

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 16:00 on Thursday 6th January 2005

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Doug Heron Chairman
Steve Mullis Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood Secretary/Treasurer
David Carlton Welfare Officer
Derek Brown Welfare Officer
Fred Briggs Wings Appeal Organiser

Associate Members

Marlene Elliott Social Events Coordinator
Julie Mullis Social Events Coordinator
Sandra Martin Publicity Officer
Alan Gibson Auditor

1. Apologies were received from: -

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

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting: -

- 3.1 Ref Item 3.1. in December minutes. It was agreed that the possibility of RAFA opening a Euro Account was now a dead issue. Item closed.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Treasurers Report given at AGM.

5. Welfare Officers Report: -

- 5.1. David Carlton reported on the death of Gwen Southin and that the funeral would be held at the International Cemetery on Friday 7th January at 17:00. It was requested that the Branch Standard be paraded. David Carlton was authorised to purchase a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Branch, and it was requested that as many Branch members as possible attend.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. Steve Mullis agreed to liaise with Fred Briggs regarding the collection of Wings money from the various bars.
6.2. It was agreed that any money collected from bars during December, and after the cut off date for sending Wings money back to CHQ, would be included in the total for 2005 towards the award of the Povey Trophy. It was also agreed that collections from some bars did not warrant a monthly visit, so these bars would be visited on a less regular basis.
6.3 Newsletters are to be distributed to all bars etc. that have a collecting tin.
6.4 In order to stimulate greater interest from bars it was agreed to use the original Povey Trophy of an aeroplane as the second prize, bearing in mind that a replacement propellor would need to be found.
6.5 The Wings Appeal target for 2005 was set for 7000€

7. Social Events Report: -

- 7.1 All future social events are as advertised in the monthly Newsletter.
7.2 Marlene Elliott reported that Wayne Michaels had been booked for Valentines Night in February 2005, and that a buffet would be provided. Tickets would be on sale for the event
7.3 Marlene also reported that she was in the process of organising a Quiz night at Poppies Bar.
7.4 Steve Mullis advised that the trip to RAF Gibraltar was not yet confirmed.

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1 Reg Haywod provided the Committee with an update on the proposed RAF Band concert. Following Emails from Sgt Malcolm Goodman the likely date would be 7th September 2005. The

Committee authorised Reg to make the provisional booking. He would also be making contact with officials at the Ayuntamiento de Benalmadena with a view to checking availability of the Auditorium in Paloma Park

9. Other Notified Items: -

None

10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1 Sandra Martin reported that on Thursday 25th December herself, Marlene and some friends went carol singing round several bars in Benalmadena and raised 224.52€ and £5.21 sterling. Their initiative and splendid efforts were commended by the rest of the Committee.
- 10.2 Proposed by Steve Mullis and seconded by Reg Haywood that the Branch set an exchange rate of 1.40€/£1.00 for 2005. The proposal was carried unanimously.
- 10.3 Steve Mullis advised that he had been in touch with an ex-RAF member in Nerja who was willing to host the Branch's new Web Page at the cost of his own Branch Membership. Those on the committee who had viewed the new Web Page agreed it looked very professional and was a distinct improvement on the previous one. It was agreed that Steve would contact the member with a view to going ahead.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 16:40 hrs.