

FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION

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



Committee Meeting 7th April 2018

Shire Hotel Kettering

MINUTES

Attendees:

Committee

Brian Bingham – Vice Chairman

Arnold Thompson – Membership Sec

Peter Murray – Secretary

Mick Wyatt – Daedalus Secretary

Gordon Appleby – Standard Bearer

Dave Fairley - Committee

Ben Worship – Treasurer

Gordon Pinkney – Committee

Alan Key - Committee

Mike Foote – Chairman

Apologies:

Fred Wadley

Bob Ridout

Terry Lowden

In Accordance with the Constitution Rule the Secretary declared the meeting quorate.

Item 1. Last Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the last Committee meeting were agreed as correct.

Item 2. Matters Arising

The Secretary had contacted the Webmaster regarding web site access. The website is an open website and can be accessed by Members and the public alike. This direct access gives the Association a wider audience.

There is no requirement for a restricted Members only section, we have nothing to hide.

Members can put items of interest on the web site through contact with the webmaster. The content will be controlled by the web master to avoid unsuitable content appearing.

It is important that we try to recruit a replacement Newsletter Editor possibly combining the role of PRO (which we have not had for many years)

The consensus opinion is that the web site is very good.

Item 3. Committee Nominee for Life Membership

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A proposal for Life membership was received from a Committee Member. As this is not from a Branch the requirement that it be reviewed at the January meeting does not apply. The secretary has contacted all Committee Members, all were in favour of the proposal.

The award will be presented at the gala dinner this evening.

Item 4. Data Protection – New Regulations

On 28th May 2018 there are new government regulations being introduced to protect personal data held on computer data bases. These regulations will apply to our Association and we need to comply.

The Membership Secretary is producing a member's book. The first section alphabetically listing members and associate members, the next section is by Branch and will give only service record, no phone or address details.

Phone numbers and addresses will be kept on Arnolds computer and they will be on a Microsoft Access database which is password protected and can be encrypted.

Anyone wanting to obtain personal details must contact Arnold by letter who will then pass the letter on to obtain permission to release the data.

When sending emails, the recipient must have given permission to use the email address.

It is also very important that when sending a block email to many recipients that it is sent as a BLIND COPY. Send the email to yourself but blind copy the other recipients.

This subject will be covered in more detail at the AGM

5. AOB

a. Brian said the 2019 AGM/Reunion will be 5th to 8th April 2019 at the Best Western Royale Hotel Bournemouth. He has visited the hotel and it is of good standard.

b. Mike has received a letter from the Naval Museum in Portsmouth dockyard which states that the Mary Rose section is not now included in ticket price.

c. Mike reported that he had difficulty when trying to get a VIP for the Reunion. Rear Admiral FAA staff were not very good on communication. The pa seems to have forgotten about the arrangement. Rear Admiral Blount resides in Cornwall and to attend Kettering costs him a full weekend from his family.

d. Mike had been told that the RNA and Legion were considering bringing in age limit for standard bearers due to insurance concerns.

Ben has spoken to the General Secretary of the RNA who advised that they do not have an age restriction.

Ben read out an excerpt from our current insurance policy which stated.

“The insurance provided by the Group policy covers the following agreed and approved activities:

1. Group Meetings
2. Parading of Standards on ceremonial occasions.
3. Promotional Stands/Activities at events organised by third parties.”

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Mick Wyatt said that due to the government cancelling retirement age there cannot be any age discrimination.

At the moment there would appear to be no insurance restrictions and that if the Standard Bearer volunteers for the role, then their age is immaterial.

Gordon is keen to carry on as the Association Standard Bearer and we are pleased to have him.

e. Mick Wyatt said he is getting to grips with the Daedalus Branch and has had some new members. One of these came about as a result of introductory email sent out which got the Daedalus email and got in touch. This chap who is in Canada wanted to track down a shipmate he joined up with, with the help of the webmaster this we managed to do.

Mike Foote reported the web site hits are going up quite quickly.

Peter said the web site was the means that we were able to send a 100th birthday card to Henry Baker. His daughter contacted us via the web site.

There is no doubt that the web site is proving its worth.

d. A replacement Newsletter Editor is required. The branches may put articles of interest direct to the web site but we need someone to solicit information and maintain contacts with Culdrose and Yeovilton Squadrons and MOD as Margaret did. Alan Key also suggested that a PRO would be able to contact newspapers and periodicals.

e. Dave Fairley advised that with Arnold Thompson and Geoff Owens he had collated the postal votes. Arnold will announce the voting results at the AGM. Although the ballot form is simple and clear some Branches have difficulty with it, however small errors did not have any effect.

f. Dave Fairley wanted clarification on Capitation. Each Branch may have their own local fees but **only Full Members pay the National Capitation fee.**

Date of next meeting in October will be advised.

Peter Murray

Secretary

April 2018