

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 March 2006

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Fred Briggs Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood Treasurer
Brian Marsh Secretary
Iris Dober Welfare
Brian Martin Wings Appeal
Derek Brown Welfare

Associate Members

Julie Mullis Social Events Coordinator
Alan Gibson Auditor
Catherine Heritage Welfare

1 Apologies were received from: -

Steve Mullis Chairman
Sandra Martin Social Events Coordinator

2 The minutes from the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman

3 Matters arising from the previous meeting: -

No Matters Arising

4 Treasurers Report: -

Balance at January 11th 2006	8631.90€	
Money to Bank to February 28 2006	30.40€	Wings Appeal
	1448.31€	Welfare from RAFBF
Total Income to February 28 2006	<u>1478.71€</u>	
Outgoings to February 28 2006		
	125.92€	Social Expenses
	141.24€	Annual Conference
	1119.00€	Welfare Expenses
Total Outgoings to February 28 2006	<u>1386.16€</u>	
Balance at 28 th February 2006	<u>8724.45€</u>	

5 Welfare Officer's Report: -

5.1 The current operational strength of the welfare team is as follows:-

Reg Haywood
Iris Dober
Derek Brown
Catherine Heritage

5.2 Cases Handled

- 1) 05AA – A loan that has now been repaid, a cheque was received for processing through Benfund, unfortunately the cheque was made out to RAFA and has been returned to be reissued with the right beneficiary name on it.
- 2) 06B – Unfortunately the target set for delivery of a motorized scooter for this claimant was not met, a scooter has now been sourced and a short term rental is being arranged prior to purchase to allow the claimant time to familiarize themselves with it. A doctor's certificate has also been obtained to enable us to progress the claim with Benfund.
- 3) 06D – A meeting has been arranged this week with the claimants to make arrangements for them to have a respite break at a RAFA home in the UK.
- 4) 06C – We are meeting the claimant this week to progress arrangements for her existing maintenance grant to be renewed for a further year and also discussing the possibility of obtaining a hearing aid from Benfund.
- 5) 05X – Telephone contact has been made with a doner to discuss an intended legacy to RAFA.

5.2 The transfer of the funds from the closed Algarrobo branch is to be pursued by Steve Mullis who reported that he has been in email contact with the ex treasurer of Branch 1342, on her return to the UK later this month she will see if she still has the ability to arrange a transfer via the Internet. Meanwhile Brian Marsh will contact the account holder, Tony Roper, to see if it would be possible for him to facilitate the transfer to our account.

6 Wings Appeal Report

- 6.1 Takings from the collection boxes for the year so far amount to 127.47€, it was generally agreed that this is a derisory amount and that we need to put a lot more thought and effort into collecting money. It was agreed that at the next committee meeting we would put together the structure we will use to improve collecting methods and practices. Members were asked to come up with ideas for new places for collecting boxes and new ways of raising funds, these suggestions should be forwarded to Brian Martin who will formulate a new plan of action for the next meeting.
- 6.2 Three new collection boxes have been placed last month, all members and associate members should be thinking about where they can place a collecting box.
- 6.3 Brian Martin is putting together a correspondence to be sent out to all members and associate members of the branch, the objective is to obtain a level of commitment from everyone on their involvement in Branch business, particularly fund raising activities.

7 Social Events Report

- 7.1 It was reported that the Pre Valentines night was a great success and raised a profit of 110.00€ plus raffle money totaling 101.00€, well done to all who were involved in organizing this event.
- 7.2 Julie Mullis presented an excellent report detailing an exciting list of events planned for the Branch between now and September, details of the events already planned are in the new News Letter and full details of the other events will be published in due course, the events are varied to suit all tastes and are designed to promote the work and expansion of the Branch by attracting new members
- 7.3 Mijas International Day is scheduled for June 10th and a request is made to all members and associate members to put their names forward as volunteers for helping both on and before the day.
- 7.4 The Euro Weekly meeting still hasn't gone ahead Steve Mullis is still progressing this in an effort to secure sponsorship for the International Day at Mijas.
- 7.5 Reg Haywood has prepared 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 Any Other Reports:-

8.1 Reg Haywood reported that a meeting was held with Brian Marsh to progress arrangements for this year's Band Concert, ticket prices were set at 10€ for Members and 12€ for non members, tickets are to be sold in as many venues as possible in an effort to completely fill the venue (1,000 people), we will be targeting the tourist sector to achieve this. Programme and Poster design is underway as well as a plan for TV, Local Press and Radio publicity for the event. A translation into Spanish of the Bands web page has been produced which, along with a photograph, will be given to the Benalmádena Ayuntamiento in the hope that they can include it in their publicity for this summer.

9 Other Notified Items:-

No notified items

10 Any Other Business: -

No other business

11 Date of Next Meeting:- Wednesday 5th April 2006, at 20.00, The Galaxy Bar, Benalmádena

Meeting Closed at 21.30