

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 12 APRIL 2010

Attendees

Ron Ledingham, Noel Hadfield, Peter Jupp, Bob Fretwell,

Apologies

Bob Bartram, Richard Orr, Glen Gould, Rick Toholka, Jack Pluck; Dan Nebauer

DVA grant application

Ron L. explained that the grant of \$8,994 had now been fully spent with the last payment made for the development of our web site. We are required to provide a "Statement of Compliance" 12 months from the grant being 14 May 2010.

Ron L. also suggested that we invite, at REOA expense to our mid year lunch, the local DVA representative Kerry Jay who provided excellent support in the raising of our grant application. Without her direct assistance we would not have made the tight deadline. The committee agreed to this proposal.

Action

Who

Complete the DVA grant Statement of Compliance by 14 May 2010.

Ron Ledingham

Invite Kerry Jay of DVA Melbourne to our mid year lunch.

Ron Ledingham

Mid Year Lunch Arrangements

Following the recent Melbourne storm, the Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess was seriously structurally damaged hence we are not able to hold our planned mid year lunch there on Wednesday 16 June. A suggestion was to consider using the Melbourne RSL Duckboard Club in the inner city which is used by the RAAF Vietnam Veterans group. Regardless we need to settle quickly on an alternative venue.

Action

Who

Visit and dine at the Duckboard Club to evaluate its suitability or not. members- volunteers.

Committee

Decide on a suitable venue ASAP.

Committee.

Chairman's Note: I rang the club after our meeting and the venue is quite small but can accommodate about 50 people max. However, they would be spread over two floor levels with some 25 approx on each floor. We will pay a visit but his does not sound like it would be suitable for the REOA as we traditionally have about 40 members attend.

Web Site Update

Ron L. advised the new web site was up and running and looked good.

It can be found at:

<http://www.reoa.org.au>

Suggestions have been received to look again at incorporating twitter and face book links which are increasing in popularity and are also now provided on the RAAF web site. The committee agreed

considered that the REOA forum is too small in size and we do not have the ability or see the need to provide for a suitable screening capability which would be necessary to proof the material posted.

Correspondence In/Out

Noel Hadfield advised that there was no new correspondence which required the attention of the committee.

REOA Financials

Our treasurer, Richard Orr was not able to attend but after payment of the grant monies we are still very much in the black.

Action

Who

Provide REOA account summary.

Richard Orr

Other Business

1. Temora visit and another DVA grant application

General discussion with comments that we need to canvas level of interest for a field visits in 2010 including, return to Wagga, Temora visit, visit to Point Cook to inspect the box kite project with Ron Gretton.

The committee also agreed that we will attempt another grant in 2010 most likely for a bus trip to Temora and Wagga to the flying displays and museums subject to sufficient member interest.

Following is a link to the Temora facility if you wish to check it out.

<http://www.aviationmuseum.com.au/museum/>

Action

Who

Canvas interest in a field visit to Temora via the REOA email account DL. Noel Hadfield

Consider DVA grant based on adequate interest for a field trip.

Ron Ledingham

2. Additional Plastic Name holders

Noel Hadfield raised the need for the REOA to purchase a number of plastic name holders prior to our mid year lunch. The committee agreed to this request with the REOA funds to be provided for this purpose.

Action

Who

Purchase a number of plastic name holders funded from REOA funds. Noel Hadfield with Richard Orr to provide funding.

3. Golf Day

Peter Jupp suggested we should canvas member interest in a local gold day at regular periods of time. The committee agreed.

Action

Who

**Canvas member interest via the REOA email DL in a golf day.
Jupp to be point of contact.**

Noel Hadfield with Peter

4. Recruiting Effort

Peter Jupp raised concerns, as did other members, re our aging membership and the ongoing need to introduce the REOA organisation to younger serving members. Ron L. suggested we approach the RAAF News as well as the Reserve magazine with a view of placing some advertisements.

Action

Who

Seek ability to place REOA adds in the RAAF News

and the Reserve magazine.

Ron Ledingham.

5. Metal REOA lapel badges and caps

Ron L. is holding stocks of the metal badges and a new batch of REOA caps with logo and can be contacted direct re purchases on mobile: 0409 420 458 or via e-mail on rledingh@bigpond.net.au or Ron.Ledingham@auspost.com.au.

Next committee meeting

The next committee meeting is programmed for Monday 7 June 2010.

Feedback

We encourage and welcome any comments, suggestions, feedback on any matters raised or not from members and also seek current members active support of the REOA to encourage other younger still serving RAAF colleagues as well as other retirees and interested individuals to join and participate.

Ron L.