

Royal Air Forces Association - BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena  
 Minutes of Committee Meeting  
 Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 16:00 on Wednesday 2nd February 2005

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

<u>Members</u>		<u>Associate Members</u>	
Doug Heron	Chairman	Marlene Elliott	Social Events Coordinator
Steve Mullis	Vice Chairman	Julie Mullis	Social Events Coordinator
Reg Haywood	Secretary/Treasurer	Alan Gibson	Auditor
David Carlton	Welfare Officer		
Derek Brown	Welfare Officer		
Fred Briggs	Wings Appeal Organiser		

1. **Apologies were received from:** - Sandra Martin
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were read, signed and accepted.**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -

3.1 Ref Item 10.3. Steve Mullis reported that the ex-RAF member from Nerja, who would be hosting the new Branch Web Site was willing to do so provided the Branch funded the cost of his membership, and he would pay Branch subscriptions. Steve also hoped that the new Web Page would be up and running for the next Newsletter.

4. **Treasurers Report:** -

Balance at 31st December 2004	<u>4960.16€</u>	
Money to Bank during January 2005	12.00€	Branch Subscriptions
	5.00€	Branch Trading Income
	20.00€	Donation (use of wheelchair)
	54.00€	Membership Subscription
	1031.24€	Social Income (Christmas Draw)
	377.72€	Social Income (Christmas Dinner Raffle)
	224.52€	Social Income (Carol Singing)
	105.24€	Wings Appeal
Total Income January 2005	<u>1829.72€</u>	
Outgoings during January 2005	35.64€	Memberships Subs to CHQ
	35.56€	Social Expenses
	13.50€	Wings Appeal to CHQ
	8.44€	Transfer to Overseas Account
	9.00€	Photocopying
	50.70€	Postage
	171.00€	RAFA Conference
		Travel Expenses
	61.15€	Stationery
	10.00€	Telephone Expenses
Total Outgoings during January	<u>394.99€</u>	
Balance at 31st January 2005	<u>6394.89€</u>	

5. **Welfare Officers Report:** -

- 5.1 Derek Brown reported as follows:  
 This will be my last report for some time, as I shall be hoping to have a double knee replacement operation in the very near future, followed by an extended recuperation period.  
 As far as I am aware, Dave Carlton has dealt very capably with two cases since the last meeting and he will give his report on these at the meeting.

Iris Dober remains available to assist with cases, as presumably does Catherine Heritage and a new recruit, Enid Fox, tel. no. 952449687.

5.2 Case A. David Carlton reported that a £2000 loan had been approved and we were awaiting payment.

5.3 David Carlton also reported on the case of a lady who was in financial difficulties, and was awaiting approval for a loan of £720.

**6. Wings Appeal Report: -**

6.3 Fred Briggs reported that he was still in the process of taking over from Steve Mullis.

6.4 Steve Mullis reported that many bars had put Wings boxes aside while the Tsunami appeal was ongoing

**7. Social Events Report: -**

7.1 All future social events are as advertised in the monthly Newsletter.

7.2 Marlene Elliott reported that all tickets for the Valentines Night had been allocated and it was estimated there would be 60 people attending.

7.3 Marlene also reported that the Xmas Dinner Dance for 2005 was booked for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at Meson Juan Antonio, with Ian Jacks providing the entertainment.

7.4 Marlene asked if it was possible to have an easel made. She was asked to liase with David Carlton.

7.5 Marlene also asked if members would like to contribute any unwanted Xmas gifts for future raffles.

7.6 Because the two Social Events Coordinators (Marlene Elliott and Julie Mullis) live so far apart and the subsequent difficulties this situation causes, Steve Mullis suggested that Sandra Martin and Julie Mullis swap roles in that Julie takes over the PR role and Sandra joins Marlene as Social Events Coordinator. This was agreed by the Committee.

**8. Any Other Reports: -**

8.1 Reg Haywood provided the Committee with a further update on the proposed RAF Band concert. He was still attempting to arrange a meeting with Pepe Nieto from the Ayuntamiento and expected this to take place soon.

**9. Other Notified Items: -**

None

**10. Any Other Business: -**

10.1 Steve Mullis reported that the Mijas International Day was scheduled for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May and he would be meeting with the organisers on 1<sup>st</sup> March and would report back to the next meeting. Volunteers would be required to man the stalls. It was also suggested that a CD player be available to play RAF themes.

10.2 Steve Mullis reported that negotiations were still going on to get a RAFALO for the Branch. It had been suggested that Julie Mullis's son was willing to take on the role but since his CO at RAF St. Athan already had 2 other RAFALO's on his staff he was reluctant to pay for another one. He would allow him time off to carry out his duties but the Branch would have to pay his expenses. It was agreed that Steve Mullis would seek guidance from Area on what benefits the Branch would get from having its own RAFALO, before committing us to any payments. Reg Haywood also agreed to check the RAFA Administrative Handbook to see what the role of a RAFALO consisted of.

10.3 Steve Mullis requested permission to order tickets from UK for the Annual Draw. This was agreed.

10.4 Reg Haywood reported that he had received a letter from Simon Martin, Overseas Director, congratulating the Branch on being winners of the 29004 Overseas Trophy for an overall increase in membership of 12.5% (excluding transfers from the Costa del Sol Branch). The trophy will be presented at Annual Conference in Bournemouth on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2005.

10.5 Reg Haywood also reported on an advert he had seen in the Town Crier offering to buy used inkjet cartridges. On investigating he found that the company that placed the ad was offering 1.50€ per cartridge. He suggested it would be a worthwhile method of raising funds for either the Branch or Wings. Steve said he would put an entry in the next Newsletter.

10.6 Doug Heron reported that he had received a letter from Sunset Beach inviting members to attend the Tea Dances they held.

**11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 20:00 in the Galaxy Bar.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:10 hrs.

