

MINUTES OF MEETING-7th October 2010

Chairman's Welcome – Barry Beck welcomed everybody to the October meeting. Barry explained the situation with the coffee machine outside the room, that this was not a free facility but if required a fee would have to be negotiated between the Group and Easton College.

Guest speaker- The guest speaker was Squadron Leader Nick Heard who spoke about his involvement in the first Gulf War. He was in the first wave of bombing attacks on 16th Jan 1991 flying a Tornado GR1 with XV Squadron. He was deployed to the Middle East in November 1990 after an intensive training schedule to get up to speed for roles required in the Gulf after flying the Tornado in Germany for a number of years. Charles Warren, on behalf of the Group, gave a vote of thanks.

Apologies – I & C McCallum, J & J Morter, L & T Emmerson, L.Dench, J Sayer, A.Edwards, L.& A.Mann

Minutes of Previous Meeting- September meeting minutes were read and accepted as a true record.

Secretary's Report- Nothing to report.

Chairman's Report- Barry Beck advised that he has written to the Group President regarding attending the Christmas dinner, as yet no reply had been received. Barry thanked Richard & Sandra, Ray & Sue and Tony & Liz for their organisation at the North Norfolk Railway weekend. Barry also thanked Mike Pollard and Sue Elderton for arranging and picking up Len for his attendance at the event.

Barry outlined the need for the Group to find a replacement for Ian as he is not standing for the role of Secretary after 20 years of excellent service. Barry stressed that we really need to find a volunteer to accept the role of Secretary. Barry advised that he would be bringing the matter up at every meeting to highlight the importance of filling this position.

Treasurer's Report- Peter Cushing advised that it was a quiet paying out period for the Group. Funds stand at around £4370 but as it's nearing the end of the rally season it will be time for paying out. Peter advised that it is nearing time to get the payments to the charity causes sorted out. Peter did advise that June and himself attended the North Norfolk Railway and were disappointed to see so few members around as they must have been enjoying themselves on the trains!

Membership Secretary's Report- Bill Purchase advised nothing to report.

MVT Liaison Officer's Report- Nothing to report.

Publicity Officer's Report- Charles Warren indicated he had an interview at the Gala Day with BBC Radio Norfolk who have also stated that they can offer an interview at any event they are at where the Group are also in attendance. Charles also advised that he had an interview regarding the North Norfolk Railway weekend due to a phone in about seeing a Spitfire and Lancaster flying about.

Rally Secretary's Report- Richard Edwards said that the rally season had flown by, and thanked the membership for their attendance at the September events. Richard also thanked Ray & Sue and Tony & Liz for all the help they have given for organizing certain events, and also to the membership for their help in clearing up the event sites after packing away.

Richard advised of the following events: SSAFA event at Thetford, East Anglia Military Museum at Snetterton, Mannington Hall Living History event, Cornhill at King's Lynn, Hethel, and Lavenham.

Richard announced that he was standing down from his position of Rally Secretary over the next couple of years, but would be willing to help out for the bigger shows like Sandringham.

Barry then asked if any member going to the smaller shows could help out on the day to do the organizing of the display it would be of great help and also means that the Group would be able to present itself in the best way.

Various ideas for displays at shows were discussed; including incorporating the 'Crossover' display that was used at the Attleborough Tattoo at the bigger shows was brought up by John Hindle. Re-enactment ideas were also discussed.

Rodney Reynolds was concerned about the implications of the re-enactment side of things stating that the NMVG is a vehicle group and not a re-enactment group.

Ray Elderton commented that re-enactment is one way of getting younger people involved in the Group.

Newsletter Editor's Report- Mike Pollard advised that there was not much to say apart from the next Newsletter was in the process of being compiled. Mike also advised that Len, the veteran that attended North Norfolk Railway was going to give an interview for the newsletter and possibly a talk to the Group as well.

Any Other Business-

Rodney Reynolds – Advised that to date there had not been many replies for the Christmas Dinner and that it was only 7 weeks away! He also advised that any cheques submitted would not be cashed until closer to the date.

Joy Skinner – Advised that at the November meeting Derek Edwards would be giving a talk on 'Wings over Norfolk'

Gerald Beckett – Advised that a cheque from RAF Marham should be coming to the Group. Gerald also advised that letters of thanks and certificates have been received from both East Anglian Air Ambulance and Help for Heroes for the money raised at the Rookery Farm event.

John Dann – advised about a comment from a friend visiting the North Norfolk Railway 1940's weekend about different areas that were not clearly marked.

Bill Purchase – Bill advised that a coach to Stoneleigh was being arranged, but mainly for people in the South Norfolk/ North Suffolk area, Cost would be £13.50/ head.

Being no other formal business the meeting closed at 2155