

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2009 Attendees

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

End of Year Lunch Arrangements

The committee ratified the arrangements for the end of year lunch on 5 November with all details summarised on the email by Noel Hadfield of 8 October inviting members to express their intent or not to attend. Discussion on timing of event finalised.

Newly acquired hardware using the DVA grant monies will be used and displayed for all at the lunch. Ron L. to prepare Power Point show for the day similar to last year.

Member Recognition

Ron L. raised the suggestion that the REOA should recognize members who have achieved significant appointments/achievements worthy of mention at our

end of year lunch and other major events in the annual calendar. Committee agreed.

Web Site Update

Ron L. advised that he had received an incomplete update of the REOA web site which had retained the sky blue colour we have adopted as our signature

colour and had a similar look and feel to the RAAFA web site. As it was not yet complete it will not be circulated yet but we will wait until the front page is fully completed then it will be circulated for comments.

DVA grant application

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

The new cheaper HP printer/fax copier has been received which gave us a credit. The credit has now been spent purchasing a spare set of ink cartridges, a microphone stand and a power surge suppressor for the hardware. This has now finalised the allocation for hardware with us being able to obtain much more than originally intended due to the price reduction

on the HP unit-a good outcome.

The only spend outstanding is the development of the web site.

The committee also agreed that we will attempt another grant in 2010 most likely for a bus trip to Temora and Wagga to the flying displays and museums. Following is a link to the Temora facility if you wish to check it out.

<http://www.aviationmuseum.com.au/museum/>

Metal lapel badges

Ron L. is holding the stock of the metal badges and can be contacted direct

re purchases at \$10 each plus P&P on mobile: 0409 420 458 or via e-mail on rledingh@bigpond.net.au or Ron.Ledingham@auspost.com.au.

To date we have sold 16 with the end of year lunch expected to significantly increase sales.

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 and post the end of year lunch. Currently we still have some \$700+ outside of the grant monies and after paying a \$400 deposit for the end of year lunch.

Update on Pension Push

Richard Orr provided an update on current events but the news is not good with any realignment of the DFRSB pensions being rejected. Many follow up submissions are being prepared by a number of organisations including RAAFA with Richard being very active in this forum.

Program 2010

The committee agreed that due to the popularity of the Victoria Barracks mid year lunch that we would again program this in for 2010. The usual end of year lunch will also be programmed along with at least one field trip perhaps supported with the assistance of another DVA grant if possible.

Program covering all of 2010 set for the committee meetings along similar lines to current being every second month and every first Monday of that month unless it clashes with a public holiday.

Other Business

General discussion with comments that we need to complete a Christmas 2009 REOA Newsletter and a number of suggestions for field visits in 2010 including, return to Wagga, Temora visit, visit to Point Cook to inspect the box kite project with Ron Gretton.

Next committee meeting

The next committee meeting is programmed for Monday 7 December

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.