

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 20:00 on Wednesday 1st June 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
Catherine heritage	Welfare Officer
Iris Dober	Welfare Officer

Associate Members

Julie Mullis	Publicity Officer
Marlene Elliott	Social Events Coordinator

1. **Apologies were received from:** - Derek Brown, 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. Provision of Advertising Beer mats. Steve Mullis has not had the opportunity to progress this issue. It will be dealt with at a later date.

4. **Treasurers Report:** -

Balance at 30th April 2005	<u>6822.69€</u>	
Money to Bank during May 2005	60.08€	Wings Appeal
Total Income May 2005	<u>60.08€</u>	
Outgoings during May 2005	20.55€	Stationery
	32.41€	Social Expenses (Belated payment for food Remembrance Day 2004, and food for Mijas International Day 2005)
Total Outgoings during May 2005	52.96€	
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2005	<u>6829.81€</u>	

**Welfare Officers Report:** -

5.1. The Chairman regrettably read a letter of resignation from David Carlton, Branch Welfare Officer. The letter is appended to these minutes. The secretary was asked to draft a letter of reply to David, for signature by the Chairman, stressing that David would be welcomed back into the Branch at any time in the future.

5.2. Steve Mullis reported that a course had been arranged for overseas Welfare Officers at Sussexdown House on 21-24 November. The course is free and is funded by a lottery grant. All Welfare Officers are encouraged to attend and names should be forwarded to Steve Mullis as soon as possible.

5.3 Steve Mullis reported on the case of a lady who is receiving an annual grant from the RAFBF, which is paid via RBL HQ, Southern Spain District and then to Costa del Sol Branch, incurring inevitable delays in the money reaching the recipient. She approached RAFA Benalmádena for help in resolving the issue.

6. **Wings Appeal Report:** -

6.1 The raffle of the RAF book on VE night in the Galaxy Bar realised 155€ for the Wings Appeal.

6.2 We also received 2 donations, one of 19.46€ from Ann Mitchell, and one of £30 (42€) from Betty Thompson

## **7. Social Events Report: -**

7.1 Marlene Elliott reported that the VE night celebration realised a total profit of 365.25€, including a sum from the raffle of the cake, which is to be used towards expenses for the Band visit

7.2 Marlene also reported that the Xmas Dinner Dance would be held in The House That Jack Built (just below the Galaxy Bar) on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Ian Jacks has again been booked to provide the entertainment. Tickets will be priced at 27.50€

7.3 Marlene is looking to arrange the next major social event for Battle of Britain week.

## **8. Any Other Reports: -**

10.1 Steve Mullis reported that Mijas International Day was successful though not as many people attended the event as in the past. Steve also thanked all those who helped set up and man the RAFA stand, some of whom were not even Branch members. The profit on the day is likely to be in excess of 500€. 8 new members were signed up on that day, which brings the total for May to 10 new members (6 full members and 4 associates). This gives the Branch a membership increase so far this year of 13.5%. Steve asked that if the Branch were to consider attending Mijas International Day next year he would need more physical help in setting up and dismantling the stand on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

## **9. Other Notified Items: -**

None

## **10. Any Other Business: -**

10.2 Steve Mullis reported that of the 96 members on the books 30+ had not yet renewed, of which he expected between 10 and 15 to do so.

10.3 Steve Mullis asked if we should keep on the books those who only paid Branch Subscriptions (possibly HQ or Area members). The Committee agreed to keep them on the books.

10.4 Steve Mullis reported that the Newsletter would be out in June and would include details from the RAFA booklet on making a will.

10.5 The Branch has received acknowledgement and thanks from the Diocese in Europe for the sum of £427.47 raised by the Branch for the Tsunami Appeal

10.6 Steve Mullis reported that the Conference he recently attended raised no contentious or major issues. Full Membership subscriptions are to increase by £2.50 from 2006 with Associate membership increasing proportionately. Further increases will be limited to the rate of inflation.

10.7 Steve also reported that he had requested copies of the RAFA Overseas Bulletin be distributed to all members, and not just to Branch Secretaries.

10.8 Reg Haywood asked what progress was being made on the transfer of funds from the Costa del Sol Branch. Steve said that Tony Roper would be signing the cheque shortly and asked Committee Members to consider what use the funds could be put to. Ideas for next Committee meeting.

10.9 Reg Haywood reported that he had received a number of tickets for the RAFA Grand Welfare Draw 2006. First prize is a Ford Mondeo, second prize a P&O Mediterranean Cruise, third prize a Breitling watch, plus several more prizes. Tickets are priced at 7€ per book of 5 tickets and can be obtained from the Secretary.

10.10 Tickets are now available for the concert by the Band of the Royal Air Force College on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August and are available from the Secretary. Reg Haywood is also to arrange a meal for the Band, preferably where they can be got in and out fairly quickly.

10.11 Reg Haywood asked if the Branch could obtain shields similar to the one presented by Teignmouth Branch. Apparently these cost £25 each so it was agreed to order customised plaques, at 16€ each, from Pepe's in Arroyo, as and when required.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 6th July 2005 at 20:00 in the Galaxy Bar.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:25 hrs.