

# 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 30th November 2005

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

### Members

Steve Mullis	Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood	Secretary/Treasurer
Fred Briggs	Wings Appeal Organiser
Derek Brown	Welfare Officer
Iris Dober	Welfare Officer

### Associate Members

Marlene Elliott	Social Events Coordinator
Sandra Martin	Social Events Coordinator
Julie Mullis	Publicity Officer
Catherine Heritage	Welfare Officer
Mike Beaumont	Welfare Officer

1 **Apologies were received from:** - Mary Shaw

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

3 **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -

3.1 No matters arising

4 **Treasurers Report:** -

Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2005	<u>4619.99€</u>	
Money to Bank during November 2005	155.85€	Wings Appeal
	40.00€	Membership Subscription
	260.00€	Band Ticket Sales
Total Income November 2005	<u>455.85€</u>	
Outgoings during November 2005	29.47€	Membership Subs to CHQ
	16.80€	Social Expenses (Excess Baggage)
	11.20€	Social Expenses (Visitors Book)
	42.00€	Welfare Expenses (Travel)
Total Outgoings during November	<u>99.47€</u>	
<b>Balance at 30th November 2005</b>	<u><b>4976.37€</b></u>	
Wings collection in Sterling = £520.09 (728.13€)		
Less £85.82		Draw Tickets
£100.00		Remembrance Day Wreaths
Sterling Total held	£334.27 (467.98€)	

5 **Welfare Officers Report:** -

- 5.1 Derek Brown reported on the very successful Welfare Course attended by Mary Shaw and him. He was asked to write a report for inclusion in the next issue of the Newsletter. Derek agreed to do this
- 5.2 Derek also reported that the couple from El Chorro had been repatriated very successfully and have now settled into life back in UK.
- 5.3 Derek also reported that he was to visit a case tonight to discuss repayment of a loan and the annual grant.
- 5.4 Another case involved a couple that were seeking help with mobility. This was being dealt with by Mary Shaw who was still in UK.

6 **Wings Appeal Report:** -

- 6.1 Fred Briggs reported that the 2005 Wings Appeal closes today but another week was being allowed for the collection of outstanding monies from the year-round boxes.

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

- 7.1 Marlene Elliott reported that everything was in hand for the Annual Dinner Dance. The table plan would be displayed on the evening and Steve Mullis had agreed to produce place cards including name and menu choice. Crystals had also been informed of names and menu choices. All tickets had been sold but some monies were still outstanding but it was expected these would be collected on the night. Ian Jacks had been confirmed at 175€. 100€ was to be allocated for a door prize. Steve Mullis asked that a bouquet of flowers be purchased for presentation to the wife of the British Consul. The location details for Crystals was incorrect in the Newsletter but Marlene explained that the detail on the tickets was correct and also included a map on the back. Sandra Martin advised that she had received some complaints last year about the method of selling the raffle tickets so it was agreed that this year they would be offered at 5€ a strip.
- 7.2 Sandra Martin reported that plaques had been purchased for Poppies and the Galaxy Bar. The one for Poppies would be presented on the night of the Dinner Dance and that for the Galaxy Bar on the night of the Annual Draw.
- 7.3 Steve Mullis agreed to discuss with Norma McIntyre the idea of a plaque for presentation to Malaga Airport.

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

- 8.1 Steve Mullis reported that the Remembrance Day service and parade went very well but feedback suggested that some minor adjustments would be needed for next year. 197€ was collected on the buffet donated equally to the Church and the English Cemetery. Thanks had been received from the Torremolinos Branch of the RBL. Steve advised that next year it would likely be a completely new contingent from RAF Gibraltar so they would need to be carefully coached. Steve also suggested that it might be a good idea for the Branch to arrange a lunch after the event for all those members attending.
- 8.2 Steve Mullis reported that membership continued to grow with currently 89 members and a possibility that we could win the Overseas Membership Trophy again.
- 8.3 Prizes were still needed for the Xmas Draw and members were asked to get round their local bars etc. Members were also being asked to bring items of food for the buffet

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

- 9.1 No notified items.

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

- 10.1 Steve Mullis reported that nominations forms had been sent to all members inviting them to submit nominations for Committee positions to be voted on at the AGM. Steve also gave the Committee a brief run down on the form. A letters had been received from Walter Harley signifying his willing to continue serving as our President and an Email had been received from Bill Dixon indicating he would be willing to serve as Vice President. The AGM is scheduled for Friday 6th January at 14:00 hours but Committee members were asked to be there for 13:00.
- 10.2 Reg Haywood reported that he had received communication from Malcolm Goodman, RAF Music Services PR and Marketing Manager, with reference to a proposed visit by the Band of the RAF Regiment in 2006. A provisional date had been set for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Reg had also communicated the request to the Ayuntamiento.

## **11 Date of Next Meeting: - AGM Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 14:00 in the Galaxy Bar.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:20 hrs.