

Minutes of REOA Meeting 10 February 2011

Attendees

Ron Ledingham, Noel Hadfield, Richard Orr, Bob Bartram, Jack Pluck, Peter Jupp, Glen Gould, Rick Toholka, Bob Fretwell and Kevin Leslie

Apologies

Dan Nebauer, John Clarkson

Welcome

Ron L. welcomed all for the new year 2011, the first Committee meeting for the year and a special welcome to our founding father Kevin Leslie who had travelled down from his home in NSWs to catch up with friends as well as attend our Committee meeting. Kevin commented that it was pleasing to see that the REOA group was as strong as ever and looked in good shape to continue into the future.

Ron L. questioned whether Kevin was here to perform an official audit of us following his move north last year and if so how we were going?

Ron L. also commented on how good it was to have a great attendance of Committee members for the first one for the year.

Program 2011

The Committee ratified that meetings will be held every second month on the first Monday unless it clashes with another public event. This first meeting was shifted due to the absence of several Committee members for the planned original date and the desire for the Committee to meet up with Kevin Leslie during his short one week visit to Melbourne.

- A mid year lunch is also planned for Wed 15 June most likely at Batman's Hill on Collins due to its central location, closeness to transport and cost effectiveness.
- An end of year lunch is also planned for Thursday 3 November which is to be held at Batman's Hill on Collins.

(John Clarkson will be approached to see if he can arrange through his contacts suitable material and a presenter for this event.)

- The Committee are also keen to provide a suitable family day function along the lines of the very successful family day visit to the RAAF Museum at Point Cook during 2010. As such the committee ratified the suggestion of planning a family day visit to the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance during Aug/Sep/Oct period which would also be catered for.

Action

Who

Investigate family day visit to Shrine of Remembrance

Ron Ledingham

Establish suitable material and a suitable presenter for luncheon.

Ron Ledingham

Web Site Update/Face book

There was no feedback requiring any action. The current web site is popular and regularly updated as required. Our Facebook site had little use as expected but is still available for those who wish to make use of it.

The web site can be found at:

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

The REOA Face Book can be reached via the link below:

http://www.facebook.com/tos.php?api_key=8367cb6bad57cee2989d8c35811d5fb8&next=http%3A%2F%2Ffacebook.net%2Frecipe_of_the_day%2F&display=page&canvas&locale=en_US#!/pages/RAAF-ENGINEER-OFFICERS-ASSOCIATION-REOA/124464537570488?ref=ts

Correspondence In/Out

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

REOA Financials

Our Treasurer, Richard Orr advised that we have the princely sum of \$1,892.16 in our bank accounts. We are financially sound.

DFRDB Update

Richard Orr provided a general update and stated that the Liberal party had confirmed their commitment to getting a more realistic indexing of the DFRDB pension by tabling a bill in Parliament as they promised which was still being processed. Richard has also drafted a position paper relating to the unsuitability of the life expectancy table applied to the DFRDB and DFRB Acts and how these should be updated. Comments/feedback on Richard's draft paper are sought.

No time frame obviously but watch this space and live in hope.

Kevin Leslie applauded the high level of very professional work done by Richard on behalf of all of us in relation to this sensitive issue and his dedication to seeking a suitable resolution from Government as well as ensuring we are all kept well informed on developments.

The Committee unanimously supported Kevin's comments and appreciate the work done by Richard on all our behalf. Very well done and very well appreciated regardless of final outcomes from the Government.

Other Business

1. REOA Follow up Family support

General discussion took place re contact and support for families of members who had passed away; a key plank in our Charter and a key reason for why we exist. Several Committee members including Richard Orr and Bob Bartram advised that they have or were aware of ongoing personal contact and support for affected family members. The Committee whole heartedly endorsed this activity and reminds all of the importance of ensuring that we

continue to maintain contact and general support to families of members who have passed on where appropriate.

2. Glen Gould tabled and proposed that the Committee give thought to the purchase of a number of books and videos on RAAF topics of interest which could be made available for loan to members. This was not discussed in the Committee due to time constraints but the proposal has been noted for discussion at the next Committee meeting. Any comments on this are welcome in the interim.

(Chairman's comment-a good idea but we really need someone who would be prepared to run this on behalf of the REOA if it is to be effective otherwise any money spent from our limited funds could be wasted-any volunteers ?)

3. Metal REOA lapel badges, shirts and caps

Ron L. is holding stocks of the metal badges, REOA caps with logo and a limited number of shirts 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 4 April 2011.

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.

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