

FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION

c/o Fly Navy Heritage Trust R.N.A.S. Yeovilton, Ilchester, Somerset BA22 8HT



National Committee Meeting held via Internet Zoom Conferencing On the 31st July 2020 Minutes

Participants: Jim Moulson Peter Murray
Alan Key Bob Ridout
Dave Fairley Gerry Jackson
Bob Hayden Brian Bingham

Apologies Mike Foote Terry Lowden

Last Meeting:

Review of the Minutes from the 11th June Zoom meeting:

The minutes were agreed by the meeting, proposed by Alan Key, and seconded by Dave Fairley.

Matters arising:

Website HTML files will be sent by the webmaster monthly. It was agreed that Alan Key would store these files as he has secure computer backup. Peter Murray will also maintain a copy of these files.

Remembrance Sunday, Phil Carpenter Secretary FNF has been in contact with the RBL and it would appear that for the first time ever the Cenotaph Parade may not take place in 2020. The situation is under review.

Membership, Jim Moulson said there are still discrepancies in the Membership files. He gave an example occurring in the Solent Branch records. Jim will contact Arnold Thompson (during the meeting Brian Bingham phoned Arnold and Arnold will progress the issue.

This Meeting:

Item 1. 2021 Reunion/AGM.

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At this time due to Covid restrictions it is not possible to make any firm arrangements. Brian Bingham said that IOW Tours are not able to make any hotel bookings.

However, it is still intended to hold the AGM/Reunion on the weekend of 9th to 11th April 2021 at the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea as previously planned. Branches should keep these dates firm in the diary. Any changes to this will be sent to the Branches immediately they become known.

It is hoped that firm plans may be made in January if not sooner.

The majority of Branches have given approval to spend up to £1500 to engage the Royal Marine Band. Ten Branches were in favour and only one against.

Item 2. VJ Day Laying of a Wreath (VJ Day is the 15th August.)

Jim Moulson suggested that a wreath be laid at the Lee on Solent Memorial and the meeting agreed.

Jim will try to pull together such a ceremony, as may be permitted by covid restrictions.

Item 3. 847 Yeovilton Memorial

Based on feedback from the Branches and Committee, it was agreed not to give a donation towards this memorial. The reason for this decision is that the memorial is not in a public area and is of a private and exclusive kind. Also those killed are commemorated on the National Arboretum Memorial and by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Peter Murray will write to the 847-memorial organiser.

Item 4. Remembrance Sunday

This was covered above under matters arising from the last meeting.

Item 5. AOB

Alan Key confirmed he had taken over as Treasurer and the banking arrangements were in the process of being changed to reflect this.

Alan has had the Accounts audited covering the last 15 months up to 30th June 2020. The audit was carried by Alan and two non-Association members. This audit was deemed adequate by the meeting. Alan reported Account Balances as:

Nationwide £43547.13 Current Account £1109.28
Welfare Fund £10000 bond +£1038 on deposit Cash in Hand.... £27.32

Alan advised that it is no longer economically viable to stock, pilots style shirts and polo shirts and they will not be ordered in bulk. If anyone would like to order on a one-off basis, the cost will £50 plus per item.

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Date of next Meeting. A Committee and Open meeting are due in October, at present it is not possible to set a date or location, again due to Covid. The date and type of meeting (may again need to be Zoom) will be agreed nearer the time.

Peter Murray
Secretary
31.7.2020

Note. The meeting lasted 40 minutes, the maximum allowed by Zoom.

Terry Lowden logged in to join the meeting but was unable to participate.
Sorry Terry, that's technology!!??