

Subject: MINUTES OF REOA COMMITTEE MEETING 2 AUGUST 2010

Attendees

Ron Ledingham, Noel Hadfield, Richard Orr, Bob Bartram, Jack Pluck, Glen Gould

Apologies

Rick Toholka, Dan Nebauer, Peter Jupp

21SQN and Laverton-Point Cook Changes

Ron L. detailed that wef 1 July 2010 21SQN had merged with CSUWIL, as had all of the 20 series Squadrons merged with their co-located CSU units, to form a new 21SQN under WGCDR Courtney as the new CO. Coupled with this organisational change 21SQN has also re-located from the old hangars at Laverton where they have been housed for some 70 + years, to more modern accommodation in P3 at Point Cook; the old Academy buildings located immediately on your right as you enter RAAF Point Cook base just past the guard check point.

The new 21SQN has also taken on the role of providing base facility support for both Laverton and Point Cook and also retained its training role until at least end of 2011 at which time more structural changes would be introduced.

Mid Year Lunch- Feedback

General discussion on any comments good or bad regarding our mid year lunch at the Bateman's Hill on Collins which although down on numbers still appeared to have been appreciated.

All the committee agreed that they had not received any negative comments and we felt that it had run very well and we would seriously consider continuing this forum in coming years. We will also follow up with the possible use of the Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess once the structural damage repairs had been carried out.

Action

Who

Check on status of Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess.

Ron Ledingham

Web Site Update/Face book

Ron L. advised the new web site was looking good and several minor updates had already been incorporated re photos and committee meeting minutes. Committee is happy with current site.

It can be found at:

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

Ron L. also advised that an REOA Face Book site has been set up but to date there had not been a lot of interest. Glen Gould was asked to log in and increase Face Book site activity if possible.

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

Action

Who

Pass REOA Face Book link to Glen Gould.

Ron Ledingham

Glen Gould to activate interest in Face Book site.

Glen Gould

Correspondence In/Out

Noel Hadfield there was one new correspondence which required the attention of the committee. A suggestion was received that REOA funding may be used to make a donation to the current campaign to increase the indexation of DFRDB pensions. The committee agreed that although we unanimously agree that the current campaign is very strongly supported it was not appropriate to use the very limited REOA funds for this purpose. However, should individual members like to make a personal contribution to support this very worthwhile activity then we would encourage it.

REOA Financials

Our treasurer, Richard Orr advised that we have the princely sum of \$1,727.05 in our bank accounts which is more than we have had for some time. Not sure what we have done right but satisfying to know that we are liquid.

Other Business

1. Family visit to RAAF Museum Point Cook

The committee agreed that a family visit to Point Cook to inspect the box kite project with Ron Gretton, tour of the RAAF Museum, flying display with catering for lunch would be well supported.

Approval has already been obtained to make use of the old Officers' Mess or the Cadet Annex both at Point Cook and a local catering company has been initially engaged subject to confirmation. The visit is planned for Sunday 17 October 2010.

Action

Who

Canvas interest in a family day visit to RAAF Museum Point Cook

via the REOA email account DL.

Noel Hadfield

Follow up re catering, approvals, security, etc.

Ron Ledingham

2. End of Year Functions

The committee ratified that we would still plan to hold our end of year luncheon on 4 November at the Batman's Hill on Collins. Need to obtain a speaker with suggestion being either a senior serving RAAF Officer if possible or Ron Gretton re his box kite project.

Action

Who

Obtain a suitable speaker for the lunch and commence initial planning. Ron Ledingham, Noel Hadfield, Richard Orr

3. 2011 Planning

The following dates are locked in for REOA committee meetings for first half of 2011: Monday 7 Feb 2011, Monday 4 April, Monday 6 June.

4. 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 4 October 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.

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