

BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena Costa

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avda. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 20:00 on Wednesday 5th May 2004

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Bill Dixon Vice President
Steve Mullis Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood Secretary
Derek Brown Welfare Officer

Associate Members

Marlene Elliott Social Events Coordinator
Sandra Martin Publicity Officer

1. Apologies were received from: - Doug Heron, Tony Hansford, Catherine Heritage, Dorothy Allen, Iris Dober, Alice Crowe

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

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting: -

No matters arising.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Reg Haywood presented the monthly Treasurers report and asked that members disregard the report presented in March as this contained a number of errors. He then read out the report of transactions from 1st January 2004 to date, stating that the Branch now held a balance of 5285€.

5. Welfare Officers Report: -

Derek Brown reported on the flowing cases: -

Case L. (elderly couple at Calahonda). Arranging second interview to finalise request for financial assistance from RAFBF.

Case A. Arranged interview with husband and wife accompanied by Dave Carlton to clarify their requirements for further assistance. Now awaiting their response.

Case M. (Ex WRAF PTI). Iris Dober made contact to provide counselling and will continue to follow up when she returns from UK end of this month.

Catherine Heritage sent in the following report: -

Case C. Has had a minor operation and is now recovering. She understands RAFA cannot help financially at this stage but is grateful for the support over the period of her health problems.

Case H. Has made no contact so presume all is well.

Case G. No further developments at this stage but tests are ongoing.

Case I. This case lives on the San Pedro side of Estepona – about 20 mins from Mike Hammence, who has kindly agreed to handle it.

Case L. David Carlton and Iris Dober have kindly agreed to handle this.

Following a discussion it was agreed that, wherever possible, two Welfare Officers together would carry out home visits. This would ensure protection of both the clients and the Welfare Officers concerned.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

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

7. Social Events Report: -

The Social Events Coordinator, Marlene Elliott reported as follows: -

1. The Christmas Dinner Dance has been booked for 11th December at Meson Juan Antonio's. Tickets will be on sale from approx end of August and the price will be 27.50 € per ticket. There will be No-Smoking tables as well as tables for those wishing to smoke. Accommodation is available for those wishing to stay overnight at 35.00 € for a room sleeping 4 people. Early booking is recommended. Plenty of parking spaces are available and for those not wishing to take cars taxis are approx 7€ each way from Benalmádena. Entertainment will be provided by Ian Jacks and Julie Tomasoro. Toilet facilities are adequate.
2. Because of lack of support for afternoon Social events it has been suggested that we have posters and leaflets printed to hand around other bars.
3. Marlene reported that she was having problems recruiting helpers to prepare the buffet for our second anniversary social event on 9th June. Steve Mullis suggested speaking to Pete and Sue of the Galaxy Bar to see if they could supply and at what cost.
4. Steve Mullis advised the Social Events Coordinator that bookings should be made very soon for entertainers for the Wings Appeal Social on Sunday 19th September, as they tend to get booked up well in advance.
5. Steve also reported that he has been in touch with the suppliers for the Christmas Draw tickets. This year there will be 2000 available at 1€ per ticket.

8. Any Other Reports: -

Steve Mullis notified the committee that the formal letter of intention to amalgamate 1357, Benalmádena Branch and 1342, Costa del Sol Branch, had been sent to CHQ, and he was awaiting a response. A copy of the letter will be held with these minutes. Following a positive response, he will be writing to each member of 1342 Branch, enclosing a form for them to complete notifying of their intention on continuing membership.

Steve also notified the committee that this was the last month in which memberships could be renewed, and a reminder letter would be sent out. He also advised that anyone renewing membership but not paying Branch Subscriptions would be transferred to the CHQ list.

Since the Branch will be receiving some trophies at Conference it was suggested that we invest in a trophy cabinet.

Steve Mullis reported that members who volunteered to assist on Mijas International Day on Saturday 29th May will be notified of details by telephone. He is still trying to find extra cover for the evening sessions and may also need help setting up in the morning.

9. Other Notified Items: -

None.

10. Any Other Business: -

Reg Haywood asked if RAFA or Branch pennants were available for presentation to members visiting from other Branches. Steve Mullis said he would contact RAFA Trad to ascertain what was available.

It was agreed that the Secretary would purchase a number of file folders for use by Committee members.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 2nd June at 20:00 in the Galaxy Bar

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:05 hrs.