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MINUTES OF AN AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (COUNCIL MEETING) HELD AT ALDERSHOT ON SUNDAY 18 JULY 2010

Attachments:

1. Treasurer's Report as at 1 Jul 10.
2. Main Events List AGM Weekend – 1-3 October 2010.
3. Sports Report.
4. Details for Fergie Semple Golf Competition Fri 1 Oct 10.

Members Present

Joe Stoddart (Chairman), John Lee (President), Dave Rutter (Editor/Vice President), Billy Morris (Membership Secretary/Sports Coordinator), Dick Brown (Treasurer), Fred Gray (Archivist and Historian), John Smith (AGM 2010 Coordinator) Geoff Howard (General Secretary).

Apologies: Tony Roberts (Welfare Coordinator), Bill Rudd (Chairman, Yorkshire Branch), Jimmy Simpson (Scotland Branch).

Chairman's Opening Remarks

- The Chairman thanked all for attending.
- A 2 minute silence was held for departed comrades.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Comment was called for on the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held at Ripon on 7 February 2010.

John Lee raised the point that the arrangements for the 35th Anniversary of Ex Trent Chase (during which 11 members of 300Tp 131 Indep Para Sqn RE (V) were killed) are still not clear. He undertook to clarify the details and ensure they are published for AEA Members. (Previously raised by Bunny Brown at Ripon).

There being no further matters arising the minutes were accepted. Proposed by John Smith, seconded by Dave Rutter. **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Treasurer's Report is at Attachment 1. Dick Brown also stated the following:

- After investigating the advantages and disadvantages of Long Term Investment for income generation, the risk to Charitable Status outweighs the financial gain. This avenue is therefore closed.
- A significant donation has been received from the Estate of the late Bob Kennedy, former soldier of 9 Parachute Squadron RE and good friend to many in the Association.
- Dick closed by thanking Joe Stoddart for organizing and executing the World Cup Draw – the draw was a success and raised much needed funds.

Proposed by John Lee, seconded by Dave Rutter that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

Journal/Editor's Report

Dave Rutter stated that we now have a distribution list of some 700 members. He went on to state that Articles should be submitted in plain text (Windows 7) and should be accompanied by photographs. Branches are requested to encourage their members to submit as much material as possible. When making submissions (particularly Branch Reports), it is requested that the relevance of material to the wider Association is considered.

Dave pointed out that, because of copyright issues, the Article *'Legacy of the Back Pack Parachute' (Issue 31, Aug 2010)* should not be reproduced in any way. All members please note.

Dave concluded by stating that the pending VAT increase will not, this time, increase the Journal subscription.

Proposed by Billy Morris, seconded by John Smith that the Journal Report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

Afternote: Dave requested that the Journal account be audited. The undersigned will carry out the audit..

Membership Report

Billy Morris stated that the membership stood at 1394. Take up of Membership is most optimistically described as 'steady'! There has been an increase of 5 members since the last report.

Proposed by Dave Rutter, seconded by John Smith: that 'The Membership Report be Accepted as Presented'. **CARRIED.**

Afternote: The membership figure of 1400 has been reached at the time of writing these minutes.

Archivist/Historian Report

Fred Gray reported that he is currently revamping the method of holding/presenting the records. All records will be placed chronologically in folders protected by plastic inserts. To complete their presentation, Logos and labels are required.

Afternote: Billy Morris will provide the Logos and labels.

In consultation with John Hooper, Fred has undertaken the task of committing the history of 'The 9th' to paper for the period 1947-1990. This task will be ongoing for some time to come, Fred will keep us updated on progress.

The Chairman directed that a vote of thanks was recorded to Fred from The Council.

Proposed by Billy Morris, seconded by Dick Brown: 'That the Historian/Archivist Report be Accepted as Presented'. **CARRIED.**

Sports Report

The written report, presented by Billy Morris, is reproduced at Attachment 3.

Billy also submitted a request that the Council accept the disbandment of the AEA Sports Club on the grounds that the Long-Distance Running Events tend to be the only ones reported.

For representational purposes, Billy intends to continue with the Long-Distance Events but re-name his intrepid, but small, band of participants as 'The AEA Ultra Club.

This request/change was accepted by the Council.

Proposed by John Lee, seconded by Dick Brown: 'That the Sports Report be Accepted as Presented'. **CARRIED.**

Shop Report

Dave Rutter reported on behalf of Jeanette. The shop continues to do well, turnover has been approx £2000 since Jeanette took the helm.

The shop will be fully operational at the AGM 2010, timings TBC on arrival. Posters etc. will be provided by Billy Morris.

Dave is currently investigating the supply of wreaths etc. for funerals/commemorations – details will be promulgated when confirmed.

Dave requested an audit of the Shop Accounts, this will be carried out by Dick Brown.

Proposed by Dick Brown and seconded by John Lee that the Shop Report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

Briefing – AGM/Reunion 2010

A summary of the Main Events/Timings is at Attachment 2.

John Smith gave the meeting a comprehensive briefing. In addition to the outstanding company, excellent beer and good food we have enjoyed at previous reunions, there will be one or two additional events. John has arranged Horse Racing for the Friday evening after dinner and there will be an ongoing *"Hammer the Nail In Competition"* throughout the weekend. The competition will include a glittering prize for the winner and, no doubt, lots of laughs!

Afternote: Billy 'The Printer' Morris will provide information posters for the events.

John requested all members to ensure they have submitted their Accommodation Bookings and requirements if they have not already done so.

The briefing was accepted as submitted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AEA Rules/Constitution

John Lee presented minor adjustments to the Constitution for approval 'in-house', these were:

- The procedure for Branch nominated Charity payments.
- Adoption of revised wording to Clause 14 (Subscriptions).

In addition, John circulated a draft Response Letter to persons applying to join the AEA who are not eligible. A polite but firm refusal.

Proposed by Dick Brown, seconded by Dave Rutter: 'That the adjustments and letter be Accepted as presented'. **CARRIED**

Afternote: Copies of the Constitution will be made available at AGM 2010.

Reunions and AGM

2010 – Bournemouth 2 Oct 10 – Aldershot Branch.

2011 – *The arrangements for AGM 2011 are currently being reviewed.*

2012 – Hull – 299 Branch has kindly offered to organize the 2012 event under the guidance of Mike Hookem.

Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending what had proved to be a very productive meeting and wished everyone a safe return journey.

DONM – The Date of the Next Meeting was set for **Sat 2 October 2010** to follow AGM 2010..

There being no further business, the meeting closed in good order at 1200hrs.

Geoff Howard

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General Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Account as at 1 July 2010

Assets

Cash in Hand	0.00
Cash at Bank	11559.66
Deposit Account	14346.35
Property Value	147.44
Total Assets	**26053.45**

Liabilities

Newsletter	5289.01
Projects	2030.17
Total Liabilities	**7319.18**

Working Capital

Assets	26053.45
Minus Liabilities	7319.18

TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL = 18734.27

Richard Brown

Treasurer

AGM/REUNION 2010 – MAIN EVENTS LIST
CARRINGTON HOUSE HOTEL - BOURNEMOUTH

Thu 30 Sep 10

1200-1800 –	Aldershot Branch Advance Party arrive and set up Reception.
1300 -	Lunch in Mortimer Restaurant.
1400 – 1800	Set up AEA Shop, photo display area, raffle prize lock-up.
1900 – 2130	Dinner in Mortimer Restaurant.
2130 -	Social.

Fri 1 Oct 10

0800 – 0915	Breakfast in Mortimer Restaurant.
0930 -	AEA Reception opens.
1000 -	Golfers meet in Clubhouse (See Attachment 4 for details).
1200 -	Arrivals, registration and check-in. (Restaurant and Bars open).
1900 – 2100	Dinner in Mortimer Restaurant.
2100 – 2300	Horse Racing – Live on Video, bet on the Tote.
2100 -	Social.

Sat 2 Oct 10

0700 – 0900	Breakfast in the Mortimer Restaurant.
0930 – 1100	AGM in President's Suite.
1100 – 1115	NAAFI Break
1115 – 1215	OGM in president's Suite.
1230 -	Bars and Restaurant open. Hammering the Nail Competition opens, John Barrie presiding.
1700 – 1900	Pre-order wines for placement on tables during dinner.
1800 – 1900	Pre-Gala Dinner Reception in bar.
1930 – 0100	Gala Dinner and Entertainments (President's Suite) – Solo Pianist at dinner, Musical Trio and Lady Vocalist afterwards. Raffle will be ongoing.

Seating Plans will be displayed at the entrance to the suite.

Sun 3 Oct 10

0800 – 1000	Breakfast in the Mortimer Restaurant.
1030 -	Check-out and dispersal.

ATTACHMENT 3 TO
OGM MINUTES JUL 10

AEA SPORTS CLUB REPORT – AS AT 17 JULY 2010

No reports have been received from the Branches, the following is a summary of Running Section Activities:

Jan 10 – 2010 started off with a run around the Brecon Beacons to celebrate Bob Chatterton's 46th Birthday – 8 hours on the hills covering 26 miles. The Party was Bob, Billy Morris, Dave Liebrick, and Reg Grantham, accompanied by 'Mark' – ex 2 Para.

Mar 10 – The Recce for Compass Challenge (Isle of Wight) run and cycle. Dave Liebrick and Billy Morris completed the South Western half of the route (31.47 Miles in 6hrs 42min) while Joe Walker (23 Regt) completed a 50 mile cycle recce (Joe also had a little swim etc to 'fit in' a bit of Triathlon Training!).

Apr 10 – Bob, Dave and Billy completed the 32 mile Combe Gibbet trail race in 6hrs 13min.

May 10 – Army-v-Navy Rugby – not a 'sporting' event for AEA Members but, nevertheless, a grueling Marathon at the bar!

May 10 – The reduced Compass Challenge (the event was downscaled due to difficulties in booking Jersey Camp), 70 mile Coastal path run and 100 mile cycle for BLESMA. Runners – Dave, Bob and Billy, cyclist – Geoff Howard (who fell off after 40 miles and wrecked his bike! Outstanding!).

Jun 10 – South Downs double marathon – Bob and Billy completed 52 miles.

Jul 10 – Bob and Billy prepare for the 100 mile (in 24 hrs) Fife Coastal Path route – the Abbeys Challenge finishing in Edinburgh.

Afternote: Completed well within time!

‘Fergie’ Semple Golf Competition

This year’s event will be held on Friday 1st October at the Queens Park Golf Club, which is located in Queens Park West Drive, Bournemouth Dorset BH8 9BY
The club is situated approx 5 minutes drive from the Carrington House hotel (AGM/Reunion location).
Or in Tony Hogan’s case, 2 minutes drive!
I have reserved 4 tee times commencing 1030 hrs. We currently have 14 contenders for the trophy plus a ‘ringer’ in the form of Mick Leather’s brother Ian.

Players participating are :

Billy (The bandit) Morris
Tony (Tiger) Hogan
John (Faldo) Hughes
Jon (Pedro) Nichols
Dick (Poulter) Brown
Joe (McIlroy)Stoddart
Mick (Cabrera) Leather
Andrew (Westwood) Syrett
Dave (Harrington) Rutter
Jimmy (Singh) Hill
Reg (O’Meara) Grantham
Geoff (Casey) Barlow
Ian (Dark Horse) Leather (Mick’s brother)
Harry (Mickelson) Lockwood
Brummy (Garcia) Dowling

Full details of Queens Park Golf Club are available on their website : www.queensparkgolfclub.co.uk
Coffee, bacon sandwiches etc. can be purchased on arrival at the Club.
Format will be a Stapleford competition playing off full handicap.
Suggest we meet in the Clubhouse at 1000 hrs and draw for playing partners.

Dave Rutter