



Airborne Engineers Association Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 149th O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 21st July 2008

Committee Members

Chairman	~	Eric Blenkinsop	*
Secretary	~	Nick Gibson	*
Treasurer	~	Bob Seaman	*
Welfare	~	Keith King	

* These Committee Members were in attendance

1. Members Present

Jim Rogers	Bob Mathews	Bill Perry	Bob Woolly
Ben Taverner	John O'Conner		

2. Apologies

Bill Shield	Keith King	John Elliott	Charlie Peglar
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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Noted that the next meeting date had been incorrectly reported, should have read 21st July the minutes of the Meeting were accepted as read.

Proposed ~ John O'Conner

Seconded ~ Bob Woolly Carried

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Chairman's Report

Welcomed all to the 149th meeting of the Chatham branch. Thanked branch for their support at the John Rock Dinner which was a most memorable evening.

6. Secretaries Report

Distributed minutes of Birmingham branch. Passed cheque for £300 donated to the branch by Tube Lines Ltd to support the sending of shoebox parcels to 23 Engr Regt in Helmond province. Having discussed this with the outgoing RSM WO1 Ian Murison secretary has purchased 4 personal DVD players to be sent to the respective SSM's within the Regt to be distributed by them to the various FOB for the benefit of the lads. Secretary will forward a letter of appreciation to Tube Lines Ltd on behalf of the branch.

Again any member who is able to receive their Minutes etc by E-Mail should forward their E-Mail address to n.d.gibson@blueyonder.co.uk as this will save a significant amount of postage from branch funds.

7. Treasurers Report

As at 11th July 2005

Cash in Bank	£634.89
Cash in Hand	£6.19
Funds held for 'Help for Hero's'	-£200
Cash Available to Branch	£441.08

Proposed ~ Jim Rogers

Seconded ~ John O'Conner

Carried

8. Welfare Report

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9. RE Museum

Nick has forwarded his proposal to the RSM (Murison) who will incorporate it into his handover notes to the incoming RSM for his attention upon return to UK.

10. Branch Events

- a. John Rock Dinner.- lots of appreciation letters etc have been received. Raffle has raised £180 which was rounded up to £200 from branch funds to be contributed to 'Help for Hero's'.
- b. Branch Christmas lunch set for Sunday 7th December 2008 at the King Charles Hotel, Chatham. Proformas' will go out with September minutes.

11. John Rock Bust

The Bust is completed and was handed over to 23 Engr Regt (air Assault). Photographs were circulated. Work continues on the Garden of Reflection which was due to receive paving last week.

12. AGM Raffle

We will endeavour to provide 3 star prizes on the night. The raffle will be held in the traditional form being drawn from a drum the star prizes being allocated to the first three numbers drawn. Should the winner not wish to accept a star prize then they may select any alternative and the star prize will then be auctioned, remaining prizes will be selected 'first come, first served'. The intent is to raise £1500 for charity.

13. Any Other Business

- Keep the shoebox parcels to the lads coming and encourage others to send.
- Nick thanked the branch for their support and kind sentiments at Smokey's Funeral, the donations to the RNLI amounted to over £800 which was extremely well received – Thank you all

14. Next Meeting

NB NO AUGUST MEETING

Next meeting 15th September 2008