

Royal Air Forces Association - BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 19.30 on Wednesday 1st February 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
Brian Martin	Wings Appeal
Derek Brown	Welfare

Associate Members

Sandra Martin	Social Events Coordinator
Julie Mullis	Social Events Coordinator
Alan Gibson	Auditor

1. **Apologies were received from:** - Catherine Heritage - Welfare
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -

3.1. No Matters Arising

4. **Treasurers Report:** -

Balance at January 11th 2006 8631.90€

4.1. Nothing further to report at this time

5. **Welfare Officer's Report:** -

5.1. The current operational strength of the welfare team is as follows:-
Reg Haywood
Iris Dober
Derek Brown

Also on the team are Catherine Heritage and Mary Shaw although there has been no contact from either this month.

5.2. Cases Handled

- a. 05AA – A loan that has now been repaid, a cheque has been handed to the treasurer for processing through Benfund.
- b. 06A – A grant for post-operative care has been received from Benfund and is now being utilized.
- c. 03P – Renewal of grant has been received from Benfund and passed to the claimant.
- d. 06B – A request for the purchase of an electric invalid chair has been passed to Benfund, it was proposed by Derek Brown that in the interim the Branch should cover the cost of the chair to avoid any unnecessary delay in its purchase, the motion was seconded by Reg Haywood and all were in favour, it was determined that the chair would be researched, purchased and delivered to the claimant before the next committee meeting, this will be carried out by Derek Brown and Reg Haywood.

5.3. The treasurer is to contact Benfund to improve payment arrangements for loans / grants etc, to overcome currency exchange costs.

5.4. The transfer of the funds from the closed Algarrobo branch is to be pursued by Steve Mullis who will report on progress at the next meeting.

6. 6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. Brian Martin was welcomed onto the committee as Wings Appeal coordinator and was given a target of 8,000€ for the 2006 appeal.

7. 7. Social Events Report: -

- 7.1. Due to personal Commitments Carol Marsh has decided she can no longer continue with the committee social team. Steve and Julie Mullis will work with Sandra Martin, on a temporary basis until a replacement can be found.
- 7.2. The "Pre Valentines Bash" has been organized and takes place at The Galaxy Bar on Sunday 12th February starting at 21.00hrs, Siobhan (female vocalist) has been confirmed as the entertainer for the evening and there will be a buffet included, tickets are 5€ for members and 7€ for non members and are available from Sandra Martin.
- 7.3. The social team consisting of Sandra Martin, Steve Mullis and Julie Mullis has undertaken to produce a calendar of social events for 2006, this will ready by February 12th, and suggestions from any members are invited.
- 7.4. In order to be able to offer more unusual trips this year it was suggested that we explore any connections we may have with organizations like the Spanish Air Force.
- 7.5. Euro Weekly have offered to sponsor our stand at this years Mijas International Day, Steve Mullis is to meet with them to discuss what form this sponsorship will take, he will report on this at the next meeting.
- 7.6. Reg Haywood is to prepare an editorial about the work of RAFA, with a particular emphasis on welfare, this is to be submitted to Euro Weekly for publication as part of our agreed effort to raise the profile of the Benalmádena Branch this year.

8. 8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1. Reg Haywood reported that he had discussed this year's band concert with Malcolm Goodman from Music Services, and with the Ajuntamiento de Benalmádena and can now confirm the date as Monday 28th August 2006.
A small committee is to be set up to help organize this event and they will produce a full report at the next meeting.
Items to be discussed/organized include accommodation for the band members, sponsors for the event, a presenter for the night, media exposure and publicity.
- 8.2. A discussion was held about extending recruitment to the East of Malaga and it was generally felt that this was possible but only once we have good social calendar to offer potential members.

9. 9. Other Notified Items:-

- 9.1. Reg Haywood has received a letter from Simon Martin, Overseas Director, congratulating the Branch on winning the 2005 Overseas Trophy for increasing our full membership by 15.2%. The trophy will be presented at the annual conference in Blackpool on Sunday 21 May 2006.

10. 10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1. There was no further business

11. Date of Next Meeting:- Wednesday 1st March 2006, at 20.00, The Galaxy Bar, Benalmádena

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:30 hrs