

# 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 Tuesday 1st August 2006

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

### Members

Steve Mullis	Chairman
Reg Haywood	Treasurer
Brian Martin	Wings Appeal
Fred Briggs	Vice Chairman
Derek Brown	Welfare

### Associate Members

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

1. **Apologies were received from:** Iris Dober – Welfare, Corinne Mudie – Welfare
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were agreed and would be signed by the Chairman after the original item listed as 5:1 were deleted.**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -
  - 3.1. There were no matter arising.
4. **Treasurers Report:** -

### Income During July 2006

Membership Renewals	101.78€
Membership Subscriptions	21.00€
Branch Subscriptions	126.11€
International Day Balloon Race	561.10€
Mijas Int Day Sales etc	436.12€
RAF Band Tour Ticket Sales	276.00€
RAFATRAD	25.50€
Social Raffle	138.10€
Welfare	60.00€
Branch O/S Acc	92.40€
Wings Appeal	121.09€
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1959.20€</u></b>

### Outgoings during July 2006

Membership Renewals to CHQ	76.30€
Membership Subscriptions to CHQ	21.00€
Welfare Travel Expenses	74.20€
Bank Commission	1.75€
Postage	51.00€
Stationery	16.90€
Photocopying	15.00€
RAF Band Tour Hotel Deposit	876.00€
Social	9.00€
Telephone	6.00€
Branch O/S Account	393.00€
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1535.25€</u></b>

Balance at 31st July 2006 **13,489.12€**

## 5. Welfare Officer's Report: -

### 5.1. Cases Handled

**Case 06D** - Husband currently on respite break, the wife is back at home being looked after by their daughter. They have expressed a wish to see if it is possible for them to go into Sussexdown on a permanent basis. Have contacted Mike McCourt with reference to this and he is forwarding an application form.

**Case 03P** - We have now received the cheque with reference to outstanding loans etc. This has been sent to the RAFBF and been cleared.

#### **CASE CLOSED**

**Case 06J** - Retired Squadron Leader (DFC), on the day before he was due to return to England after having a hip replacement he had a further fall and hurt his back. Will be reassessed week commencing 7/8/06. Further complications due to his friends having to return to England and having to go into hospital themselves, so therefore unable to return to Spain to escort him home. However a cousin has been found who visits the area regularly who will take him home. There are, however, further complications, reference payment. If the RAFBF do not agree to release the funds to cover his stay, he only has a credit card, which the home will not accept.

## 6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. Brian Martin stated that the princely sum of just 22.16€ was collected since the last meeting and requested that those members entrusted in collecting money from the different tins ensured that this was carried out.
- 6.2. Brian Martin stated that there were still gaps in this year's coverage at the airport and requested assistance from the committee. Julie Mullis was volunteered to phone round the members on her helpers list and hopefully fill some of the gaps.
- 6.3. Further to last month's comments reference the presentation of two shields to the airport at Malaga. Sandra updated the committee reference these shields and informed the Chairman after the meeting that these would ready for collection on the 21st August.
- 6.4. Brian Martin stated that he would away from Malaga and his duties from the 12/09/06 until 19/10/06.

## 7. Social Events Report: -

### 7.1. The Report from Julie Mullis

- a) Following the decision to hold the Christmas Dinner at Aguamania, Julie informed that the venue had been booked and that the menu had been agreed with the chef. Details are contained in this month's newsletter. Tickets will be available by the end of August. Brian Martin requested if there was a lower price if people were not using the coach. It was pointed out that items like these had been discussed at the previous meeting and that there was one price for the event whether people used the coach or their own transport. As in previous years people obviously live different distances from the venue but there has always been just one price. The Chairman stated that the price had been worked out to hopefully cover the cost of any size coach that was required and that as in previous years it has never been the intention of the organizers to make a large profit from the event, but to ensure that the branch is not out of pocket. The price therefore reflects all the items included in what has become a major event in the branch's social calendar. It was stated that great interest has been shown from various quarters other than branch members, so once, again it was advised for early booking by members as places are limited.

- 7.2. Sandra Martin stated that the entertainment for the Battle of Britain Buffet Bash had been booked @ a cost of 150€. The entertainment is "The Rachael Storme Duo"

## 8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1. Reg Haywood updated the committee on the final planning for the Band Concert and all things seemed to be progressing well. Final decisions would be made for the various jobs that needed to be done on the night to ensure that the entry procedure is smoother than last year, as it was felt that this was a major hiccup on the night. It is hoped that due to the fact that this year since we have the experience of the venue we should be able to improve on this aspect of the night.
- 8.2. Brian Martin stated that he had approached the local rep regarding his offer to give us exposure in the newspaper before the Band concert, and that he was still waiting for a response.
- 8.3. **It was decided to hold a extraordinary committee meeting prior to the band concert on Wednesday 22nd August @ 8pm**

## 9. Other Notified Items:-

- 9.1. No notified items.

## 10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1. No other business.

## 11. Date of Next Meeting:- **Wednesday 6th September 2006, at 20.00, The British Legion Club, Benalmádena**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.50 hrs