

**MINUTES OF RAFA NEWARK & DISTRICT BRANCH COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES'  
MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Gary Creswell (GC)</p> <p>Michael Reilly (MR)</p> <p>Jerry Flint (JF)</p> <p>Elspeth White (EW)</p> <p>Robin Docksey (RD)</p> <p>Susan Parker (SP)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Allan Hildage (AH)</p> <p>Dennis Atkins (DA)</p>	<p><b>Appointment:</b></p> <p>Trustee - Chairman</p> <p>Trustee – Vice Chairman</p> <p>Trustee - Treasurer</p> <p>Trustee - Wings Appeal</p> <p>Trustee - Branch Secretary</p> <p>Trustee – Club Treasurer</p> <p>Trustee – Hon Life President</p> <p>Trustee - Branch Hon Life Vice-President</p>
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ITEM	RECORD OF DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
1.	<b>Welcome and Dedication</b>	<b>GC</b>
2	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  Apologies received from AH and DA	<b>RD</b>
3	<b>Declaration of Interests / Conflicts</b>	

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	None	<b>All</b>
4	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>JF proposed and MR Seconded that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate record.</p>	<b>All</b>
5	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>GC suggested the Branch hold a Summer &amp; Winter Function for members and a trip out (coach outing) to somewhere suitable.</p> <p>After discussion JF proposed and MR seconded that the following be recorded as evening functions for the Branch:</p> <p>Summer function – 5<sup>th</sup> August 23  Winter function – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 23  Additional function - 10<sup>th</sup> June 23</p> <p>JF to assess suitable locations for day trips out.</p> <p>SP&amp; MR to book events into the Club calendar.</p> <p><b>Lancaster Calendar</b></p> <p>GC has the prices for the Calendar but it was decided to leave any decisions until the return of DA</p> <p>JF mentioned that there was a lot of rubbish on the first floor of the building and a skip would be required to ensure it was removed in a timely manner. SP volunteered to book the skip for the end of March.</p> <p>AH asked that the following be mentioned:</p> <p>Battle of Britain 10<sup>th</sup> September 23  RAF Newton Memorial 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 23</p> <p><b>Snooker Table</b></p> <p>JF to talk to DA about revisiting the Snooker club to see whether they would wish to take it.</p>	<p><b>GC</b></p> <p><b>JF</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>JF</b></p>
6	<b>Financial Report</b>	

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	<p>Club account: £11780.69  Branch Account: £10576.84  Wings Appeal Account: £911.57  Welfare Account: £2177.38</p> <p>With regards to the coffee mornings, JF proposed and GC seconded that of the £2.00 raised per cup, £1.50 would go to the new charity that would be running the club as they would be supplying everything involved with the morning. Carried.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that at the date of handover, the alcohol stocks would be valued and the costs split equally between RAFA and the new charity.</p>	<b>JF/GC</b>
7.	<p><b>Welfare, Membership, Ceremonial, Media/Publicity</b></p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>RD informed the committee that the Branch had 273 active members, 15 had lapsed and 3 new members had joined this month.</p> <p><b>Welfare</b></p> <p>Nothing reported</p> <p><b>Ceremonial</b></p> <p>Nothing reported</p> <p><b>Media/Publicity</b></p> <p>GC stated that the Change of Chair had been reported in the Newark Advertiser. The Nimrod was currently being prepared for publication.</p>	<p><b>AH</b></p> <p><b>RD</b></p> <p><b>PW</b></p> <p><b>GC</b></p>
8	<p><b>Recent / Forthcoming Events</b></p> <p>- AFD Progress Report</p> <p>No progress albeit DA was due to attend a meeting in the forthcoming week.</p>	<b>DA</b>
9		<b>SP</b>

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	<p><b>Building update</b></p> <p>No update although SP stated that a new business plan had to be submitted.</p>	
10	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>GC asked members to consider ways of making the Branch room more family friendly. Agreed</p> <p>RD briefed all on the progress with the online 1056A</p> <p>SJ informed the Committee that on 6th May, the bar will be open and there will be a buffett available</p> <p>JF instigated a discussion surrounding the picture son the walls. It was decided that some of the lancaster pictures should be donated to East Kirkby.</p>	<b>PW</b>
11	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next Committee meeting is to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023</p>	<b>All</b>