

MINUTES OF MEETING-5 AUGUST 2010

Chairman's Welcome – Barry Beck welcomed everyone to the meeting including a new member, Phillip Jones from Stalham. Barry then advised that there was no guest speaker this evening, being our annual 'Bring & Buy' event and the opportunity to either acquire or part with money.

Apologies – B Purchase & C Fox, J Mitchell, A Goldspink, D & L Hawes, D Goddard Jnr., L& A Mann.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – July meeting minutes were read and accepted as a true record.

Secretary's Report - Ian McCallum advised he had written letters to Rex Cadman re the hospitality shown to our members during the Dunkirk Tour and Waveney Hospice Care with our donation of £100.00. In return a letter of thanks had been received from Waveney Hospice Care for the donation and Ian was pleased to report a profit of £10,033 was made from Ellough Hanger Dances over the 2 nights which goes directly into palliative care support. In addition a letter had been received from Wymondham Music Festival thanking us for our support and from St Mark's 'Pipe Dream Appeal' to whom the donation went from our Talk at the previous meeting on the V1 Pilotless Aircraft. Ian also advised that a new stock of vehicle pennants plus a selection of Group clothing was available for sale after the meeting on the top table.

Chairman's Report - Barry Beck advised that after an exhaustive review of a number of possibilities to replace our Wensum Lodge venue a suitable location had been found being Easton Sports and Conference Centre within Eason College. The facilities offer good parking, a choice of air conditioned rooms dependant on our requirements with comfortable seating and a bar facility. The room proposed following a visit was similar in size to the current facilities although dearer at £40.00 per night. It was agreed with the management that a 'trial meeting' be held in September with the option to secure an annual booking. A number of questions were asked by the membership including the possibility of remaining at the current venue. Barry indicated that we may be able to secure a room following the education authority review although there were no guarantees and most certainly we would at a minimum have to change our meeting night. Barry then thanked Richard and Sandra plus Tony and Liz for their efforts at the Wayland Show and that more support was needed to ensure the smooth attendance at events. A letter was then read out from Rod Scott thanking us for our attendance at the 7th Armoured Division Memorial event including a footnote from their new President Major General Adrian Bradshaw. John Redfern then took the opportunity of thanking the Group for their support at the Wymondham Music Festival which was most appreciated by all.

Treasurer's Report – Peter Cushing advised the bank statement had arrived showing our funds in the bank to be some £3680.00. Peter then advised a cheque had come in from Muckleburgh although precious little else had happened on income from events. On the outgoings there had been the payment of £100.00 to Waveney Hospice Care mentioned by the Secretary.

Membership Secretary's Report- Ian McCallum apologised on behalf of Bill Purchases advising he was prepared to accept any 2010 subscription for those still yet to pay.

MVT Liaison Officer's Report- Ian McCallum advised he had received no new correspondence from the MVT although reminded members there were flyers on the top table for a 'Northern Military Expo & 4x4 Show' on Sunday 5 December at the Newark Country Showground.

Publicity Officer's Report- Charles Warren thanked John Redfern for organizing our participation and the food hoping this may become an annual event. Charles indicated he had attended the memorial service to Roy Waller at Norwich Cathedral and had spoken to Dave Clayton at the service.

Whilst working on base at Lakenheath on the day of the Wayland show Charles and a number of USAF personnel had heard the Radio Norfolk interview with Ian McCallum re the Group, its vehicles and activities. This prompted further discussion and the personnel were intrigued that such an organization existed and the work it did to support commemorative events and charities.

Rally Secretary's Report- Richard & Sandra thanked Tony and Liz for their support at both the Pymoor and Wayland Show events and John Dann for organising attendance at Weeting. A complete overview of forthcoming August events was then given and members asked to indicate their attendance. These included Sennowe Park Norfolk Dog Day, Brian Mack's NMVG Event, on which Gerald Beckett gave further information on the weekends activities including BBQ, quiz, breakfast on the public day and off road course. Later in the month there is RAF Marham Families Day, Flixton RAF Day plus Rackheath the same day, Alysham Show, the Gala Day, Sandringham and Seething. Members wishing to attend Gressinghall were advised to book direct. Finally Richard thanked his daughter and son in law Brian for the preparation of the food at Wayland Show which went down very well.

Newsletter Editor's Report – Mike Pollard indicated there were flyers at the top of the room giving information on the venue for next month and that the September Newsletter was coming on nicely although contributions for future editions were most welcome.

Any Other Business-

John Dann – indicated that he had a DVD of the Trans-America Tour that could be shown at a future meeting.

Charles Warren – indicated we should write to Wensum Lodge thanking them for their support over the years. Peter Cushing indicated this had already been done and a nice response received.

Being no other formal business the meeting closed at 2045