

BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena Costa

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avda. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 20:00 on Wednesday 7th April 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

Associate Members

Alan Gibson	Auditor
Catherine Heritage	Welfare
Julie Mullis	

1. Apologies were received from: - Derek Brown, Mike Durrant, Marlene Elliott, Sandra Martin

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

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting: -

Bill Dixon reported that a welfare Case he had handed over to the Welfare Team at the last Committee Meeting had received no contact or progress. Bill was asked to discuss this with Catherine Heritage after the meeting.

4. Treasurers Report: -

No Treasurers report available this month due to personal commitments.

5. Welfare Officers Report: -

Catherine Heritage reported on the following cases: -

Case C – Welfare Officer has made many telephone calls on this case and has agreed to visit next week to look at a home in which the lady thinks she may be happy.

Case G – In this case chemotherapy is currently in progress, and hoping for excellent results.

Case H - No further contact has been made in this case.

Case L – This is a complicated case. The husband is in early stages of dementia and the wife was crippled in an earlier accident. Husband needs repatriation but is not happy about this. Discussions are continuing.

Derek Brown reported by Email to Secretary as follows: -

Attended RBL initial Welfare Training Course last week in the company of Dave Carlton. We found it very beneficial and well organised.

I am currently dealing with one case concerning an ex-RAF elderly couple that require financial assistance with domestic and gardening help. I am currently awaiting a further contact from this couple.

I understand that Catherine Heritage will be returning to the U.K. for an extended period at the end of this month, and accordingly I recommend that we consider approaching Iris Dober to co-op her as an additional Welfare Officer for RAFA.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

No Wings Appeal report available this month, Wings Appeal Coordinator on holiday.

7. Social Events Report: -

In the absence of Social Events Organisers, Steve Mullis reported as follows: -

The next Social Event will be held in the Galaxy Bar on Wednesday 21st April at 21:00

The 2004 Christmas Dinner Dance has been arranged for Saturday 11th December at Meson Juan Antonio

Mijas International Day will be held on Saturday 29th May. The RAFA stand will be housed in a marquee in a prominent position. Steve is currently negotiating with various Bars and Suppliers to obtain donations for food, etc. 20 volunteers are need to cover the day in 2-hour shifts, with a maximum of 4 people at any one time. All those willing to give their time are asked to contact Steve.

8. Any Other Reports: - None

9. Other Notified Items: -

Steve Mullis read out a précis of resolutions proposed by Council under the heading of Membership, to be debated at the next Annual Conference.

Essentially the resolutions propose an increase in membership rates for both Ordinary Annual Members and Full Associate members, introduction of a Family subscription category, withdrawal of Life Membership for all new applications with immediate effect, with current Life Members being invited to convert to Ordinary Membership at half the current rate, and a change to renewals being on the anniversary of joining rather than on 1st January

After lengthy discussion it was felt by the Committee that these proposals would be detrimental to the current and future membership of the Association, and authorised the Conference Delegate to vote against.

10. Any Other Business: -

There will be a Special General Meeting held on Wednesday 14th April to discuss the proposed merger between Benalmádena and Costa del Sol Branches.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 5th May at 20:00 in the Galaxy Bar

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:20 hrs.