

Royal Air Forces Association - BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The British Legion Club, Avenida. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 20.00 on Wednesday 12th July 2006

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Steve Mullis	Chairman
Brian Martin	Wings Appeal
Fred Briggs	Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood	Treasurer
Corinne Mudie	Welfare

Associate Members

Julie Mullis	Social Events Coordinator
Alan Gibson	Auditor

1. **Apologies were received from:** Derek Brown – Welfare, Iris Dober – Welfare, Sandra Martin – Social Events Coordinator
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting: -**
 - 3.1. 7.4 The Chairman reported that the Xmas Draw tickets had been ordered at a cost of 87.59p
4. **Treasurers Report: -**

Income During May 2006		Outgoings during May 2006	
Membership Subscription	42.00€	Membership Subscriptions to CHQ	32.20€
Branch Subscriptions	45.00€	Welfare Case 06G	1040.00€
Mijas Int Day Funds Repaid	500.00€	Welfare 06B Payment of Qtly	
International Day Balloon Race		Maintenance Grant	190.00€
Ibex Insurance Sponsorship	1,500.00€	Welfare 06J Payment for	
Welfare from RAFBF		Residential Care Home Stay	500.00€
One off Grant Case 06G	1,035.21€	Welfare Telephone Calls	35.24€
RAF Band Tour 2006		Welfare Travel Expenses	130.34€
Donation from RAF Music Trust	2,866.24€	Bank Commission	9.25€
Total	<u>6,819.85€</u>	Postage	14.68€
		Stationery	2.50€
		Mijas Balloon Race	900.00€
		Mijas Int Day(Food)	5.25€
		Mijas International Day	
		RAF Band Tour 2006	
		Deposit for Coach	500.00€
		RAF Band Tour 2006	
		Toll Charges to Gib	14.50€
		Total	<u>3381.18€</u>
Balance at 31st May 2006	<u>13,065.17€</u>		

5. Welfare Officer's Report: -

5.1. Cases Handled

Case 06B - Applied for Annual Maintenance Grant, this has been accepted but only at 50% of what was requested.

Case 06C - Provision of Annual Maintenance Grant taken over from RBL to improve speed of delivery of funds.

Have delivered first two quarterly payments on 23rd March and 1st May. Next payment due 1st August.

Case 06D - Application submitted for elderly couple to have 2 week respite break in Richard Peek House, Lytham St Annes. They are very happy with arrangements. Update – wife is now not fit to travel, but husband will still go to Richard Peek House in Lytham. Due to their deteriorating health, have been assisting daughter in finding accommodation in local Residential Care Home for a short period.

Case 03P - Update on Gentleman who has now returned to South Africa. The apartment has now been sold and are awaiting receipt of cheque for repayment of loan.

Case 06J - Retired Squadron Leader (DFC), with no travel insurance, while on holiday in Spain, fell and broke his hip. Given hip replacement in Costa del Sol Hospital. We were contacted by his friends as the hospital were asking for him to be removed about 10 days after the operation. Found a place for him in Girasol Residential Home in Los Boliches. Forwarded 500€ deposit from branch for stay of up to a month. Applied to RAFBF for funds of up to 2850€ to cover stay of up to one month.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. Brian Martin presented the committee with a breakdown of the Wings Appeal money collected from the various establishments' participation in the Povey Trophy, a breakdown of which is published in the latest newsletter. This has resulted in the Rima Bar retaining the trophy with the Freezer Shop in Alahaurin el Grande coming second. A presentation to both winners would be made in the near future, providing a propeller for the second place trophy could be located.
- 6.2. Brian Martin was presented numerous branch survey replies, which he would be going over in the next month to analyse the various responses.
- 6.3. It was pointed out that it would be nice to be able to have the presentation made to the management at Malaga Airport prior to the start of this year's Wings Week. The Chairman reminded Brian Martin that all those collecting at the airport must supply their NIE or passport details to Brian ASAP. He also said that he would forward contact details to him prior to the next meeting.

7. Social Events Report: -

7.1. The Report from Julie Bradly

- a) **Mijas Day** "First of all Steve & I would like to thank everybody that helped us on the Friday night and on the day. Also, for all the food, a big thank you to all who were involved. It was a very slow start this year, but when it got going it was good. The balloons were a great interest, but we could have sold more, it is something we have already listed down for improvement next year. It was a good job we had sponsors, if we hadn't we would not have made a profit on the day. This year we showed an overall profit on Mijas Day of **436.12€**. The balloon race shows a profit of **561.10€**, with the prize money of 600€ being kept separate. The Wings Appeal raised **17.16€**.

The mural that was painted by Jenny & Peter Witchall was quite an eye catcher. Steve & I are already thinking of some different ideas for next year, if any of you have any ideas, please let us have them."

It was stated that should we not receive any of the balloon tags back by 15th September, a winner would be found by drawing one of a 1,000 tickets relating to each of the balloons released. The boss of Ibex Insurance, Miss Madoc, has stated she is more than happy to present the winner with their cheque on the 17th September at the Wings Appeal Buffet Bash.

- b) **Coach Trip** "The trip was enjoyed by those who came on it. It was a very good day, just a shame that some of our members were on holiday, others had friends or family over, (shame they didn't bring them) and others were too busy or just couldn't be bothered. We had a 50-seater coach with only 28 on board, out of them just 9 were members and 20 non-members, unfortunately Reg, who was number 9, couldn't come at the last minute, as he wasn't well. Thank goodness that a couple of us know people that want to go on trips & help RAFA. If it hadn't been for them we would have lost a lot of money, as it was this trip showed a slight loss. From those who came we have received a positive response. I only hope that if we put the same effort into another trip that we receive a far better response from the branch members."

- 7.2. The Branch Chairman stated that following the Branch Anniversary Dinner at the Sensara Complex, a bill for 21.90€ was left by different people for unpaid drinks. This money was taken from the takings in the raffle. **The Chairman and the Committee were unanimous in condemning those who deliberately failed to pay their bills.** For all future events it will be impossible to run a bill for drinks on the night, the branch will no longer be held responsible for member's debts.

- 7.3. Following a presentation of the menu and price offered by the Sunset Beach Club for the Branch Christmas Dinner, it was decided to look elsewhere for this year's event. Many of the Committee voiced their opinion for moving the event inland as it was getting harder and harder each year to get a venue large enough at a competitive price. It was pointed out that last year an offer was made by Aguamania to host the event, with a coach being laid on for those members living on the coast that required it, the event could still be laid on at a price of under 30€. A menu was agreed upon and the committee agreed unanimously to book the event providing Aguamania could match our requirements.

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1. Reg Haywood stated that all was on target for the band concert and that he expected to have the tickets and posters delivered to him by courier in the next few days when they would be passed out to the committee members etc. The Chairman was organizing to the radio promotion over the next few weeks plus Reg was sending various notices to the local press. All in all it is hoped that this year's event will prove a greater success than last year's despite what seems to be a later start of actually selling the tickets. Various aspects of the night were discussed and it was pointed out that the committee needs the full support of branch members, not only in buying the tickets to attend but also in assisting the committee at the various jobs that need doing on the night.

9. Other Notified Items:-

9.1. No notified items.

10. Any Other Business: -

10.1. No other business.

11. Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 1st August 2006, at 20.00, The British Legion Club, Benalmádena

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.50 hrs