

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 5th April 2006

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

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

Associate Members

Brian Martin Wings Appeal
Julie Mullis Social Events Coordinator
Alan Gibson Auditor
Sandra Martin Social Events Coordinator

1. **Apologies were received from:** - Catherine Heritage – Welfare Derek Brown - 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 February 28th 2006	<u>8724.45€</u>	
Money to Bank during March		
	299.05€	Branch Subs
	134.12€	Membership Renewals
	56.00€	Membership Subs
	84.00€	Social Income
	5,004.81€	Welfare Income
Total	<u>5,677.68€</u>	
Outgoings during March		
	12.25€	Social Expenses
	89.95€	Membership Renewals to CHQ
	20.02€	Membership Subs to CHQ
	1,541.78€	Welfare Payments
	9.25€	Bank Commission
	7.20€	Photocopying
	14.02€	Postage
	15.60€	Stationery
Total	<u>1,710.07€</u>	
Balance at March 31st 2006	<u>12,692.06€</u>	

4.1. Nothing further to report at this time

5. Welfare Officer's Report: -

06B: - Application submitted for grant to supply EVP. EVP supplied initially on short-term hire. RAFBF requested quote for vehicle and medical report on applicants' ability to operate it, passed with flying colours. Documents sent to RAFBF and received email that funds to be forwarded imminently.

05AA: - Loan repaid – cheque forwarded to RAFBF

06C: - Provision of Annual Maintenance Grant taken over from RBL to improve speed of delivery of funds. 2006 grant transferred to RAFA Benalmádena account on 21st March 2006. Arranged to deliver first quarter payment to claimant on 23rd March. General Needs additional payment cheque to be delivered early April.

06D: - Application submitted for 2-week respite break in Richard Peck House, Lytham St. Annes. Completed Medical Questionnaire and sent direct to Home Manager. Verbal confirmation received that request has been approved, awaiting further details on timing etc.

06E: - Met gentleman, at his request, in café in Parque de la Paloma. Had great difficulty in determining what he wanted from RAFA. Since he wouldn't give me his address or telephone number I was unable to contact him, Ongoing investigation.

06F: - Application submitted for assistance to purchase hearing aid. RAFBF requested Doctor's note and quotes for device. These have been supplied and forwarded to RAFBF. Funds have now been forwarded, cheque delivered tomorrow.

06G: - Claimant who is experiencing legal problems regarding the registration of his property, requires help with legal expenses. Also applied for help with new glasses and dentures. Application forwarded to RAFBF

03P: - Elderly claimant in need of financial assistance for care home, medical treatment and flight home. Application has been made to RAFBF for a loan; this will be repaid when the claimants' apartment has been sold. If loan can't be obtained from RAFBF request Branch Assistance

Case 06H: - Ex RAF – fell off his scooter and suffered broken leg. Concern about mobility once he had recovered. May need a wheelchair, can hire from RBL. Will visit next week to assess requirement

- 5.1. It was determined that the easiest way to resolve the issue of the transfer of funds from the Algarrobo branch is to write a letter requesting the transfer of funds to our account and for Steve Mullis to sign this letter as a signatory on the account.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. Takings from the collection boxes for the year so far amount to 206.33€. It was reiterated that at the next committee meeting we would put together the structure we will use to improve collecting methods and practices and that members would come up with ideas for new places for collecting boxes and new ways of raising funds.
- 6.2. Brian Martin has prepared a survey document which will 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. The forthcoming social events were discussed (full details will appear in the News Letter) and it was generally thought the planned events were very good and should suit a large number of our members.
- 7.2. It was again stressed that 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. Sponsorship has been donated by the Euoweekly to pay for the expenses of the event so it is expected that the Branch should profit well from the day.
- 7.3. Steve Mullis is to approach the base at Gibraltar to see if we can organize a trip there later this year.

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1. The plans for the Band Concert are progressing well, Reg Haywood and Brian Marsh are to meet again in Mid April to finalise the plans for publicity and ticket sales, promotion of this event is due to start in early June.

9. Other Notified Items:-

- 9.1. No notified items.

10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1. Fred Briggs reported that he has located a source of Football Cards for fund raising and was given the go ahead to purchase a supply for branch use.
- 10.2. Brian Marsh is to look into the possibility of registering the branch as a Spanish registered charity in order to change our status at the bank and to make it easier for us to set up fund raising events in Spanish locations.

11. Date of Next Meeting:- Wednesday 3rd May 2006, at 20.00, The Galaxy Bar, Benalmádena

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25 hrs