

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held On
Monday 2nd March 2015
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 January 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 5. Chris confirmed that he has submitted the annual accounts to HQ.
- b. Item 8d. Ray reported that the response to the aviation film show had been poor.
- c. Item 8e. Ray reported that he has entered the newsletter competition being run by HQ.
- d. Item 8f. Ray reported that 14 cadets from 181 Sqn ATC meet the criteria for RAFA Youth membership being paid by Gloucester Branch RAFA. He will be giving a presentation at 181 Sqn ATC meeting 23rd March.

4. Correspondence.

- a. Lorraine presented a letter from The Royal Society of St George inviting Gloucester Branch members to join them for a celebration service in Gloucester Cathedral on Thursday 23rd April 2015. We were further invited to parade the Standard at the ceremony. Lorraine to approach Bob Hewings to ask if he will attend. No other interest shown.
- b. Lorraine presented the Area newsletter for Feb for the perusal of the committee. It would appear that this is now distributed by Area to all members individually.
- c. Lorraine presented a letter from Paul Baker requesting donations from all Branches towards raffle prizes for the Annual Conference. It was proposed by Eric and seconded by Lorraine that a sum of £50 be donated. Carried.
- d. Lorraine reported that the Branch membership rebate for 2014 was £831.40.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Chris reported that the balance in the current account stands at £12,407.52.

6. Honorary Welfare Officer's Report.

Ray reported that:

- a. He and the team had made 8 tea and a chat visits and he had made 10 welfare visits during Jan/Feb.
- b. He had secured grants from the Benevolent fund for 1 member to have a 2 week Wings break at Flowerdown (£960) and assistance for 1 member to move house (£2,500). From the welfare account he had funded an "immediate needs" grant for the purchase of a TV/DVD player for a member now in a care home (£99.99).

7. President's Comments.

The President thanked the Committee for their continuing hard work.

8. Any Other Business.

- a. Lorraine agreed to organize "nibbles" for the AGM.
- b. Ray reported that the proposed visit to Brize Norton was restricted to a Wednesday with a maximum of 25 people attending. He proposed to organize the event at the end of April/beginning of May.
- c. Ray reported that 181 Sqn ATC will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary and were looking for past members. He agreed to assist with their publicity using the RAFA Gloucester website.

9. Next Meeting.

Since the first Monday in April is Easter bank holiday, the date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday 7th April at 1930 hrs.

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2055 hrs

Minutes submitted by: Lorraine Wilson (Secretary)

Approved by:

 Ian Boyd (Chairman)