

BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena Costa

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avda. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 20:00 on Wednesday 3rd March 2004

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Bill Dixon	Vice President
Doug Heron	Chairman
Steve Mullis	Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood	Secretary
Tony Hansford	Treasurer
Derek Brown	Welfare
Mike Durrant	Wings Appeal Coordinator
Dorothy Allen	Vice President

Associate Members

Marlene Elliott	Social Events
Alice Crowe	Social Events
Sandra Martin	Publicity
Alan Gibson	Auditor
Catherine Heritage	Welfare
Julie Mullis	

- 1. Apologies were received from:** - No apologies received
- 2. The minutes from the last meeting were read, signed and accepted.**
- 3. Matters arising from the previous meeting: -**

Steve Mullis reported that he had received no further progress regarding the Branch RAFALO, and would be requesting that Simon Martin contact the European RAFALO to pursue the issue. Steve Mullis also reported that personal Wings Appeal boxes were available and a photograph of same was being sent to him.

Steve Mullis reported that the Dinner Dance price for the Gibraltar Conference would be approx £35.

Steve Mullis reported that 25 people had booked for the full trip to RAF Gibraltar (so 5 places still available) and 15 places were still available for the Shopping only trip. He asked members to contact him if they knew of anyone who wished to book.

The Chairman had requested that contact details of himself and the Branch Secretary be amended in the local press. Steve Mullis said that changes had been forwarded but had not yet been amended in the various publications.
- 4. Treasurers Report: -**

Reg Haywood reported that he had held a first meeting with Tony Hansford, the new Treasurer, to start the handover process, which would continue over the next few weeks, the first action being a visit to the Bank to effect the change of signatures.

Reg Haywood further reported that the Branch accounts had been signed off by Alan Gibson, the Branch Auditor, with no comments.

Reg Haywood then read out the monthly report of transactions from 1st January to date, stating that the Branch now held a balance of 4521.97€
- 5. Welfare Officers Report: -**

Catherine Heritage reported on the flowing cases: -

Case H - Subject had left marital home and needed advice. Welfare Officer advised that she could not make decisions for her regarding her marriage, but would give her any practical help that was in her remit.

Case G – Catherine reported that in this case the results of the hospital tests were not good and would continue to give any support she could.

Case I – This case was of a male 80+ and near blind. The Welfare Officer had been trying to contact him but as yet had received no response.

Case J – Derek Brown reported that this was being handled within the Branch.

Derek Brown reported that he had received an offer from the Royal British Legion Welfare Officer, Mary Shaw, to attend a Welfare Training Course to be held on Tuesday 30th March and Wednesday 31st March. While the course was free, there was a charge of 20€ to cover lunch on

both days. The Committee were asked and approved this expenditure. Further to the above, Catherine Heritage asked if any Welfare Training specific to RAFA was available for overseas Branches. Steve Mullis agreed to raise this issue at Conference in May. Steve also asked that if any member is approached with regard to providing welfare, details should be immediately forwarded to one of the Welfare Officers. Also, any further discussion on the issue should only be referred to by the Case letter, no individual's names should ever be mentioned.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

Mike Durrant reported that he was still in the middle of this month's Bar collections and therefore no figures were available.

7. Social Events Report: -

Marlene Elliott reported on the success of the Valentines Buffet Evening. Ticket Sales raised 381.00€, and expenses were 185.33€, leaving a profit of 195.67€. Entertainment cost 120.00€ and the Raffle realised a profit of 137.00€. The Committee congratulated Marlene, Alice and helpers on an extremely enjoyable and profitable first Social Event.

Marlene Elliott then detailed ideas that she had for a possible Halloween function in October.

Ongoing Social Events will continue to be posted in the Monthly Newsletter.

Steve Mullis advised the Publicity Officer to send details of Social Events to the various Newspapers and Radio Stations as soon as they were available as many newspapers especially require a long lead-time for publication

Steve Mullis also requested Committee approval to purchase Draw Tickets for Xmas 2004, which would be sold this year at 1.00€ each. Approval was given.

Steve Mullis then read out the itinerary for the trip to RAF Gibraltar on Wednesday 19th March, stressing that the departure time of 08:30 must be strictly adhered to in order to complete the events scheduled.

8. Any Other Reports: - None

9. Other Notified Items: - None

10. Any Other Business: -

Steve Mullis read out the terms for the proposed merger of 1342 Costa del Sol Branch with 1357 Benalmádena Branch, which were given the Committee's approval, since they were essentially everything that Benalmádena Branch had asked for. Special General Meeting will have to be convened by both Branches to ratify the merger. It is hoped these will be convened by the middle of April so that it could be passed to Council at Conference in May

Marlene Elliott advised that she had a Travel Cot available for use by any RAFA member or their family

Tony Hansford suggested that the Branch adopt a cascade system for the quick dissemination of information, where events were changed or cancelled at short notice. Essentially the system operates by one member contacting two members who then each contact another two members until the information is cascaded down to all members. Reg Haywood agreed that he would set up a cascade list to be published.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 7th April at 20:00 in the Galaxy Bar

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:30 hrs.