

PRESENT: Duncan Manderson Chairman
 Jim Tibbott Wings Appeal Organiser
 Gordon Diffey Honorary Treasurer / Public Relations Officer
 Derek Bury Honorary Secretary
 Val Kelly Honorary Welfare Officer
 Angie Humphreys Membership Secretary
 Malcolm Sutton Meetings coordinator
 Jo Tibbott Associate Member
 Val Bury Associate Member
 Kathryn Manderson Associate Member
 Roger Hyde Branch Member
 Sonia Sutton Associate Member/RAFTRAD Shop

APOLOGIES:

Fred Prestwood Social Secretary
 Diana Toy Associate Member
 Phil Marston Editor – Flying Horseshoe

ITEM AND DECISION	ACTION
<p>1) CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</p>	
<p>1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30hrs welcoming all those present.</p>	
<p>2) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p>	
<p>2.1 The Minutes of the last Branch Committee meeting held on the 8th April 2009 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record</p>	
<p>Proposed by Gordon Diffey Seconded by Malcolm Sutton</p>	
<p>Approved.</p>	
<p>3) MATTERS ARISING</p>	
<p>5.1 Francis Humphreys and Derek Bury had agreed to represent the branch at any future RBL meetings.</p>	<p>Standard Bearer Honorary Secretary</p>
<p>12.1 Thank you letter was sent to Tony Collinson the chairman of the Cottesmore village hall management Committee as requested by the Meetings Coordinator</p>	
<p>12.4 Roger Hyde would at the appropriate time invite the Officer Commanding 2248 (Rutland) and the Squadron Air Cadets as in</p>	<p>Roger Hyde</p>

<p>previous years to the Branch Annual Christmas Dinner.</p>	
<p>4) CHAIRMANS REPORT</p> <p>4.1 The Chairman said the main focus since the last meeting had been the arrangements for the branch 60th Anniversary Celebration dinner. He went on to say that he had thanked all those concerned in the arrangements of the event. He remarked that the success of the event which was organised in such a short time was due to the whole team effort. The chairman would thank Mandy Pearce and her father for providing such a superb anniversary cake.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>5) HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>5.1 Hon Treasurer presented the Branches finances the balances being £186.08 in the current account and £3797.33 in the savings account.</p>	
<p>6. HONORARY SECRETARY</p> <p>6.1 The HS made the committee aware that unfortunately owing to service commitment Sqn Ldr Bev Cartwright would not be able to speak at the October meeting. However, a suitable replacement was being looked into. Sqn Ldr Cartwright had agreed to speak to the branch members in the new year.</p> <p>Confirmation had been received from Flt Lt Charlie Williams of the Typhoon display team RAF Coningsby that he will attend the next branch meeting</p> <p>The HS asked the committee that if anyone had any suggestion for speakers to contact him as he was now putting together the calendar for 2010</p> <p>The HS advised the committee of the progress made on arranging the proposed branch BBQ in Sept. After further discussions the committee agreed that the event go ahead. Details and list of names to be taken at the next branch meeting. There would be a small charge to include a raffle ticket. Details to be arranged by Derek Bury, Bob Tacey and Dave Craven.</p> <p><u>Diary Aug /Dec</u></p> <p>Aug 5th: Speaker: Flt Lt C. Mathews X1 Squadron Typhoon Display Team.</p> <p>Sept 2nd : Wings Appeal Meeting & Branch BBQ</p> <p>Oct 7TH : Social Evening – other branches invited.</p> <p>Nov 4th Gp Capt Mark Heffron Joint service HQ RAF Northolt</p> <p>Dec 2nd Branch Christmas Dinner – Greetham Valley Golf Club</p>	<p>Honorary Secretary/</p> <p>Honorary Secretary/ SRAFALO RAF Cottesmore Bob Tacey</p>

<p>7) WINGS APPEAL ORGANISER</p> <p>7.1 The WAO informed that Branch members would be collecting outside Tesco supermarket Oakham on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd August .Also there would be a tombola and bric- a -brac stall on Families day at RAF Cottesmore to raise funds. The Wings Appeal stall would be set up at the “Pump” in Oakham Market Place on Saturday 19th Sept 2009.</p>	All
<p>8) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OFFICER</p> <p>8.1 The HMS had received confirmation and details of 3 new branch members from HQ.</p>	All
<p>9) HONORARY WELFARE OFFICER</p> <p>9.1 HWO said that she had nothing to report at this time albeit; she was reviewing a maintenance grant case in August.</p>	
<p>10) MEETINGS COORDINATOR</p> <p>10.1 Nothing to report at this time</p>	
<p>11) AOB</p> <p>11.1 Jo Tibbott said she was going to ask for helpers at the August branch meeting to run the Wings Appeal Pump stall in Oakham on Saturday 20th September.</p> <p>11.2 Malcolm would like to record a thank you to Fred Prestwood the branch Social Secretary for the organising the RAF Waddington Air show trip.</p> <p>11. 3 Angie reported that Francis had got the new gold tassel for the branch Standard.</p> <p>11.4 Dave Craven outlined the programme and arrangements for the RAF Cottesmore Families day and start time.</p> <p>11.5 Dave Craven made the committee aware that due to a poor response the “Trek the Great Wall of China” Challenge in October 2009 had been postponed. He said he was aware that many members had sponsored him for this event. However, those involved in the China trek would now be doing an expedition to the Grand Canyon. All sponsorship money would now go towards this new event. Dave said he would brief the branch members on the relevant details and changes at the next branch meeting</p> <p>11.6 It was noted that The next year’s Annual conference will be held at the Winter Gardens Blackpool and The area conference will be held at Eastbourne. Dates to be confirmed</p>	
<p>12) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p>	

12.1 Wednesday 21st October 2009 at 7.30p.m	
The Chairman thanked Jim and Jo Tibbott for hosting the meeting.	

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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D Bury
Honorary Secretary
July 2009

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D. Manderson
CHAIRMAN
October 2009

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