

# ***FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION***



## **MINUTES OF GENERAL OPEN MEETING Held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Derby RBLClub**

Attendees:

Bob Ridout	Fred Wadley
Dave Fairley	Terry Lowden
Margaret Gidman	Peter Murray
Gordon Appleby	Mike Foote
Gordon Pinkney	Ben Worship
Doug Wyatt	Peter Westbrook
Ron Golightly	Brian Hepworth
Alan Breward	Colin Ramsden
Dave Massey	Geoff Owens
Terry Gidman	Sheila Styles
Ivor Hall	Roy Pym
Sue Halladay	

Apologies:            Brian Bingham            Arnold Thompson

An excellent buffet lunch was taken between 1245 and 1330.  
Thanks to Roy Pym for organising the buffet and meeting facilities.

Mike Foote the Association Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 1330 with the Fleet Air Arm Prayer. He welcomed everyone attending and thanked them for coming..

### **Agenda**

**As there were no items for the Agenda submitted by the Branches the same Agenda used for the Committee Meeting was used.**

**Also to avoid duplication and confusion most items in these Minutes will refer to the Committee Meeting Minutes which will be distributed together with these General Open Meeting Minutes.**

### **Item 1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Aztec Hotel Bristol on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

The Minutes were accepted as read by the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

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## **Item 2. Officers Reports**

The Officers reports for the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Standard Bearer, Airey Fairey Editor, were read out. For full details refer to the Committee Meeting Minutes.

### **Treasurer**

Ben thanked all Members of the Association who sent him some lovely sympathy cards on the loss of my wife back in July. I am afraid she lost the battle against brain cancer. Thank you very much.

Ben handed out copies of the Quarterly Accounts for the period 1/6/2015 to 31/8/2015 and went through them in detail.

Dave Fairley proposed that the accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Ron Golightly and the accounts were duly accepted by the meeting.

Ben explained that he had invested £10000 welfare fund into a 2 year high interest bond. Also there is £510 in the welfare fund bank account.

Ben also advised that the Public Liability insurance has been renewed.

Ben reminded the meeting about the UK4U Christmas Boxes for the overseas service personnel and proposed that we donate £250 to UK4U towards these boxes. This was seconded by Dave Fairley and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

Ben read out a number of items from the Fly Navy Federation Meeting Minutes.

These minutes are circulated to Branch Secretaries.

### **FAA Memorial at the National Arboretum**

Alan Breward who looks after the Memorial on behalf of the Federation gave a brief update. There are only 4 plinths left and it is proposed that a second line of new plinths be placed around the outside and the Arboretum has approved one of the designs. This will mean that there will be a total of 38 blank plinths. Plinths are controlled by the Federation and cost approximately £250.

## **Item 3. Review of The Association Constitution and Rules**

Copies of the proposed revised Constitution and Rules were handed out. Copies have also been sent to all Branch Secretaries. Mike explained the proposed changes.

The Branches have until the next National Committee meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 to raise any concerns otherwise these revised Constitution and Rules will be presented at the 2016 AGM for ratification.

For full details refer to the Committee Meeting Minutes.

## **Item 4. 2015 AGM/Reunion Review and 2016 AGM Update**

The report of Brian Bingham the AGM/Reunion organiser was read out.

For full details refer to the Committee Meeting Minutes.

## **Item 6. Welfare Fund Update**

Mike Foote explained that the Welfare Fund has not yet had any claims made for assistance. Mike stressed that its purpose and procedure need to be made known in the Branches. Each Branch should have someone in the position of Almoner who can assist any Member who needs Support.

The Welfare Fund was discussed in the Committee Meeting.

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## **Item 7. Association Web/Communications**

A new web site has been set up by Happy Day the web master. This web site is much improved and is available to everyone. It is intended that minutes of meetings, notification of events etc, be posted on the web site.

Each Branch has its own section for information.

The site has a secure Members only section and it is simple to log on and obtain your password..

In future even the Airey Fairey may also be distributed via the web site.

The address is **[www.faaa.org.uk](http://www.faaa.org.uk)**

For full details refer to the Committee Meeting Minutes.

## **Item 8. AOB**

Peter Westbrook said there had been meetings with the FAA Command Warrant Officer regarding the Lee on Solent Remembrance Parade. They are trying to get a gun for the silence and not rely on waiting for a gun on the Isle of Wight. They also want to stop the gliding club flying during the ceremony.

Alan Breward Chairman of the Birmingham Branch announced that the Branch will be dissolved on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The Birmingham Branch is the senior or premier Branch of the Association being the first Branch to form..

Dissolution has become necessary due to the lack of active Members able to attend.

There are 19 members on the book and 13 intend to transfer to the Daedalus Branch.

The Committee agreed that there will not be any capitation charged for their transfer.

The Branch memorabilia which was in the Nautical Club has been auctioned and the proceeds given to SAFA.

The Fulmar ships bell will be permanently loaned to the RNAS and RAF Museum at Covesea by Lossiemouth. This will take place in June 2016 at the Buccaneer Association Meeting.

Ben reported that the raffle raised £64 and covered its cost.

The buffet raised £32.55.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 1430.

The next Committee Meeting will be on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at the Hanworth RNA Club.

The next General Open Meeting will be the AGM on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the Aztec Hotel Bristol.

Peter Murray  
National Secretary  
22 Oct 2015