

**1357 Benalmádena Branch  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Held at  
The Galaxy Bar, Avda Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel  
At 14:00 hrs on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2004**

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Associate Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Reg Haywood	Kath Durrant	Dawn English
Raymond Heritage	Catherine Heritage	Ralph Thomson
Mike Durrant	Julie Mullis	
Fred Briggs	Barbara Briggs	
Bill Dixon QGM	Mike English	
Arthur Knowles	Len Lees	
Steve Mullis	Steve Martin	
Dorothy Allen	Alan Gibson	
Doug Heron	Bill Burnell	
Jack Crossland	Margaret Hickey	
Tony Hansford	Mary Kilgallon	
	Audrey Knowles	

**1. Apologies were received from:**

Walter Harley O.B.E. Derek Brown, Sandra Martin, Alice Crowe, Barbara Newitt, Jim Hamilton, Marlene Elliott, Mary Shaw

2. The meeting was declared open and the Chairman offered the Chair to the Vice-President. Mrs. Dorothy Allen who declined and Mr. Doug Heron chaired the meeting
3. The minutes of the 2003 AGM were read and accepted.
4. The Chairman made a short statement in which he said he had been pleased with the advances that the branch had made in the past year and thanked everyone on the committee for their hard work and hoped that this trend would continue in the future.
5. The Annual Statement of Accounts and the Auditors report were presented by Mr Reg Haywood, a copy of which is with this month's newsletter and kept on file by the Secretary.
6. The Election of Officers and Committee Members was held.  
The committee for 2003 is as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
President	Walter Harley OBE	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year of automatic 3 years	
Vice Presidents	Doroth Allen	Doug Heron	Arthur Knowles
	Bill Dixon QGM	Arthur Knowles	Doug Heron
Chairman	Doug Heron	Fred Briggs	Mike Durrant
Vice Chairman	Steve Mullis	Julie Mullis	Len Lees
Secretary	Reg Haywood	Steve Mullis	Dorothy Allen
Treasurer	Tony Hansford	Steve Mullis	Reg Haywood
Welfare Officers	Derek Brown	Doug Heron	Fred Briggs
	Catherine Heritage	Fred Briggs	Doug Heron
Social Events Co-ordinators	Marlene Elliot	Julie Mullis	Arthur Knowles
	Alice Crowe	Julie Mullis	Arthur Knowles
Wings Appeal Organiser	Mike Durrant	Doug Heron	Fred Briggs
	Sandra Martin	Steve Mullis	Reg Haywood
Public Relations Officer	Sandra Martin	Julie Mullis	Raymond Heritage

7. The Election for the Annual & Area Conference delegate was held and the position for the forth coming year will be held by Mr. Steve Mullis.

8. The position of Branch Auditor is held by Mr. Alan Gibson for the second year.

9. Resolutions for discussion

a. **From the Chair - To set a new branch membership annual subscriptions, applicable from 1/1/04 for renewal of Life, Full and Associate Members**

It was pointed out by the Secretary that members should bear in mind when setting the branch subscriptions that most members would also need to renew their membership of the Association at a minimum cost of £4.25 to associate members and £10 to full members. Details of discounts for longer-term membership are available from him and he urged members to take advantage of these discounts. Each member would be informed of the amount owed when they receive the minutes of this meeting. He hoped that members would remit the money to him as soon as possible.

It was decided to by the members to keep the branch subscriptions at the same level of 12€ per member for the forthcoming year.

b. **A brief statement with regards to the future of 1342 Costa del Sol Branch was made by the outgoing Secretary.**

In this statement the Secretary asked the branch for its opinion should Branch 1342 decide by democratic vote that they would like their committee to enter discussions with another branch with view to a merger.

After a lively discussion the following resolution was proposed by Raymond Heritage and seconded by Reg Haywood: -

**This branch would accept the proposal of a merger with 1342 Costa del Sol Branch subject to agreement on the terms of the merger to be worked out by the two branch committees and agreed on by the two branch memberships.**

This resolution was passed by the members present.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 15:30 hrs

The raffle today raised 49€

Next years AGM would be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2005, at The Galaxy Bar, Avda Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 14:00 hrs

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2004 at The Galaxy Bar, Avda Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 20:00 hrs. This will be a committee only meeting.