



THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6th APRIL 2011

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:00 hrs.
2. **Members Present:**, Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, George Hopkins, George Barrett, Brian Care, Roy Hicks, Tony Higgins, Terry Howard, Kev Lambeth, Eddie Fenwick, Reg Foxall, Dave Clarke, Pete Clarke, John Browning, John Phillips, Alan Parkes, Pete Owen, and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Neville Collins, Bob & Harry Potter, Chris Chambers, Peter Pedersen, Gordon Page, Brian Fosbury, Ron Mason and John Mason.
4. **The Chairman**, Bunny Brown, opened the AGM with a Toast to Her Majesty the Queen followed by Absent Friends

Chairman's Report AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION BIRMINGHAM BRANCH

The year more or less started for the Branch with everyone celebrating Wendy Clarke's 60th Birthday on St Georges Day at the Stechford club, it was a well-attended party and all enjoyed themselves.

The RRF shoot at Swynerton this year saw us losing the trophy to the RRF. One of our team was disqualified due to the lack of vision on the Chairman's part! (the shooter is blind in the right eye) But down to sheer luck he (The Chairman) managed to win again with another 25 out of 25.

June was fairly quiet with some of us attending the Dogs at Hall Green, thanks to Sue and Mike Cole. The Chairman and Brian Care handed over a cheque for £1000.00 to ward S4 at Selly Oak, to be used for the guys coming back injured from Afghanistan. A big thanks to all who helped raise the funds.

July with Mike Holdsworth's Golden brick party which managed to stay dry this year, and a great deal of food was cooked if not consumed, a donation was made to the Branch fund with cash that was left over from the collection. Many thanks to Mike, Sue, Les and Debbie Chester.

The rest of the year was the usual. AGM re-union in Bournemouth this year, and the Branch Christmas Dinner at the Holiday Inn Elmdon, although numbers were down this year we were able to make a fair profit for the Branch fund.

Points to remember for the year: Diz now a life member after donating fifty dollars for subs, Thanks to George, Elsie, Brian and Pat for working so hard on the shoebox parcels, thanks also to all who have donated to the shoebox fund.

On finishing my report I would like to bring to your attention our welfare side of things, although we haven't had any funerals of members this year, none of us are getting younger,

our thoughts are with all that are ill or who have had surgery this year, Bob Jones, Eddie Fenwick and Steve Brown to mention a few.

The Boots & Beer brigade, we are fewer than last year but the 3 or 4 of us who persevere are the fit and happy ones (when we come out of the pub anyway).

Thanks to all for your support and look forward to Mikes Garden party in June and the Clay shoot in July. Book now for the AGM Re-union in Coventry you never know it could be a sell out.

2. Treasures Report. Elsie Barrett presented the report to the branch and the balance remains in good order.

3. Secretary's Report.

The current postal mailing list is 29 and the e-mail post is currently 54 which include members and some non-members. The post is sent 2nd class and this keeps the costs to a minimum. The e-mail is sent at no cost to the branch.

Photocopying of the minutes for distributing to members has unfortunately seen the expenditure increase due to the fact I could not get this done while I was off work.

Over the past 12 months the branch has seen more members electing to receive their branch mail by e-mail which obviously reduces the mailing costs to the branch funds. However, this system is only as good as the information that it contains which leads me to ask that if any member has changes such as address, phone number, e-mail address etc. could you let the branch know so that these details can be updated and to avoid any disruption in the mailing.

In conclusion although Birmingham branch has a large membership, I have endeavoured to keep the cost of distributing the minutes and mail to a minimum.

4. Election of Officers.

There being no nominations or officers standing down the current members were voted en bloc for another 12 Months

The AGM closed at 20:30 Hrs

W. Steve Brown
Secretary.