

Aug 2009 meeting minutes.

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Subject: Minutes of REOA August Committee Meeting

Attendees

Ron Ledingham, Bob Bartram, Richard Orr, Noel Hadfield, Peter Jupp, Glen Gould, Dan Nebauer, Kevin Leslie, Rick Toholka

Welcome New Member

The chair and committee welcomed Dan Nebauer, retired RAAF Engineer Officer well known to Ron Ledingham and who had spent some years in the old HQSC Vic

Barracks complex. Dan recently joined the REOA merry band and further expressed an interest in the committee group.

Welcome Dan.

DVA grant application

Ron L. and Richard Orr jointly updated the committee on the DVA grant spend.

All items except for the combination HP printer, copier, fax have been received; this item is currently on a back order. The committee agreed that the digital overhead projector, the large folding screen, the digital camera

will all be held by Richard Orr and be housed either at the RAAFA building or with Richard on the understanding that the REOA and members would be able

to obtain them as required. The Committee also agreed that the RAAFA could make use of the items when we did not require them.

Ron L. is physically holding the lap top PC and case, wireless keyboard and mouse, flat screen and label printer.

Ron L. and Richard Orr would also compile an asset listing to ensure adequate levels of Governance from the REOA are applied.

The REOA are also required to provide a completed form to the DVA at the 12 month mark indicating what we have achieved with this activity.

Following a question from Kevin Leslie, the REOA will seriously consider applying for another DVA grant in 2010 for transport hire and any other items we feel we require.

The new portable PA system is a beauty complete with stand and case.

We have still not engaged the web master to update our web site but the committee agreed that rather than spend grant monies on seeking another

service provider to host the REOA web site, we would stay with the current Vic State Government free site and use the money to achieve a regular update

service as well as modernise the current site.

Metal lapel badges

At last the metal lapel badges have been received with an initial order of 100. Following some discussion the committee agreed to charge members \$10 per lapel badge to cover initial costs, provide a small profit to the REOA and make it easy for change.

The 9 committee members present were impressed with the finished product and all purchased one each at \$10.

Ron L. is holding the remainder and can be contacted direct re purchases at \$10 each on mobile: 0409 420 458 or via e-mail on rledingh@bigpond.net.au or

Ron.Ledingham@auspost.com.au.

End of Year Lunch

Following the success of last year's end of year lunch, the committee unanimously agreed to a similar function for 2009.

Date: Thursday 5 November (Oaks or ladies day at the Melbourne races)

Venue: Batman's Hill on Collins.

MC: Peter Jupp

Theme: Bring a guest with emphasis on father, son, daughter, wife, friend.

Guest speaker: To be determined but several interesting guests were suggested.

More details will be provided in the near future but pencil this date into your diaries.

Noel to email broader membership seeking interest and Richard to make tentative booking with facility.

Correspondence In/Out

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

REOA Financials

With grant monies still in the kitty, Richard Orr reported that we are still very much in the black. A detailed account will be provided once we have finalised the grant acquittals.

Other Business

Kevin Leslie outlined to the committee the desire and need to maintain the membership as being restricted to RAAF Engineering Officers and like equivalent members as this was the original basis for the foundation of the REOA as an organisation. This does not exclude guests being invited to attend but membership would not be offered to those who did not fit the Engineer Officer criteria.

This highlighted the important need for all members of the REOA to engage actively with the younger serving RAAF Engineer Officer members in particular if we are to thrive and survive as a group longer term.

Glen Gould tabled a collection of photographs of the Bureau of Meteorology activities in Antarctica which generated a lot of interest and discussion.

Glen has passed these to Ron L. who will see about getting them incorporated into the web site and/or photo display.

Glen also suggested that the committee make up a small wallet sized committee member contact list which will be investigated by Ron L.

Next committee meeting

The next committee meeting is programmed for Monday 5 October.

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.