

**ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION
RUTLAND BRANCH NO. 923**

**MINUTES OF BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT NO 16 GLEBE
WAY, OAKHAM ON WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 2008, 19:30hrs**

PRESENT: Rob Toy Chairman
 Duncan Manderson Vice-Chairman
 Jim Tibbott Wings Appeal Organiser
 Gordon Diffey Honorary Treasurer / Public Relations Officer
 Derek Bury Honorary Secretary
 Val Kelly Honorary Welfare Officer
 Diana Toy Associated Member
 Jo Tibbott Associated Member
 Fred Preston Social Secretary
 Phil Marston Editor Flying Horseshoe

APOLOGIES:
 Angie Humphreys Honorary Membership Secretary
 Alf Dewis Assistant Honorary Welfare Officer
 Malcolm Sutton Meetings coordinator
 Val Bury Associated Member
 Kathryn Manderson Associated Member

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. During the greeting the Chairman thanked Jo and Jim Tibbott for their generosity in hosting the meeting as the usual venue for such meetings was temporary unavailable.</p> <p>2) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>2.1 The Minutes of the last Branch Committee meeting held on the 13th February 2008 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.</p> <p>3) MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>4.1.2 The Chairman informed the Committee that the next Branch meeting on Wednesday 7th May would be held in the Cottesmore Village Sports and Social Club. Subsequent meetings would be held in the same venue subject to it being available until the completion of the refurbishment of The Royal British Legion Club in Oakham.</p> <p>5.3 A letter of thanks had been received from Sgt Gail Fuller RAFALO South East Area for the contribution/donation the Branch Members had made to the South East & Eastern Area Conference Tombola</p> <p>5.4 The Branch representative at the Conference Dave Craven made the members at the meeting aware that he had won 2 small prizes.</p>	<p>All</p>

<p>4) COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008</p> <p>4.1 The Chairman asked the following members in attendance if they would be willing to continue to serve on the Committee in 2008 Val Kelly ,and Jim Tibbott .Both agreed to continue their appointments</p> <p>It was understood that Alf Dewis would also continue in the post as Assistant Honorary Welfare Officer</p> <p>4.2 Proposed by Gordon Diffey seconded by Di Toy that the above named members be elected to serve in their respective posts in 2008</p> <p>Vote unanimous</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>5) CHAIRMANS REPORT</p> <p>5.1 The Chairman said he was pleased to see how well the AGM was attended and how proficient the business of the evening was conducted He mentioned how it was especially refreshing to welcome some new faces to the Committee. He thanked Phil Marston for taking on the role of the editor of the Branch newsletter.</p> <p>5.2 Special reference was made of the excellent buffet supper provided by the ladies for after the meeting. Di Toy was ask to convey thanks to all the ladies who participated in providing such excellent fare.</p> <p>5.3 The speaker for the November meeting was to be confirmed. Approaches would be made to The Rainbow Trust a Children's Charity to provide a speaker and Wing Commander Cousins from Military District Hospital Trust Peterborough.</p>	<p>Di Toy</p> <p>Chairman</p>
<p>6) HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>61 Hon Treasurer presented the Branches accounts .The Current account total was £869.01 the Deposit account balance being £603.24</p>	
<p>7) HONORARY SECRETARY</p> <p>7.1 The HS stated that he still had places left for anyone who wanted to go on the Waddington International Air Show on the Sunday 6th July 2008. Final arrangements for purchase and booking of transport would be made the first week in May.</p> <p>7.2 The HS reported to the Committee that the required documentation had been now completed and forwarded to the event organiser to reserve tables for the Branch stall at the Uppingham Flower & Produce Show, on Sunday 3rd August</p>	<p>Honorary Secretary</p>

<p>7.3 The HS brought to the members attention a letter regarding a proposed fund raising event being organised by Cadet Cpl Tom Newell 2248 (Rutland) Squadron ATC. The event was a sponsored pull of a Harrier Jet by the cadets of local squadrons. The HS had spoken to Tom about the letter which had been addressed to the Branch Chairman with regard to seeking the Branches help in the fund raising activities and publicity. The following suggestions had been made to Tom by the HS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A article on the event be published in the Flying Horseshoe the Branch Newsletter 2. Provide some publicity on the Branch stall at the Uppingham Show 3.Details of the event be uploaded onto the Branch website. <p>At the time of speaking Tom had an unconfirmed date of the 22 Aug. The HS suggested that once the final details had been made Tom could come to the next Branch meeting and speak to the Branch members about the task and sponsorship.</p> <p>The beneficiaries from this event would jointly be the ATC, RAFA and the Air Ambulance.</p>	
<p>8) WINGS APPEAL ORGANISER</p> <p>8.1 The WAO informed the Committee that he had received confirmation from Wilkinson's in Oakham for permission to collect outside their store in Wings Appeal week</p> <p>9) HONORARY WELFARE OFFICER</p> <p>9.1 HWO said she had nothing to report to the meeting at this moment in time.</p> <p>10) SOCIAL SECRETARY</p> <p>10.1 The social secretary informed the meeting he had written to the following organisation to ask if they could accommodate visitors from the Branch</p> <p>The Wing water treatment centre The Animal Veterinary centre at Melton Mowbray The National Memorial Arboretum Alrewas Staffordshire</p> <p>10.2 It was suggested that a visit might be considered to the Corby recycling centre.</p> <p>11) FLYING HORSESHOE EDITOR</p> <p>11.1 It was agreed that as the editor and other Branch members</p>	<p>All</p>

involved with the newsletter are away on Holiday on consecutive dates in June and July that there would be no publication of the Flying Horseshoe magazine in June.

12) AOB

12.1 Dave Craven (RAFALO RAF Cottesmore) reported that the Annual Conference was well attended and informative. Unfortunately the annual parade had to be cancelled because of inclement weather (snow). Dave went on to say that the new team of people at CHQ were introduced to those attending the conference. While attending the Conference Dave on behalf of his colleagues handed over a cheque to the Association for £2500 from contributions collected by the personnel at RAF Cottesmore.

12.2 At Conference Dave received the certificate on display at the Committee meeting on behalf of the Branch. The certificate citation reads *Presented from **The Royal Air Forces Association South East & Eastern Area to the RAFA Rutland Branch for achieving the highest increase in membership for a small Branch in 2008.*** It was agreed that the chairman would formally accept the award at the next Branch meeting.

12.3 After some discussion it was agreed that the Branch should be represented with a stall at the Rutland Water Show. Dave Craven and the RAFALO'S from RAF Cottesmore would attend the Burley on the Hill Show.

12) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

12.1 Wednesday 23rd July 2008 at 7.30p.m

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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D Bury
Honorary Secretary
April 2008

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CHAIRMAN
July 2008

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Action: All Committee Members
Senior RAFALO – RAF Cottesmore (D Craven)
RAFALO (Rutland Branch), RAF Cottesmore (R Crouch)

Information: RAFA Rutland Branch President (Gp. Capt. K. McCann)

RAFA Area Director (Mr K Clarke)
Branch Members on email.