

Royal Air Force Locking Apprentice Association



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COMMITTEE LIST

Royal Air Force Locking Apprentice Association

Minutes of the 33rd Committee Meeting on Wednesday 26th January 2005

Present:-

Tiny Kuhle	87 th	Chairman
Tony Horry	76 th	Treasurer
John Farmer	77 th	Membership Secretary
Charles Hart	71 st	AA Rep
Colin Ingram	88 th	Newsletter Editor

Absent:-

Dave Gunby	72 nd	Secretary
Andy Perkins	109 th	Tech Rep
Vic Gibbs	88 th	General Rep
Joe Holroyd	85 th	Service Rep
Graham Beeston	209 th	Craft Rep

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 13.00 with a greeting to all. There were five apologies for absence

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the 32nd Committee meeting and found them acceptable.

It was proposed by John Farmer and seconded by Charles Hart that the minutes of the 32nd Committee Meeting in July 2004 be accepted as a true record. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING.

- a) Display Cabinet at RAFA Weston. The Chairman proposed that a brass plaque be placed on the cabinet. Charles Hart and Tony Horry said they would provision one locally at modest cost and report back. Charles Hart reported that there had been no progress to date and sought clarification as to the style and wording of the plaque. It was agreed that the wording would be “RAF Apprentice Training, RAF Locking 1952-1979” and that if possible it would be mounted on a wood block and placed inside the cabinet.

- b) **RAF Locking Site.** Tony Horry reported that the trees hitherto under threat of removal would be remaining in situ. Colin Ingram brought the Committee’s attention to a letter from Bob Machin (100th) who felt strongly about the proposed demolition of the Church as his father in law had been the Padre. The Meeting felt that the only

body which could prevent the demolition was the Church Commissioners, but first a letter to the Diocese might start the ball rolling. Tony Horry agreed to identify the relevant Church Authority and the Chairman would write on behalf of the Association.

- c) The SWRDA has been reminded of its undertaking to discuss any memorial before demolition takes place. Tony agreed to keep a very close eye on events as they unfold. Item retained.

- d) **Social Activities.** TV Studio visit. The visit has not yet taken place but the General Member was continuing his efforts and hoped soon to go ahead as a joint visit with the Uxbridge Bunker. Nothing further to report as the General Member was not present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented a balance sheet for the period 21/07/04 to 22/01/05. The current balance in hand is £9075.92. Colin Ingram seconded the report and all agreed. Charles Hart proposed and John Farmer seconded that the sum of £50 be set aside to cover the Auditors fee for the 2004/2005 Accounts. The Treasurers Report is appended to the minutes on file.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

We now have 611 names on the database of which 366 are considered to be 'active'. 4 Members have resigned (2 dissatisfied with running of the Association and the other 2 have 'Moved on!'). 2 members have passed away (Bert Davies and John Aston) This has left us with a decrease in active membership (on paper) of 12 although this is not a true figure as the membership subscriptions for last year are still coming in.

On the bright side, there are 3 new members and another 6 in the 'Pipeline'. 2 members have taken out life membership and 7 more have decided to pay their subs by SOM.

Membership Reminders by E-mail

The response has been so poor that I have reverted to reminders by post.

Newsletters by E-mail

Several requests for back numbers of newsletters have been received and processed. The latest version (Nov 04) has been despatched to those wishing to receive it by e-mail.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As the Secretary was absent recovering from a recent operation the chairman gave a brief report on the No1 RS Annual Luncheon which he and the Secretary attended. The cost of the lunch was borne by those attending. The School repeated the presentation of the RAFLAA Trophy to CH/Tech Watson, which was carried out by Air Marshall Sir Eric Dunn.

The Chairman reported that there had been little news of the proposal by Halton AA to organise a commemorative dinner to celebrate 85 years of apprentice training. He said that he would contact those involved to see if any alternative forms of celebrations had been suggested.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Colin Ingram informed the Committee that as he and his wife would shortly be taking up a post overseas, he would not be standing for re-election to the Committee. Charles Hart also informed the Committee that after 10 years service he too would not be seeking re-election. The Chairman thanked them both for their sterling service to the Association, and hoped that replacements would be found at the AGM.
- b) John Farmer suggested that, as we were attracting more life members, perhaps the fact should be recognised with a certificate. The Committee agreed and John said he would circulate samples for approval.
- c) John Farmer said that the RAFLAA Web Site needs a Webmaster if it is to function to its true potential. John would take action to advertise among members and to contact Graham Beeston in the first instance.
- d) John Farmer had produced a new issue of the membership list in Entry order.
- e) The Chairman asked the Committee to consider introducing the 'Golden Entry' concept as part of the AGM celebration. This is something which has been done over the years by RAFCAA. There will not be any more Cranwell Golden Entries so perhaps we should instigate the first of those from Locking. At the Cranwell AGMs a representative of each of the 3 golden entries for that year is invited to give a short resume of their entry. This will be an agenda item for the AGM.

Secretaries Snippets

You are getting old when.....

You don't buy green bananas as it is an investment that may outlast you

You keep repeating yourself

You run out of breath walking DOWN stairs

You look both ways before crossing a room

The car you bought brand new is now an antique

You keep repeating yourself

You find your mouth making promises your body cannot keep

Your childhood toys are now in a museum

The clothes you put away until they come back in style...come back in style

You begin every sentence with "Nowadays..."

You keep repeating yourself.

Good Conduct Stripes

In response to Mike Colliers question in the last Newsletter, from my own memory:

1. The first stripe was awarded after the first year
2. The second after the second year
3. The third at the start of your last term, perhaps signifying the senior entry?
4. Yes, those who were FT'd were allowed their's early hence a mixed bag entry.

As I say, this is from memory of events of 50 years ago and it could be wrong, if it is I would be interested to know the correct explanation.

Yours sincerely

J. Birch

81st Entry

Obituary

With great sadness we have to report the Passing Away of another of our members.

John Aston of the 83rd Entry

John passed away on the 25th November 2004.

AGM 2005

Our 2005 annual reunion and AGM is to be held on 23rd April next in Weston-super-Mare and again at Daunceys Hotel which, for those who have not been before, lies on the seafront to the North of the town. The hotel is family run and offers a good standard of accommodation with many rooms offering a view over Weston Bay and Brean Down. We have reserved a number of rooms at a special price of £34 per person for a night's bed and breakfast booked through the Association. Early booking is advised

The cost of the Dinner Dance, the AGM finger buffet and tea after the meeting will cost you about £24 each with all the events taking place in the hotel. Should you wish to attend just the AGM the buffet will be £7 and those of you who wish to attend the dinner-dance without the preliminary events the cost is £18.00. Again we have decided to subsidise drinks purchased from the bar by charging just £1-00 a glass whatever its content.

The timetable of events is:

22 Apr 05	Informal Meet and Greet; 8-00pm, Dauncey's Bar
23 Apr 05	10-30am Members commence arrival at AGM venue – Dauncey's Hotel.
11-00pm	Bar facility open.
12-30pm	Finger Buffet commences.
1-30pm	AGM Commences with Trophy presentation.
3-00pm	AGM complete. Tea served.
3-30pm	Members disperse
7-00 for 7-30	Dinner Dance

AGM 2005 Booking Form

APPLICATION FOR AGM – 23rd April 2005

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DINNER DANCE AND FINGER BUFFET

Name: Entry No:

Address:

I will be attending the 2005 AGM and wish to stay at Dauncey's Hotel on the Friday and Saturday nights (22nd and 23rd April). Please specify and special needs

Please book a double/single room for me at £34 per person per night for the nights of 22nd & 23rd April 05:

Total cost £

I wish to book both lunch and dinner (dinner includes wine and disco to follow):

Please provide tickets @ £24pp £

I wish to attend the dinner dance (includes wine and disco to follow) only:

Please provide tickets @ 18.00pp £

I wish to attend the finger buffet lunch only:

Please provide tickets @ £7-00pp £

Total

Please delete as appropriate. Cheques to be crossed account payee and made out to the RAF Locking Apprentice Association

Please post your application to: Mr A Horry, Hillside Cottage, Kewstoke Road, Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare, BS232 9YD Tel: 01934 628383: E-mail: horrycorp@aol.com

For direct application for accommodation, stating requirements, please contact:

Dauncey's Hotel, Claremont Crescent, Weston-s-Mare, Somerset, BS23 2ED

Tel: 01934 – 410180; Fax 01934 – 410181:

E-mail: reservations@daunceyshotel.fsnet.co.uk

Rooms are available at the agreed prices for both 23rd and 24th April.

Please quote '**RAFLAA**' when making reservations. Accounts must be settled with the hotel

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The Apprentice Prayer

Teach us good Lord, to be thankful
For all the good times we had,
The skills we have learned,
The friendships we have shared
And the companionship we have enjoyed.
May all who have served the apprenticeship of the Wheel
Be ever mindful of the needs of one another.

Amen

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RAF Locking
Apprentice Association
Application for membership of the
Royal Air Force Locking Apprentice Association

Name..... Serving member HM forces. Yes/No

Address..... Entry Number.....
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Post Code.....

Do you object to your details being disclosed to other organisations? Yes/No

Telephone No.

E-Mail Address

Name for Identity Badge..... Membership Fee: - £10.00

Do you require an LAA tie? (*Cost £7.50 per tie - max 2 ties*) (Qty) £.....

Total Enclosed £.....

(Please make cheques payable to: - Locking Apprentice Association)

Return this form together with your remittance to: -

Mr A. Horry (RAFLAA Treasurer)

Hillside Cottage

Kewstoke Road,

Kewstoke,

Weston-super-Mare

North Somerset. BS22 9YD

Tel. No. 01934 628383

e-mail horrycorp@aol.com

For Committee use

Comments

Membership Paid/...../.....

Database Updated/...../.....

Acknowledged/...../.....

Tie/...../.....

Badge/...../.....

Secretary –

Mr. Dave Gunby

23 Toynton Close

Gregg Hall Estate, Lincoln,

Lincolnshire. LN6 8AL

RAFLAA AGM 2005

Finally can I ask members to put the next AGM/Reunion date in their diaries.

It is April 23rd 2005 at Daunceys Hotel,
Weston-Super-Mare.

The weekend format will be as for previous events.

AGM

Members wishing to put propositions to the Meeting or propose amendments to the Constitution should submit them to the Secretary.

Committee Vacancies

AA Representative

Charles Hart will be stepping down this year

Newsletter Editor

All you need is a PC

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RAFLAA COMMITTEE

Appointment	Name	Address	Tel/e-mail	Re-Election	Entry
President	Martin Palmer				91 st
Chairman	“Tiny” Kühle	22 Tavistock Clse Woburn Sands Milton Keynes Bucks MK17 8UY	(01908) 583784 Hans.Kuhle@t-mobile.co.uk	April 06	87 th
Secretary	Dave Gunby	23 Toynton Clse Gregg Hall Estate Lincoln Lincolnshire# LN6 8AL	(01522) 525484 dpgraf72@btinternet.com	April 06	72 nd
Treasurer	Tony Horry	Hillside Cottage Kewstoke Road Kewstoke Weston-s-Mare BS22 9YD	(01934) 628383 horrycorp@aol.com	Apr 06	76 th
Membership Secretary	John Farmer	8 Glenmore Rd Minehead Somerset TA24 5BQ	(01643) 705443 RAFLAAMS@aol.com	Apr 06	77 th
Service Rep	Joe Holroyd	Well Cottage 36 High Street Guilden Morden Royston SG8 0JR	(01763) 853742 patandjoeholroyd@tesco.net	Sep 05	85 th
AA Rep	Charles Hart	9 South Road Weston-s-Mare BS23 2HA	(01934) 621969 charhart@supanet.com	Sep 05	71 st
General	Vic Gibbs	8 Old School Rd Royal Lane Hillingdon Middlesex UB8 3WE	(01895) 235 076 Gibbsvic@aol.com	Mar 04	88 th
Craft Rep	Graham Beeston	87 Hornbeam Rd Havant PO9 2UT	(023) 92346242 Work 0778 8795358 mapleoak@newnet.co.uk (home) graham@mapleoak.co.uk (work)	Sep 05	209 th
Tech Rep	Andy Perkins	107Balmoral Way Worle Weston-s-Mare BS22 9BZ	(01934) 417323 aperkins@schaffner.com	Sep 05	109 th
Newsletter Editor	Colin Ingram	Fairhaven Gooseham Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9PG	(01288) 331629 cwingram@aol.com	Sep 05	88 th

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STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To Bank						STANDING ORDER MANDATE							
Postal Address													
		Bank		Branch Title (not address)				Sorting Code Number					
Please pay		HSBC		WESTON-SUPER-MARE				40		- 46		- 18	
		Beneficiary's Name				Account Number				Quoting Reference			
for the credit of		RAF LOCKING APPRENTICE ASSOCIATION				4 1 3 6 8 8 7 7							
		Amount		Amount in words									
The sum of		£											
		Date of first payment		And		Due date and frequency		until		Date of last payment		and debit my/our	
commencing				thereafter every				further notice in writing or				account accordingly	
PLEASE CANCEL ALL PREVIOUS STANDING ORDER/DIRECT DEBITING MANDATES													
IN FAVOUR OF:		RAF LOCKING APPRENTICE ASSOCIATION				Account to be debited				Account Number			
UNDER REFERENCE No.													
Special instructions													
		Signature(s)											
						Date							
<p>Note: The bank will not undertake to</p> <p>a) make reference to Value Added Tax or pay a stated sum plus V.A.T., or other indeterminate element.</p> <p>b) advise remitter's address to beneficiary. c) advise beneficiary of inability to pay d) request beneficiary's banker to advise beneficiary of receipt.</p> <p>e) accept instructions to pay as soon after the specified date as there are funds to meet the payment, if funds are not available on the specified date.</p>													

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RAF LOCKING APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION INCOME/EXPENDITURE - 21st July 2004 to 22nd Jan 2005

Brought forward from 21st July 2004

MoneyMaster A/C		7,082.52	
Current A/C		1,350.89	
Cash		32.47	
			8,465.88

Income (Sales)			
Membership Renewals			
Cheques	46	£345.00	
Standing Orders	111	£832.50	
New Members	4	£40.00	
Life	2	£200.00	
Sales - Ties	3	£22.50	
Sales - Videos	0	£0.00	
Sales - Wheels	1	£2.30	
Sales - coasters (Cash)	4	£16.00	
AGM		£0.00	

£1,458.30

Interest - MoneyMaster A/C		£82.15	
Current A/C		£0.65	

Total Income £1,541.10

Total Balance £9,075.92

MoneyMaster A/C	£7,164.67
Current A/C	£1,887.78
Cash	£48.47
	£9,100.92

03/12/04 Unpresented cheque (100420) £25.00

Expenditure (Purchases)

Pins	
Ties	£0.00
Video	
Social	0
Donations	£50.00
Name Badges	£1.75
AGM-2004	£61.42
AGM-2005	£200.00
Advert	£17.50
Bank Charges	£0.00
Audit	£0.00
Refunds	£15.00
Bank Charges	£0.00
	£345.67
Overheads	
Travel	£369.40
Printing	£84.22
Telephone	£8.00
Postage	£105.59
Stationery	£18.18
	£585.39

Total Expenditure £931.06

Surplus/Deficit £610.04

Presented to LAA Committee - 26th Jan 2005
Tony Horry - Treasurer

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