a cheque to the value of £50.00 as our contribution.

Mick Walker (Treasurer) then made out a cheque for this amount and Gil Nicol (Secretary) will forward to J.Mason.

(F) Shoebox Appeal – Craig McQuade showed us a letter received from a serving soldier in Afghanistan in which he expressed his thanks and appreciation for all that is being done to make their lives a bit more endurable while in a theatre of war.

We have distributed 30 Shoeboxes and have another 10 to be submitted shortly . It was agreed that Craig and his wife are doing a sterling job in carrying out this duty.

Mick Walker proposed that , for the next meeting , members purchase items (value of £1.00) for inclusion in the shoeboxes. These items will be passed on to Craig Mc Quade for distribution. This was agreed upon unanimously.

Kim Panton made a counter proposal that we all make up shoeboxes individually and pass them on to Craig Mc Quade . This proposal was later withdrawn.

Hugh Mc Phee suggested that all members present donate the sum of £5.00 and give this to Craig Mc Quade to assist in the purchasing of items. This was seconded by Andy Mullen and the cash was passed onto Craig Mc Quade accordingly

Andy Mullen proposed that we copy the letter , received from Afghanistan , and post it on the website, This was agreed upon and John Donaldson took receipt of the letter and will post it A.S.A.P.

(G) PRA Bowling Outing – This will still be held on Sunday 4th September at the normal venue.

(H) Doug Archibald proposed that we change the date of the September Meeting , as it falls on a holiday weekend in Edinburgh.

Mick Walker counter proposed that we stay as the status quo , namely because we are now The Scotland Branch and not all branch members are affected by the Edinburgh holidays .

It was agreed , by the members present , that we go with Mick Walkers counterproposal and remain with the status quo.

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 18th September 2011, 1300hrs and will be held at RBL, Central Branch, Rodney Street, Edinburgh.