

Minutes of REOA Meeting 06 June 2011

Attendees

Ron Ledingham, Noel Hadfield, Richard Orr, Bob Bartram, Jack Pluck, Bob Fretwell and Dan Nebauer

Apologies

John Clarkson, Peter Jupp, Rick Toholka, Glen Gould

Welcome

Ron L. welcomed all acknowledging Dan Nebauer who had not been able to make the last few meetings due to a minor health issue and work commitments.

New Members

Ron L. advised that a number of ex Frognall members, who are currently working at DGTA RAAF Williams Laverton, had been approached and had now joined the REOA. Noel H. also advised that he had been approached to add Dave Voight, who now lives in Nagambie and Fred Birkbeck, who lives in North Queensland, to our membership.

Welcome to all of our new members.

Finalise Midyear Lunch

Noel H. Advised that we had some 30 attendees and Richard O. provided a final menu and running sheet for the luncheon. The committee also agreed that we should/would invite Kerry Jay from DVA Vic as she had been very supportive of our groups' endeavours and grant applications. Our guest presenter is Ian Speirs ex 10 SQN. All is in place for the luncheon but Ron L. encouraged all to hit the phones this week to encourage others to attend if they are available.

Family visit to Shrine of Remembrance

The Committee discussed the family day visit to the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance with Bob B. suggesting that perhaps we would be better to change the date of the family day to coincide with the school holidays and suggested Sunday 25 September (one week later) than Sunday 18 September. The Committee unanimously agreed and also supported that we again approach Brian Graf to see if his group would like to join us on this family day as they did for our very successful RAAF Museum visit last year.

Note: Shrine and caterer contacted and confirmed change of date to 25 September. Completed.

Action

Who

Contact Brian Graf re invite to family day visit

Ron L./Noel Hadfield.

Finalise the family day visit to Shrine of Remembrance

Ron Ledingham

Planning end of year functions

Ron L. advised that he had met up with Kerry Jay DVA who highlighted another grant possibility which was being introduced as a part of Veterans' Health Week 24 to 30 October.

This was actively discussed along with other options of deleting our planned current end of year luncheon in November or adding one more function.

The Committee ratified that:

- The midyear lunch is locked in for Wed 15 June at Batman's Hill on Collins due to its central location, closeness to transport and cost effectiveness. Speaker will be Ian Speirs ex 10SQN WW2 Flight Engineer.
- The end of year lunch will stay for Thursday 3 November at Batman's Hill on Collins due to its popularity. Speaker will be Col Bradford who is known to several of the committee members.
- The family day visit to the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance will now be Sunday 25 September to better align with school holiday period.
- We will not schedule another function as the committee felt that it was too much for the group to accommodate but we will discuss this further to keep our options open. The DVA grant option has to be submitted by 15 July.

REOA/RAAFA Alignment and Media Library

This topic was introduced by Glen Gould at an earlier Committee meeting. Richard O. confirmed that the RAAFA was supportive of the REOA using the existing media facilities in Hawthorn. If the REOA provided additional material then there may be a need for the REOA to purchase additional shelving.

General discussions followed supporting a closer alignment with the RAAFA and other like organisations such as Vietnam Vets, 77SQN and the Catalina group. A number of groups have members who are aging and some of the groups were likely to fold in the near future. An amalgamation/support alignment would assist in providing a forum under the RAAFA umbrella for those members who would like to, to join in with arranged functions such as our family day events, etc.

Ron L. advised that he was attending the next RAAFA board meeting by invitation from Richard O. and the RAAFA Chairman. Further amalgamation activities will be explored.

Action

Who

Explore proposal with RAAFA and provide contact points

for follow up with other "like" groups.

Richard O./Ron L./Noel H.

Correspondence In/Out

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

DFRDB Update

Richard Orr provided a general update and stated that the Liberal party was still progressing and supporting a private members bill in Parliament as they promised. The option of changing the indexation rules was initially rejected by the Government but it will be further debated in the Senate later this month.

[Note: Since the committee meeting the bill has been rejected by Parliament based on the costs involved in introducing the changed indexation.](#)

Other Business

1. Visit to Vietnam Museum Phillip Island

General discussion re other suitable visits for 2012 took place with several members suggesting the Vietnam Museum at Phillip Island. Dan N. Was familiar with this museum and several other members highly recommended a visit for members supported with bus transport and perhaps an overnight stop over.

Action

Committee to consider a visit in 2012.

Who

All

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 1 August 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.

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%2Feisabainyo.net%2Ffacebook%2Frecipe_of_the_day%2F&display=page&canvas&locale=en_US#!/pages/RAAF-ENGINEER-OFFICERS-ASSOCIATION-REOA/124464537570488?ref=ts

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