



THE YORKSHIRE BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE AGM/OGM HELD AT WAKEFIELD TA CENTRE 9th March 2013

1. Meeting opened 1245hrs

Members Present: Bill Rudd, Mike Pallott, Syd Hoyle, Noel Ward, Adam Frame, Bob Hembrow, Ron Hadden, Peter Stevens, Boff Harrap, Joe Timberlake, John Parker, Ian Shaw, Bill and Babs Braniff, Barney and Myra Barnwell and Mike Carrigan.

Apologies from: Jack Braithwaite, Mick Sloan, Bob Prosser, Frank Small, Baz Henderson, Dennis Cable, Joe Cain, Billy Gibbons, Billy Brown, Ron Pendlington, Brian Kelly, John Robinson, Peter Bailey, Harold Padfield, Tom Thornton, Ken Mason, Dave Jones, Mark Hindley, Vince Cairn, Bert Bamforth, Matt Newall, Ralph Scott, Glyn Davies, Dave Edmonds, Sean McCargo, Mick Mathis, Mick Ramsey, Peter Whitwood and Dave Grimbley.

2. **Welcomes:** The Chairman welcomed all attending and in particular Myra Barnwell who was looking well. He also welcomed Mike Carrigan as Ian Shaw's Taxi driver!

3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous AGM and OGM as distributed were proposed to be accepted as a true record by Adam Frame and seconded by Ron Hadden. **Carried**

Matters arising. The secretary reported having spoken to the caretaker regarding the progress of the fund appeal for her grand daughter, Molly, who had confirmed that after a fund raising event recently held in the TA Centre that the fund had reached £4000. The target was £2000 and therefore the surplus would be allocated to the Headstart for Babies Charity to help other children with a similar condition. Members applauded the result and Sarah who was present expressed her total gratitude for the efforts of all who had made donations. Molly has made steady progress and the new helmet was achieving remarkable results.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Noel Ward presented the treasurer's report verbally, and in writing to the secretary. Proposed by Buster Shaw and seconded by Syd Hoyle that the treasurers report be accepted: **Carried.**

5. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary reported the receipt of minutes from other Branches which would be available for members after the meeting. He also reported the passing away of Mick Deighton who was known to some members and who would be attending the funeral on 15th March.

6. **Membership Secretary's Report:** Sid Hoyle reported that the Branch strength was now 81 with more in the pipeline. A discussion took place on the subject of contact details accuracy. Adam Frame and Bill Braniff offered support to Syd in order to produce and distribute an up to date list. On the subject of the distribution of minutes the secretary reported that he was still sending some 40 copies by post and could only send out to those that he had accurate details of. The cost of postage, printer ink cartridges, paper and envelopes is now extremely expensive and members who have not done so are requested to make every effort to supply the secretary with an e-mail address of their own, a relative or a friend to which their minutes could be sent in future, thus saving the Branch a lot of money.

7. **Chairman:** The Chairman asked the President to address the members attending. Adam Frame then spoke of the continuing success of the Branch and its drive to recruit new members. He intended to play a full part in Branch activities and would seek to attract new members from our 299 Para Sqn hosts at Wakefield. He commended the work of the Chairman and the Committee and of the enthusiasm of the membership. Members applauded his words.

The Chairman then followed with the points outlined below:

a. He thanked the Committee members for their work over the past year and the members for their support. The Branch is going from strength to strength and is organised in a democratic, fair and friendly atmosphere. Members were thanked for travelling long distances to attend the meetings especially when taking in to account the high cost of petrol. We look forward to a busy 2013 and a successful future. We had a record attendance of 32 at the last meeting and only the prospect of heavy snow reduced today's turnout.

b. Arnhem Visit 18 to 22nd Sep 2013: Members wishing to go should book their ferry tickets without delay in order to benefit from the cheaper fares available at the moment. So far 4 members of the Birmingham Branch and 5 from the Yorkshire Branch had indicated their intention to go. The visit will go ahead and others wishing to go should book their Ferry Trips and let Bill know of their intentions. The notification proforma was included in the last minutes and is repeated below.

c. Normandy Visit (70th Anniversary) 2nd to 7th June 2014. A 49 seater coach provision was being investigated for cost and would depart for Dover P and O Ferries on 2nd June at 1000hrs from the TA Centre Wakefield. Cars may be left there for the period. The programme is yet to be finalised and Ed van der Laan our Dutch member would be playing a full part. Based on a 49 seater bus the trip including B & B will be about £250 to £300. Those intending to go should inform Bill Rudd by the May meeting on Sat 4th May. We need at least 45 people to go in order to make it viable. This may well be the last official trip to Normandy. A deposit will be asked for in due course and please note that ladies will be welcome.

d. The £200 raised at the Christmas Lunch has been sent to the relevant participants in the Falklands Marathon in aid of Combat Stress and a note of gratitude had been received.

e. AEA Journal. Dave Rutter would be pleased to receive articles for the April edition in which the details of the Bournemouth AGM will be included..

8. **Election of Officials:** The secretary reported that he had not received any nominations different to the existing officials, surprise, surprise! Therefore he asked for a proposal for the existing officials to remain in post. Proposed by Ron Hadden and seconded by Bill Braniff. **Carried.**

9. **Welfare Matters:** It was reported that Jackie Mathis is making good progress. Molly Ward is suffering with Pneumonia. Matt Newall is not very well. Ralph Scott is recovering having been in hospital. The good wishes of all members are tendered to all.

10. **Proposals from the floor:** None

11. **Any Other Business:**

a. A discussion took place with regard to the Branch organising the 2014 AEA AGM and various options of locations and hotels were suggested. Adam Frame and Bill Rudd would be investigating at this stage but it would appear that at the moment Leeds or Harrogate were the front runners.

12. **Next Meeting OGM: Sat 4TH May 2013, at Wakefield. Meeting at 1200 for 1230hrs.**

The Meeting was closed at 1330hrs.

*MRC Pallott,
Secretary*



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ARNHEM 2013:

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From:-----

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I will be attending the Arnhem trip 18th to 22nd of September 2013 and have/will shortly book my Ferry tickets.

Signed..... Date.....

Print Name.....