

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held On
Monday 3rd November 2014
Wagon Works Club, Tuffley

Present:

Eric Ede - President
Ian Boyd – Chairman
Chris Hill - Treasurer
Ray Bunnage – Honorary Welfare Officer
Lorraine Wilson – Honorary Secretary
Ruth Aldridge - Committee Member
Pam Blackhall - Committee Member
Noel Phillips - Committee Member
Sally Dixon – Branch Member

1. Opening and Dedication.

The meeting was called to order at 1935 hrs by the Chairman, Ian Boyd and the Dedication was observed.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October were presented by the Secretary. It was proposed by Ruth and seconded by Pam that they represented a true record of the meeting. Carried. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- a. Item 4b. Cheese and wine Christmas function. Lorraine asked Ray if he would include in his reminder about the function a request for members to indicate if they wish to attend so that approximate numbers can be established for catering purposes.
- b. Item 4c. ATC 181 Sqn involvement. Ray reported that he had attended a civilian committee meeting at the Sqn and was intending to attend 2 more. The Sqn have indicated that they will assist with collections for Wings appeal next year. Ray proposed inviting Nigel Smith, OC, Grant Stevens, Civilian Committee Chairman and 2 senior cadets to join us on 1st Dec. Agreed. Ray will initiate the invitation.
- c. Item 6c. Ray reported that the visit to Staverton airport had been a success and that 14 members had attended.

4. Correspondence.

- a. Ian presented a letter from Sir Dusty Miller outlining a new initiative which grants associate membership to RAFA staff as part of their remuneration package. The aim of the initiative is to encourage and embrace the importance of the good work done by staff and to give them a feeling of inclusion in the “family”. So far it has received a positive response.
- b. Chris reported that he had received two separate copies of the last Branch correspondence letter by post, despite being registered as an email recipient. This was the same for Dick Blakemore. Lorraine to inform Debbie Byam and ask her to amend her database.

5. Treasurer’s Report.

Chris reported that the working balance in the account stands at £12,425.67 which includes the Wings Appeal collections.

6. Honorary Welfare Officer's Report.

Ray reported that:

- a. He had made 5 welfare visits, 1 IT visit and the team had made 6 tea and chat visits.

7. President's Comments.

The President wished to thank Ray for organizing the Staverton visit and for his continued hard work promoting the Branch and its activities.

8. Any Other Business.

- a. Ray reported that the Branch website had shown 103 visitors to the site in the first 3 weeks of September.
- b. Lorraine reminded the meeting that Eric would be laying a wreath and Bob carrying the Standard at the war memorial, Gloucester, on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November and encouraged all members to attend.
- c. Ray suggested his proposals for further social events should include a tour of Gloucester Cathedral and a skittles night. It was suggested by the members present that the Cathedral tour would be better in spring when a tower tour could be offered and skittles could be organized for Jan or Feb.

9. Next Meeting.

The date for the next meeting was set for Monday 1st December 2014 at the earlier time of 1900 hrs (followed by the cheese and wine and 75th Anniversary presentation).

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2045 hrs

Minutes submitted by: Lorraine Wilson (Secretary)

Approved by:

Ian Boyd (Chairman)