

FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION

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Special Committee Meeting held via Internet Zoom Conferencing On the 15 May 2024 Notes

Participants: Dave Smith (DS) Jim Moulson (JM)
Peter Murray (PM) Alan Key (AK) Mick Wyatt (MW)

Apologies Mike Foote (MF) Apologies Jeff Cooke

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:00 and thanked all for giving up their time to participate. As laid out in a calling notice the meeting is to review the results of the feedback following the AGM/Reunion of 12/13 April and agree the date/venue for 2025.

1. The Chairman opened the discussion by saying that, although the numbers for the reunion were low, it was considered that the weekend had been a great success and the results of the survey were in the main positive. However the numbers taking part in the survey were low, but in line with any survey carried out
2. The majority of people who attended, were very complimentary and thought that the Holiday Inn, Southampton was an excellent location, the accommodation, with the exception of a couple of comments that the wardrobes were not wide enough. The food over the weekend and the buffet for the AGM was excellent.
3. The overall cost of the AGM/Reunion to the Association, which included 28 bottles of wine was £2001.92.
4. After some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would investigate a location for the 2025 reunion, with consideration to taken into account that Southampton and the same venue were the favourites. The dates to be considered would be 11th April with the 4th April as the standby. It was agreed that the above should be looked at sooner rather than later, in order to publicise the event at the earliest opportunity. A Zoom meeting should be arranged to agree on the findings of a suitable location.
5. An email had been received from a retired RN Captain, Richard (Dick) Hobbs, regarding a proposed memorial at Daedalus by the Lee, Stubbington Branch of the RNA . JM was aware of this and it was agreed that he should be the link for the FAAA, in the project and provide feedback as and when appropriate.

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POST MEETING NOTE; JM mentioned the current Memorial to the WRNS who lost their lives during the war. The Memorial Stone Project is for a stone with a plaque featured and erected somewhere on the airfield close to the perimeter fence for public viewing. It will give a potted history of Daedalus through the years and included a memorial to all FAA personnel who died at the base during the Wars. A second meeting is planned for the beginning of July. The FAAOA have been approached, possibly for funding, they are in agreement with the proposal.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:35