

**MINUTES OF RAFA NEWARK & DISTRICT BRANCH COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES'
MEETING HELD ON 5th June 2023**

<p>Present:</p> <p>Gary Creswell (GC)</p> <p>Michael Reilly (MR)</p> <p>Jerry Flint (JF)</p> <p>Elsbeth White (EW)</p> <p>Robin Docksey (RD)</p> <p>Dennis Atkins (DA)</p> <p>Allan Hildage (AH)</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Allan Brooke (AB)</p>	<p>Appointment:</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 - Branch Hon Life Vice-President</p> <p>Trustee – President</p> <p>Branch Hon Life Vice President</p>
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ITEM	RECORD OF DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
1.	Welcome and Dedication	GC
2	Apologies for Absence Apologies received from AB	RD
3	Declaration of Interests / Conflicts AH Trustee of the Newark Services Club and The Patriotic Fund.	AH

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4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>JF proposed and MR seconded that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate record.</p>	All
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Nil</p>	
6	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>JF introduced the current financial status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · BRANCH: £12,767.30 · WINGS: £1058.86 · WELFARE: £2983.38 (inc £806 from May Coffee Mornings) · CLUB: £16.30 · AT HQ: £11,993.37 · OWING FROM NEWARK SERVICES CLUB: £3,298.72 <p>Coffee money to go to Welfare Fund? DA proposing E Seconded. Carried.</p>	JF
7.	<p>Welfare, Membership, Ceremonial, Media/Publicity</p> <p>Membership</p> <p>RD informed the committee that the Branch had 268 active members, 17 has lapsed and 5 new members had joined this month.</p> <p>Welfare</p> <p>DA drives case to hospital.</p> <p>Ceremonial</p> <p>PW aware of 10th June, RAF Balderton memorial.</p> <p>Media/Publicity</p>	<p>RD</p> <p>DA</p> <p>RD</p> <p>GC</p>

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	Next newsletter out the end of this month.	GC
8	<p>Recent / Forthcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AFD Progress Report <p>DA stated meeting on 7th June. DA felt Respresentatives of NSC should attend.</p> <p>Allied Air Forces Memorial Day – Yorkshire Air Museum.</p> <p>We have an invite to the memorial day on 3rd September 2023 which will represent the 84th Anniversary of the outbreak od WWII. The Branch Standard is invited to attend as are any Branch members although Branch members must pay albeit at a reduced price (not known). Have to reply by 11th August 2023 with numbers. RD to email out to members.</p> <p>RAFA Annual Conference 2023 held on14-15 October at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole.</p> <p>There appears to be no online availability. RD to Query</p> <p>GC mentioned whether the Branch should charge for the Past and Present event. Cost is £60. JF proposed the spend AH seconded carried.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>RD</p>
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>JF asked whether coffee mornings should have a raffle (every month)? It was agreed to have such.</p> <p>It was suggested and agreed that the monies raised from the coffee mornings be given to the Wings Appeal.</p> <p>AH The Branch is not liaising with the Air Cadets. It has lapsed. We should look to re-establish links with 1260 Sqn.</p> <p>AH raised the subject on Cashless spending and having a card machine. JF to do more research into cardless fees. JF to research fees.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>JF</p>

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	<p>GC introduced calendar sizing and costs. Agreed profits to Wings and an initial order of 500. The Chair will do the design and distribute to Committee members.</p> <p>MR: produce a RAFA Polo shirt? MR to investigate costs, sizes and colours.</p>	<p>CG</p> <p>MR</p>
11	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Committee meeting is to be held on 3rd July 2023</p>	<p>All</p>