

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 11th January 2006

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Steve Mullis Chairman
Fred Briggs Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood Treasurer
Brian Marsh Secretary
Iris Dober Welfare

Associate Members

Sandra Martin Social Events Coordinator
Catherine Heritage Welfare
Alan Gibson Auditor

1. **Apologies were received from:** - Carol Marsh and Brian Martin
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were not available for signing.**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -

No Matters Arising

4. Treasurers Report: -

Balance at 31st December 2005	<u>7133.21€</u>	
Money to Bank during January 2005	25.78€	Wings Appeal
	25.00€	Membership Subscription
	498.40€	Social (Xmas Dinner Draw)
	1011.93€	Social (Grand Xmas Draw)
	50.00€	Branch Trading (50 Diaries)
Total Income to January 11 th 2006	<u>1611.11€</u>	
Outgoings to January 11 th 2006		
	8.12€	Membership subs to CHQ
	17.18€	Social Expenses (Food for draw night)
	9.00€	Photocopying
	12.61€	Postage
	5.45€	Stationery
	46.06€	Transfer to Overseas Account
	14.00€	Welfare Expenses (Travel)
Total Outgoings to January 11 th 2006	<u>112.42€</u>	
Balance at January 11th 2006	<u>8631.90€</u>	

5. Welfare Officer's Report: -

There was no Welfare Officer's Report at this meeting.

6. Wings Appeal Report

- 6.1. There was no Wings Appeal Report at this meeting.
- 6.2. Steve Mullis proposed that Brian Martin be appointed to the position of Wings Appeal Organiser; this was seconded by Fred Briggs and agreed by all that this was a good appointment to the committee.

7. Social Events Report

- 7.1. The committee discussed the need for a social calendar for the branch showing the events planned for the year. It was agreed that events should be aimed at a larger audience so that we could raise money from members of the public attending. In this case branch members would be offered discounted prices for the events wherever relevant.
- 7.2. The question of smoking versus non-smoking venues was discussed and it was generally thought that non-smoking venues were better because it is more acceptable to ask smokers to step outside for a cigarette than it is to ask non-smokers to sit in a smoky atmosphere.
- 7.3. It was decided that we should put some effort into raising the branch profile this year, it was suggested that we should try and get some exposure in the local press, particularly about our welfare activities. It was thought that this would help with the promotion of our social events and hence help in fund raising.
- 7.4. It was suggested and agreed that a small committee consisting of Steve Mullis, Julie Mullis, Sandra Martin and Carol Marsh be formed to organize the Christmas Dinner Dance as the amount of work required in organising this event was too much for the Social organizers on their own.
- 7.5. Arrangements were made for a Valentine's function; this will be held at The Galaxy Bar, Benalmádena on Sunday 12th February, full details will be published in the next Newsletter.

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1. Steve Mullis stated that in his new position as Chairman he needs to be kept informed about all areas of the committees activities and that he expects a report from all committee members, mid way between meetings, about any issues or problems that are being encountered. This will help ensure the smooth running of the branch in the future.
- 8.2. The portable DVD player that was donated to Welfare at the Christmas Dinner dance was discussed and it was decided that we need a formal procedure for loaning it out to ensure it is safely returned after each loan.
- 8.3. The invitation to the Costa Blanca North Branch was discussed and Steve Mullis stated that before we could move this forward on this on this issue we need to establish how many people would be interested in a trip to this branch, the trip might even include a 15-minute flight in a Cessna to view the coastline.
- 8.4. It was proposed that the date for the AGM should be moved away from the public holiday of January 6th and it was agreed that the next AGM would be held on Saturday 27th January at 11 a.m., the venue has yet to be decided.

9. Other Notified Items: -

- 9.1. No Notified Items.

10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1. Reg Haywood announced that the Band Concert planned for this year would be on Monday 28th August; full details will be circulated later.
- 10.2. The committee decided that it would be appropriate to present a plaque to Marlene Elliott as a leaving present; in recognition of all the hard work she has done for the branch.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 1st February 2006, at 19:30, The Galaxy Bar, Benalmádena

Meeting Closed at 21.30