

**MINUTES OF RAFA NEWARK & DISTRICT BRANCH COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES'
MEETING HELD ON 3rd July 2023**

<p>Present:</p> <p>Gary Creswell (GC)</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>Susan Parker (SP)</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Michael Reilly (MR)</p> <p>Allan Brooke (AB)</p>	<p>Appointment:</p> <p>Trustee - 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>Trustee</p> <p>Trustee – Vice Chairman</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 MR	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 GC seconded that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate record.</p>	All
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Airbridge Standard to be collected 4th July by Balderton Branch for use at the Sikorski event at Newark Cemetery.</p> <p>Afternote: Balderton Branch advised that the standard pole was in need of some repair and umndertook to gedt the work done before returning the Standard.</p>	AH
6	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>Accounts as of 3 July 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · BRANCH: £13,297.79 · WINGS: £1265.27 · WELFARE: £2983.38 · CLUB: £0 · AT HQ: £11,993.37 · OWING FROM NEWARK SERVICES CLUB: £2,097.75 <p>A mobile phone has been purchased at a cost of £79. RD to own as Branch Secretary.</p>	JF
7.	<p>Welfare, Membership, Ceremonial, Media/Publicity</p> <p>Membership</p> <p>RD informed the committee that the Branch had 269 active members, 15 lapsed, 1 new joiner, 0 leaver and 2 deceased</p> <p>Welfare</p> <p>The branch agreed to generate leaflets concerning RAFA and the welfare support of its members. The leaflets to be available at the coffee mornings.</p> <p>DA asked whether a wings tin could be available at the coffee morning. Agreed.</p>	<p>RD</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p>

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	<p>AH stated that at a Warner Leisure Hotels break, He noted that RAFBF was in attendance under subsidised costings and asked the Branch to consider doing the same.</p> <p>The Newark Patriotic Fund (NPF) is taking a party of 20 and had budgeted £5,000 to support a 3-night Weekend Break for its Attendees at a cost in the region of £220pp. The NPF had extended an invitation to RAFA if any of our members wished to join the trip. It was agreed that the Branch would fund 50% of costs for any of its beneficiaries wishing to join the trip.</p> <p>Ceremonial</p> <p>Sikorski unveiling tomorrow in Newark. AH and JF to attend</p> <p>10th September Battle of Britain</p> <p>Media/Publicity</p> <p>Apologies from GC. Magazine out next week all being well.</p> <p>The Calendar is progressing.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>AH / JF</p> <p>GC</p>
8	<p>Recent / Forthcoming Events</p> <p>RAFA Summer Ball which will be held on the 5th August. Branch Members will pay £10, non-members £15. The Branch will be subsidising the rest up to the equivalent of months coffee morning intake which is currently around £600. The event will include a free drink on entry, a grazing bar, live entertainment and the dress code will be smart-formal.</p> <p>Meat draw to be held at Coffee mornings? Agreed. DA to arrange.</p>	<p>GC</p> <p>SP</p> <p>DA</p>
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>SP stated that the NSC building roof was leaking. The bill to fix is £1500. Would the Branch consider contributing half the costs. It was decided that the Branch could not get involved as it no longer owned the club or had any other responsibility for the premises.</p>	<p>SP</p>

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	<p>Card payments. Costs have been assessed and the Branch voted to take card payments.</p> <p>President's chain has appeared. Presented to AH</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>DA</p>
11	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Committee meeting is to be held on 7th August 2023</p>	<p>All</p>