

Attendees

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

Apologies

Rick Toholka, Dan Nebauer, Glen Gould

Family visit to RAAF Museum Point Cook

Noel H. advised that we look like having some 40 + attendees for the family day visit to the RAAF Museum on Sunday 17 October. Ron L. also advised that we had secured approval from the Base CO to make use of the Officers' Mess Annex area free of charge and he had access to the keys for entry and we had identified a suitable catering company who had served 21SQN effectively in the past.

Based on this the committee agreed that we now go ahead and finalise the visit.

Action

Who

Finalise numbers and names for the 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

End of Year Lunch

The committee agreed that we actively plan for our traditional end of year lunch at Batman's Hill on Collins on Thursday 4 November based on past positive feedback. John Clarkson will provide a presentation/talk on the F-111 aircraft which has been based on the book recently written by Mark Lax. We will also approach Peter Jupp if he would be available to MC the lunch.

Richard O. had already canvassed a menu which was agreed to by the committee. Cost to members will be \$50/head for meal and drinks (subject to a strict limit, which when reached further drinks will be at individual members expense). Attendees to lodge their payment for the lunch to our REOA bank account. This should be done prior to the lunch as we must commit to pay for catering prior to the event.

Action

Who

Check with Peter Jupp re MC role. Confirm presentation with

John Clarkson.

Ron Ledingham

Send invites for attendance from members and other

like minded groups as to whether they would like to attend.

Noel Hadfield

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. Richard O. suggested we explore how we may be able to introduce a notice of web site updates; committee agreed this was a good idea and will explore options with our Web Master.

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

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

Action

Who

Investigate web site update notices.

Ron Ledingham

Correspondence In/Out

Noel Hadfield 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 \$1,735.27 in our bank accounts. We are financially sound.

Election and DFRDB Update

Richard O. provided a general update and although the Liberal party did not win office they have confirmed their commitment to getting a more realistic indexing of the DFRDB pension. Richard had approached parliamentary staff and received a very positive written response from Stewart Robert who is the Shadow Minister for Defence Science, Technology and Personnel. Stuart will follow this matter up and is hopeful of having the matter raised in the Senate for action (to be presented in the Senate by Michael Ronaldson, Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs).

Richard O. also explained that a number of others, including the Greens, have indicated their support of a change to the DFRDB indexing system.

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

Other Business

1. 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.

2. Metal REOA lapel badges and caps

Ron L. is holding stocks of the metal badges and 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.

3. Jack Pluck turns 21 again !!

It was let slip that Jack P's birthday was this month so a few of the committee members stayed on to celebrate with Jack over a few quiet beers.

Happy Birthday Jack Pluck from all of the Committee and REOA members.

Next committee meeting

The next committee meeting is programmed for Monday 6 December 2010. This will be the last one for 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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