

FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION

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



Special Committee Meeting held via Internet Zoom Conferencing On the 23 July 2024 Notes

Participants: Dave Smith (DS) Jim Moulson (JM)
Peter Murray (PM) Alan Key (AK) Mick Wyatt (MW) Mike
Foote (MF) Jeff Cooke (JC)

Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:00 and thanked all for giving up their time to participate.

1. The Chairman called the meeting to discuss the progress of the arrangements for the AGM/Reunion for 2025. AK advised that the costings had now been finalised with the management team at the Holiday Inn, Southampton and was able to advise on the final costing and dates for the event. Although the prices had increased slightly on last year, it was still considered to be a good deal. The cost for a double room would be £450 for members and £500 for non-members and a single room £370 for members and £420 for Non-members for 2 nights (Fri/Sat) the price would be based on Half Board (B&B, Friday Buffet, Gala Dinner with table wine). A one-night stay, Saturday, would be £250 for members and £275 non-members for a double room and £190 for members and £210 non-members for a single room, once again based on Half Board. Unfortunately, car parking would be £12.50 per night. The cost for attendance at the Gala Dinner only would be £45 with free parking. The AGM lunch would work out at £22 pp, which JM thought was a little steep. It was agreed that the table wine for the Gala Dinner and the AGM lunch would be subsidised by the Association

2. The dates for the reunion were confirmed as 9th to 10th May at the Holiday Inn. It was agreed that the hotel would only be booked for those two nights, anyone wishing to stay on the Thursday or Sunday would need to make their own arrangements, prices would be published on the booking form. Once again, a £100 non-refundable deposit would be required on booking. AK clarified that depending on individual reasons for a cancellation but would need to be taken up with the hotel management.

3. The Chairman confirmed that he would post the details on the Association Website including the booking form.

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4. DAEDALUS COMMEMORATIVE STONE.

Full details of the project progress to date had been forwarded to Committee Members earlier and there were no adverse comments on details. However a lively discussion took place regarding the financing of the project, which had been estimated to cost in the region £14K. As the RNA HQ had been requested to pledge £5K, JM stated that the FAAOA were to be approached and the Secretary of the FNF, Phil Carpenter, had said that he would sound out all the members Associations of the Federation JM suggested that the Association should match the RNA, with a similar pledge of £5K. AK was quite determined that we should not be making any donation of that amount and PM had emphasised the fact that we had donated £2K recently for the refurbishment of the benches at the FAA Memorial. AK said that we should be waiting to see what came out of the FNF. JM stated that the Federation did not hold a great sum of money in their funds, and the likelihood of other Associations donating much, based on past performances such as the FAA Memorial weekend, was very slim. JM did say that he was certain that some funding would be forthcoming and the FAAA should make up the difference.

The majority feeling was that we should await and see the response from the members of the FNF. The matter should be raised at the next Committee meeting.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday 12 October 2024, to be held at the Court Barn Conservative Club, Court Barn Lane, Broom Way, Lee-on-the-Solent PO13 9NZ at 11:00

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:35