

BRANCH 1357 Benalmadena Costa

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avda Bonanza Arroyo de la Miel at 20.00 4th February 2004

Those present at the meeting were as follows: -

Members

Associate Members

Bill Dixon - Vice-President

Marlene Elliott - Social Events

Doug Heron - Chairman

Sandra Martin- Public Relations

Steve Mullis - Vice-Chairman

Mike Durrant - Wings Appeal

Alan Gibson- Auditor

1. **Apologies were received from:** - Derek Brown, Catherine Heritage, Reg Haywood & Dorothy Allen

2. **The minutes from the last meeting were read, signed and accepted.**

3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting: -**

Steve Mullis stood in for Reg Haywood at the meeting, stated that despite numerous e-mails on the subject of the Branch RAFALO he had no progress to report.

He further reported that he had purchased the plancha on behalf of the branch at a cost of 165€.

He also informed Mike Durrant that there had been no come back as yet on the subject of personnel Wings Appeal Boxes but he said he would chase it up.

4. **Treasurer's Report:-** No report available

5. **Welfare Officer's Report:-** No report available

6. **Wings Appeal Report: -**

Mike Durrant informed the Committee of the income from the various bars in the past month, (see newsletter). Mike requested the date of this years Wings Appeal and it was determined that it would run from Sat 11th - Sun 19th September.

7. **Social Events Report: -**

Marlene Elliott, one of the new Social Events Coordinators, stated that she has as yet been unable to get in contact with her co-helper, Alice Crowe. She also requested a list of all female members living in the area who were likely to be able to assist on the social side, Steve Mullis informed her he would supply her with the necessary information. Marlene informed the committee that there were currently 70 tickets in circulation for the Valentine Buffet and that she hoped the event would be a sell out.

It had been decided to start a monthly daytime social event and the first of these, Codename "Afternoon Delight", was to be held on Monday 8th March at 2pm. Further events would be held on the first Monday of each month at the Galaxy Bar. In order that the events took off they would require heavy promotion.

It was pointed out to Marlene that it would be necessary to start work now on the planning and booking of the Christmas Dinner & that even though last years event had been successful there were certain points that needed to be improved on, and that the venue would need to be different to incorporate these improvements.

The committee pointed out to Marlene that she did not have to get permission from the committee for every event and that the committee would back her & Alice for most things until there was a major error.

8. **Any Other Reports: -**

1. Steve Mullis stated that he and Julie were prepared to organise the branches representation at the Mijas International Day, which is due to be held this year on

the 29th May. He stated that he had been in contact with a drinks company who are prepared to supply us with various beverages for the day. The first meeting with the Town Hall of Mijas was due to be held on the 6th March and he would send a report to the committee members with next months newsletter since the meeting is after our next committee meeting.

2. Further to the points raised to the Social Events Coordinator reference this years Christmas Dinner, Steve Mullis stated that he had received certain comments, as Secretary, after last years event due to the lack of sufficient toilets and the difficulty faced by those members who were non-smokers and seated with smokers. These were points that needed to be addressed if the event was to continue to grow and be the success it had been in previous years.
 3. Steve Mullis stated that he was just waiting for final details on the branches trip to RAF Gibraltar and these would be included in this month's newsletter. He hoped that the members would take advantage of this unique trip and that the coach would be full well in advance of the trip.
 4. The Branch Conference Delegate requested that members inform him as soon as possible of their wish to attend the European Area Autumn Conference due to be held in Gibraltar this year on the weekend 16th/17th October, as hotel accommodation at £75 per couple was at a premium. The cost of the Saturday Evening Dinner Dance would be passed to members as soon as he had it. He pointed out that this was a major opportunity for the members to see the internal workings of RAFA at close hand and he strongly recommended that as many as possible make the effort to attend.
 5. Finally Steve Mullis requested from the committee a merger proposition to put to the committee of 1342 Costa del Sol Branch, since the membership of that branch had shown an intention to look to a possible merger. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Benalmadena Branch was prepared to look at the possible merger of the two branches provided that Benalmadena in no way lost its identity. The number 1357 had to stay as the number of the branch and that the branch standards could be amended to show both names Benalmadena and Costa del Sol but only the one number, 1357. Any money that would possibly transfer with the merger would be used to facilitate these changes and the residue could be used to finance something that would hold the name of the Costa del Sol Branch. This expenditure would be made with consultation with the branch officers of 1342. The committee gave Steve Mullis permission to speak on their behalf initially with the Branch Officers of 1342 but retain the right to meet with the aforesaid officers to finalise details.
9. **Other Notified Items:** - None
9. **Any Other Business:** -
1. The Chairman requested that contact details of himself and the Branch Secretary be amended in the local press. Steve Mullis stated that he would ensure that the details were amended.
11. **Date of Next Meeting:** - Weds 3rd March at 20.00hrs at the same venue.
There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.30hrs