

Royal Air Forces Association - BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 20:00 on Wednesday 4th May 2005

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

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

- 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:** -

There were no matters arising from previous minutes.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Balance at 31st March 2005	<u>6432.64€</u>	
Money to Bank during April 2005	453.00€	Branch Subscriptions
	254.15€	Membership Renewals
	78.95€	Membership Subscriptions
	14.05€	Donation
	36.42€	Wings Appeal
Total Income April 2005	<u>836.57€</u>	
Outgoings during April 2005	177.68€	Memberships Renewals to CHQ
	24.43€	Membership Subs to CHQ
	18.00€	Social (Raffle Prize)
	1.20€	Bank Charges (Cheque Fees)
	13.32€	Photocopying
	28.26€	Postage
	22.90€	Stationery
	10.00€	Telephone Expenses
	40.00€	Welfare Expenses (Floral tributes)
	15.21€	Transfer to Branch O/S Acc.
	35.52€	Expenses top-up
	60.00€	RAF Band Visit (Interpreter)
Total Outgoings during April 2005	446.52€	
Balance at 30th April 2005	<u>6822.69€</u>	

5. Welfare Officers Report: -

5.1. David Carlton reported that a widow of an ex-RAF member, who had died recently, had requested the use of crutches. Since the Branch did not own any sets of its own, one of our newer members, Pat Marrinan, provided his own set on loan.

5.2. David also reported on the case of an ex-WAAF, living in Malaga, with no surviving relatives, who had asked for advice on willing her entire estate to the RAFA. There were many complications relating to this

case and David had been in contact with CHQ to seek advice. David was asked to report back to Committee with details of how the case could be progressed.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

6.1 Fred Briggs reported that a total of 59.06€ had been collected during April, but some of this money was still with Mike Durrant. Consequently Fred handed over 20.00€, the remainder to be obtained from Mike.

7. Social Events Report: -

7.1 Marlene Elliott reported the all tickets had been sold for the VE-Day celebration on Saturday 7th May. Edith from Poppies Bar had baked and iced a cake with a RAFA/VE-Day theme and it was suggested that the cake be raffled. Steve Mullis explained that there would already be two raffles running, the normal raffle and a book on the history of the RAF that had been donated by the widow of Ralph Thompson. It was suggested that the cake might be auctioned.

7.2 Marlene also reported that the proposed venue for the 2005 Annual Dinner Dance was no longer available. A number of alternatives were suggested and Marlene was asked to investigate possibilities and report back to the Committee.

7.3 The Chairman asked if the Branch had a memento available to present to the members of Teignmouth Branch who would be visiting on Saturday 7th May.

8. Any Other Reports: -

8.1 Steve Mullis reported that he would be attending a meeting on 10th May for the Mijas International Day, so would not have any more information until then. Volunteers were still required to man the RAFA stall during the day of Saturday 28th May.

9. Other Notified Items: -

None

10. Any Other Business: -

10.1 Steve Mullis reported on an opportunity to have a certain number of Beermats, containing Branch details printed free of charge, possibly 300. It was also possible to have larger quantities printed at a charge but with another business sharing the cost. The Committee agreed that Steve should go ahead with this project.

10.2 Steve Mullis has written to the RBL Branches in the area to inform them of the Band Concert in August and offering discount tickets. Reg Haywood offered to write to other Clubs and Societies in the area. It was agreed that a discount of 10% would be offered on block bookings of 20 or more tickets.

10.3 Steve Mullis reported that he was informed of a call to our Chairman from Ted Marsh, Chairman of the Costa Blanca Branch, seeking the support of the Benalmádena Branch in his nomination for Vice Chairman of the European Area. The Chairman advised Ted Marsh that he could not give that support without first consulting with the Committee and this could not be done within the deadline of 24 hours requested by Ted Marsh. It subsequently transpired that the name of Benalmádena Branch had been put on the ballot paper as seconding Ted Marsh. Steve Mullis requested clarification from Simon Martin on this issue and was told that "someone" from the Benalmádena Branch had said they personally would have no objections. Steve Mullis's principal objection to Ted Marsh's nomination was that, at previous conference he had taken no part in the Social side of things, where, as Steve commented, a lot of discussion on issues facing the Association were discussed. David Carlton took exception to this in a very strong manner, saying that he didn't like the idea that decisions were reached by the back door and away from Conference proper. After much discussion, the Committee were then asked if they were willing for the Branch to second Ted Marsh's application for Vice Chairman of European Area. The vote was 7/2 against.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 1st June 2005 at 20:00 in the Galaxy Bar.

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