

**1357 Benalmádena Branch
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held at
The Galaxy Bar, Avda Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel
At 14:00 hrs on Thursday 6th January 2005**

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Associate Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Reg Haywood	Marlene Elliot	D Kimbas
Steve Mulli	Sandra Martin	D Kimberley
David Hills	Shirley Hills	S Hirst
Doug Heron	Julie Mullis	Dowson
R Bosson	Barbara Briggs	L Harrision
David Carlton	Alan Gibson	G V Harrison
Fred Briggs		E Fox
A Hansford		

1. Apologies were received from:

Mike Durrant, Katie Durrant, Catherine Hertage, Iris Dober, Alan Vickers, Mary Shay.

2. The meeting was declared open and the Chairman, Mr Doug Heron, chaired the meeting.
3. The minutes of the 2004 AGM were read and accepted.
4. The Chairman made a short statement in which he said he had been pleased with the advances that the branch had made in the past year and thanked everyone on the committee for their hard work and hoped that this trend would continue in the future.
5. The Annual Statement of Accounts and the Auditors report were presented by Mr Reg Haywood, a copy of which is with this month's newsletter and kept on file by the Secretary.
6. The Election of Officers and Committee Members was held.
The committee for 2005 is as follows:

Position	Name	Proposed by	Seconded
President	Walter Harley OBE Subject to acceptance	Steve Mullis	Doug Heron
Vice President	Bill Dixon QGM	Fred Briggs	Derek Brown
Chairman	Doug Heron – 5 votes	David Carlton	Fred Briggs
	Steve Mullis – 3 votes	Julie Mullis	Derek Brown
	Doug Heron was re-elected as Chairman		
Vice Chairman	Steve Mullis	Derek Brown	Doug Heron
Secretary	Reg Haywood	Doug Heron	Steve Mullis
Treasurer	Reg Haywood	Steve Mullis	Doug Heron
Welfare Officers	Derek Brown	Steve Mullis	Doug Heron
	Catherine Heritage	Steve Mullis	Doug Heron
	Iris Dober	Steve Mullis	Doug Heron
	David Carlton	Steve Mullis	Doug Heron
Social Events Co-ordinators	Marlene Elliot	Fred Briggs	Sandra Martin
	Julie Mullis	Reg Haywood	Steve Mullis
Wings Appeal Organiser	Fred Briggs	Steve Mullis	Marlene Elliot
Public Relations Officer	Sandra Martin	Doug Heron	Marlene Elliot

7. The Election for the Annual & Area Conference delegate was held and the position for the forthcoming year will be held by Mr. Steve Mullis.
8. The position of Branch Auditor is held by Mr. Alan Gibson for the third year.

9. Resolutions for discussion

- a. **It is proposed by the Branch Secretary that the members consider any adjustment to the branch subscription that it may consider necessary.**

Without recommendation, the Treasurer pointed out that Branch funds were in a fairly healthy state and that members should be aware that RAFA membership had just been increased.

In response, the Vice Chairman advised members that costs were continually on the increase, particularly photocopying, stationery and postage. These costs were to be met by Branch subscriptions.

The following resolution was proposed by Steve Mullis:-

That Branch subscriptions be increased to 15€, a sum to be held for at least two years

The resolution was passed by the members present.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 15:30 hrs

The raffle today raised 47€

Next years AGM would be held on Friday 6th January 2006, at The Galaxy Bar, Avda Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 14:00 hrs

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 2nd February at at The Galaxy Bar, Avda Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 20:00 hrs. This will be a committee only meeting.

**ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION
BENALMÁDENA BRANCH 1357**

**ANNUAL GENERAL METING – THURSDAY JANUARY 6th 2005
TREASURERS REPORT**

Once again, as you can see from the Annual Statement of Accounts, I am pleased to report that the Branch remains on a sound financial footing. Despite a mixed and sometimes indifferent response to some of the social events held during 2004, these events still recorded a profit in excess of 1900€, this compared to a profit last year of slightly less than 1200€. And I understand that there is still a considerable amount to be banked from the Dinner Dance. So girls, you're obviously doing something right and I think your efforts and the dedication you apply to your position are to be highly commended, and many thanks to those members who turned out to support you.

Wings Appeal this year raised in excess of 6300€ and £210 sterling. There is also an additional 121€ banked after the Wings money was sent to CHQ, which will be carried forward to next year.

Membership and Branch Subscriptions remain fairly steady, with Membership renewals and Branch subscriptions showing a slight increase and new Membership subscriptions slightly down on last year.

One other notable increase is that of Welfare spend, which is in effect what we are all here for so we should be applauding that increase as it means our Welfare Officers are out there doing the business.

One item that raised its head at Committee level last year was that of RAFA opening a Euro account. Without going into details, I can safely say that the issue is now a dead duck. One issue I feel this years committee must consider is the opening of a sterling account, to take in the sterling we collect over the year for Wings and from other sources. Some of the Spanish banks operate sterling accounts, which are mainly for investment purposes and which, in any case wouldn't accept sterling coins, let alone Gibraltar notes or coins. So that avenue is closed. One other option is to open a UK account, but again the issue remains of getting money into it. Maybe the only option is to open an account in Gibraltar, which at least is more easily accessible. No doubt this issue will occupy the new committee's deliberations for some time. Watch the committee minutes and newsletter for updates.

Ladies and gentleman, that concludes the Treasurers report for 2004.