

# ***FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION***



## MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING Held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Hanworth RNA Club (Rev 1)

Attendees:	Mike Foote	Arnold Thompson
	Gordon Appleby	Margaret Gidman
	Ben Worship	Terry Lowden
	Fred Wadley	Carole Sharpe
	Bob Ridout	Gerry Jackson
	Jeff Owens	Jenny Murray
	Jim Moulson	Mick Wyatt
	Dave Fairley	
Apologies:	Peter Murray, Brian Bingham, Alan Key	

The Chairman opened the Committee meeting at 1100

### **Item 1. Review Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> October meeting**

**Item 4:** Website - Difficulty in obtaining passwords for the website was discussed. Subscriptions on website require updating. We have no control over the 'un-official' FAAA website. Webmaster to be approached on these matters. Tablet and smartphone access now available.

**Item 6.3:** The 14 week Agenda Rule has been changed to 8 weeks notification period as voted by delegates at the October 2017 Hanworth Open Meeting.

### **Item 2. Matter Arising**

None

### **Item 3. Officers Reports**

**Chairman:** Since the meeting last October my Association duties have been very quiet. I have had the usual phone calls and emails and enquiries to deal with but no Official Duties that I had to attend. This I believe is due to the Christmas and New Year period when individual Branches are themselves very busy.

My hope is that in 2018 the Fleet Air Arm Association can evolve, improve and become more efficient in how we conduct business. Although I am not standing for re-election as Chairman this April, I would still wish to take an active part as a member of the Committee and will therefore be adding my name to the Ballot Form.

**Vice Chairman:** I have only attended one official function during this period which was to present the Dr Rothmans Trophy at the Culdrose presentation day. Arnold was also there and will be able to give more details if required. Whilst

down there we visited the Swordfish Inn in Newlyn and gave the landlady two framed photographs of Swordfish to brighten up the lounge bar.

**Treasurer:** As distributed accounts statement.

A letter of thanks from the UK for You Charity was read.

Country Membership of the Maritime Club, Portsmouth, had been purchased for members of the Daedalus Branch which gave some benefits for visiting members. Other branches were able to purchase similar membership for their own branch.

**Standard Bearer:** Attended the RNA 11<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> parade in Woking.

**Magazine Editor:** Some difficulties regarding copyright of source information. Not many entries for the magazine have been received.

There followed a discussion on the replacement of the magazine with a newsletter which can be published more frequently and with up to date information.

**Secretary:** Nil

**Membership Secretary:** Had received no notifications of members crossing the bar.

Further details of the Culdrose presentation visit were related.

#### **Item 4 Constitution and rules**

The Chairman stated the Association Constitution and Rules was out of date and not fit for purpose. Positions of Members of the Executive Committee and their method of election were discussed. Four Committee members were selected to form a sub-committee to review and draft a new Constitution, Ben Worship, Jim Moulson, Arnold Thompson and Gerry Jackson. First draft to be available for the October Committee meeting.

The issue of Association membership cards and their annual renewal together with the collection and due date for subscriptions (capitation) was discussed in length.

#### **Item 5. AGM 2018 Reunion Update**

Attendee numbers are down compared to this time last year. The plan was to go down south for 2019 but a smaller venue may have to be selected due to decreasing numbers.

#### **Item 6. Postal Ballot Election of Officers**

Applications for the positions of Chairman and Treasurer had been received. Five applicants for the three Committee Member positions had been received. The Secretary has asked for instructions if the vote is tied.

#### **Item 7. AOB**

**Subscriptions (Capitation):** The new rate commencing this year is £5 for all members. A discussion on subs in arrears, joining fees and Daedalus members ensued.

**FAA Memorial Service, Lee on Solent:** Date 20th May 2018. Alternative route through Daedalus to be investigated. Costs of Memorial site versus a church service was discussed.

**Eastchurch Observance Parade:** Date 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Intended to be big event as it is 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW1. Difficulty in arranging a dignitary to attend. Date had been changed due to Bank Holiday from last year but now clashes with Royal wedding.

**Project Semaphore:** This is a scheme to supply veterans with tablet PC's to enable them to become digitally connected. Details from RNA HQ, Semaphore Tower, Portsmouth dockyard.

The meeting closed at 13:52 Next Meeting AGM 1100 7<sup>th</sup> April

FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION

FOUR MONTHLEY ACCOUNT

1st JULY 2017 to 31st OCTOBER 2017

INCOME

Capitation fee @£4

Ferndown	10	£40.00
Ford	14	£56.00
Solent	60	£240.00
Wrekin	<u>3</u>	<u>£12.00</u>
	<b>87</b>	<b>£348.00</b>

Daedalus Branch @£12	<u>3</u>	<u>£36.00</u>
	<b>90</b>	<b>£384.00</b>

Sales	£142.50
Interest Nationwide Account	£22.18
Daedalus Admin	£3.25
Donations	£12.75
Buffett Hanworth	<u>£59.73</u>
	<b>£624.41</b>

Nationwide Account B/F	£45,686.14
Current Account B/F	£349.36
cash in Hand B/F	<u>£263.07</u>
	<b>£46,922.98</b>

EXPENDITURE

Morton Michel	£421.30
Refund Slops	£29.00
Treasurer Stationery	£2.00
Buffett Hanworth	£70.00
Donation UK4U Thanks	£250.00
<b>Expenses:-</b> Treasurer	£18.51
Secretary	£62.60
Memb Sec	£74.10
Daed Branch Sec	£19.63
G.Pikney	£25.01
Std Bearer	<u>£177.80</u>
	<b>£1,149.95</b>

Nationwide Acc @31/10/2017	£45,540.02
current Acc @ 31/10/2017	£135.47
Cash in Hand @ 31/10/2017	<u>£97.54</u>
	<b>£46,922.98</b>