



THE YORKSHIRE BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE OGM **HELD AT WAKEFIELD TA CENTRE** **10th January 2015**

1. **Meeting opened** by the chairman at 1240hrs. The President Adam Frame thanked members attending the meeting especially those who had travelled long distances. He reported on the passing away of Harold Padfield and John Mason and members stood in silence in tribute to these two WW2 Veterans. He briefed members on the funeral of Harold who had a wonderful send off with a large contingent from 23 (Air Assault) Regt RE along with many other mourners.

Members Present: Adam Frame, Bill Rudd, Noel Ward, Syd Hoyle, Peter Stevens, Boff Harrap, Barney Barnwell, Dave Mellors, Phil Poulton, Baz Henderson, Terry White, Ron Hadden, Steve Gabbitas, Willie Wiltshire, John Parker, Joe Timberlake, Yorkie Davies, and Robert Small.

Ladies present: Emma Frame and Myra Barnwell.

Apologies from: Chris and Susan Lunn, Mick Ramsey, Mike Pallott, Dave Edmonds, Vince Cain, Joe Cain, Billy Brown, John Houston, Ron Richardson, Billy Gibbons, John Robinson, Ron Pendlington, Ken Mason, Dave Davis, Tom Rhodes, Jack Braithwaite, Bob Prosser, John and Steen Waite, Mick Mathis, Sean McCargo, Kenny Turk, Dean Sykes, Guy Petts, Mick Wallace, John McCarthy, Bert Bamforth, Kevin Sarsfield, and Barney Rooney.

2. **Welcomes:** The Chairman welcomed all attending.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous OGM as distributed were proposed to be accepted as a true record by Joe Timberlake and seconded by Barney Barnwell. **Carried**

Matters arising. None.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Noel Ward presented the treasurer's report verbally, and in writing showing a healthy balance. Proposed by John Parker and seconded by Ronnie Hadden that the treasurer's report be accepted. **Carried**
5. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary being absent with flu had submitted his apologies.
6. **Membership Secretary's Report:** Syd Hoyle gave a detailed report on current numbers which shows a very healthy level of membership to date.
7. **Chairman:** The Chairman then followed with the points outlined below.

a. **Next Meeting Sat 14th March 2015.** This will be our AGM and it is important to have a strong turn out as the election of Branch Officials is to take place. Nominations are to be forwarded to the secretary by Sat 28th Feb 2014. Due to his family commitments Noel Ward (treasurer) is to stand down and we are looking for a replacement. Volunteers/nominations should be submitted as above. Several members have suggested that after the AGM it might be a good idea to move back to Ripon for the evening. The Chairman indicated that Barrack Accommodation could be available at a small charge and that B&B's are available in Ripon as usual. Names of those wishing to do this should be forwarded by phone (01765 278236) to the Chairman as soon as possible.

b. **Branch Annual Dinner 2015.** As discussed at the previous meeting, various topics were raised with regards to date, venue, cost etc. Members were asked to consider the various options and a decision on final details would be taken at the AGM in March.

c. **Harold Padfield's Book.** Members requested the availability of the book, the Chairman offered to order and pay for 11 copies as requested and would make them available at the AGM in March.

d. **Iona Club Fund Raising for H4H.** The chairman briefed members on letters received from John Houston, Concert Chairman at the club in which he thanked members for their support. He reported that since 2010, £21,134.90 had been raised. The charity evening on 1 Oct 2014, raised £6,227.40. The letters were made available for members to read after the meeting.

8. **Welfare Matters:** Members were briefed on the situation regarding Tom Thornton, Boff Harrap, John Parker and Molly Ward. Adam Frame reported that Bob and Sheila Prosser's grandson, Freddie was very ill over the Christmas period. Sarah's (299) grandson Patrick was born prematurely in November and part of his anatomy developed outside of his body. He will remain in hospital for 6 to 9 months and possibly longer.
9. **Proposals from the floor:** Proposed by Yorkie Davies and seconded by Barney Barnwell that the sum of £50 be allocated from GPF towards the cost of the wreath for Harold Padfield presented by our Geordie contingent (Total cost £100 and apparently beautiful). **Carried**
10. **Any Other Business:** Nil.
11. **Next Meeting OGM: Sat 14 March (AGM), at Wakefield. Meeting at 1200 for 1230hrs. Schedule of meetings 2015/16: 9th May 15, 11 Jul 15, 12 Sep 15, 14 Nov 15, 9 Jan 16, and 2nd Sat of every 2nd following month.**

The Meeting was closed at 1330hrs.

MRC Pallott, (Secretary)