

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 20:00 on Wednesday 6th April 2005

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

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

Associate Members

Julie Mullis Publicity Officer
Marlene Elliott Social Events Coordinator
Sandra Martin Social Events Coordinator

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

3.1 Ref. Item 8.1. Reg Haywood reported on the situation regarding the proposed visit of one of the RAF Bands in August/September. The original dates of 6th or 7th September had been revised at the request of RAF Music Services to 31st August +/- 2 days. These revised dates were passed to the Ayuntamiento for consideration. Subsequently Reg received a call from Malcolm Goodman, RAF Music PR to advise he was handing responsibility for the visit to Flt Sgt. Steve Penny, RAF College Band Sergeant. Steve gave Reg another revised date of 28th August, but promised to Email confirmation. No confirmation was received so Reg tried to telephone Flt. Sgt. Penny, to find that the College Band was on leave until 18th April. Reg also tried to contact Tomas Zaragoza the Ayuntamiento representative to clarify if any of the original revised dates were acceptable, but he was in Madrid for a week. His colleague did however contact him and call Reg back to indicate there would possibly be a problem with these dates but Reg was invited to meet him on 11th April. Reg asked the committee for permission to hire the services of an interpreter for this meeting. Permission was granted. Steve Mullis suggested that if we couldn't get use of the Auditorio for the required dates than we might consider approaching the owners of Mijas Racecourse, as they were currently running a series of concerts there. Reg promised to contact Steve on the outcome of the 11th April meeting.

4. **Treasurers Report:** -

Balance at 28 th February 2005	<u>6390.60€</u>	
Money to Bank during March 2005	49.41€	Wings Appeal
Total Income March 2005	<u>49.41€</u>	
Outgoings during March 2005	7.37€	Bank Charges
Total Outgoings during February	7.37€	
Balance at 31 st March	<u>6432.64€</u>	

5. **Welfare Officers Report:** -

Nothing to report.

6. **Wings Appeal Report:** -

6.1 Fred Briggs handed over a total of 23.94€ from various bars.

7. Social Events Report: -

- 7.1 All future social events are as advertised in the monthly Newsletter.
- 7.2 Marlene Elliott reported that the party of 30 from RAFA Teignmouth Branch had confirmed they would be attending the VE day celebration on Saturday 7th May.
- 7.3 Marlene also reported that the issue of payment to Wayne Michaels had been resolved.
- 7.4 Steve Mullis suggested that we advertise social events in some of the free papers, which would carry a payment. The committee endorsed this.

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1 Steve Mullis reported that membership renewals had effectively dried up, but one member from Valencia, who has never actually visited the Branch, had renewed for another 4 years.
- 8.2 Steve also reported that the new web page was up and running and receiving favourable comments. He would be visiting the Webmaster when he attended the Conference in May.
- 8.3 The proposed trip to RAF Gibraltar has unfortunately been cancelled, as the number booked did not make it viable. Steve had also contacted various RBL Branches, but they did not show any interest.

9. Other Notified Items: -

None

10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1 Steve Mullis reported on a problem with one of the raffle prizes won on Valentines Night. It appears we had received a donation of a meal for two from Tubby's Bar but the winners found that Tubby's don't do food! It was agreed to purchase a meal for two from Eduardo's in exchange.
- 10.2 Steve Mullis reported that the next meeting to discuss the Mijas International Day would be held on 10th May. The Branch stand would be in the same position as last year. Steve and Julie would be arranging the food, which would probably be different from previous years. The stand decoration would be improved with a view to winning the Best Decorated Stand. This year there would be no requirement for the Standard Bearer to attend, as the parade format would be different. Steve also asked for volunteers to help set up on the Friday evening.
- 10.3 Steve Mullis asked if anyone wanted anything raising at Conference or required information, to contact him either via Email or in writing with details.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 4th May 2005 at 20:00 in the Galaxy Bar.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:35 hrs.