

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 6th September 2006

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

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| Steve Mullis | Chairman |
| Derek Brown | Welfare |
| Brian Martin | Wings Appeal |
| Fred Briggs | Vice Chairman |

Associate Members

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

1. **Apologies were received from:** Reg Haywood: Treasurer, Corinne Mudie: Welfare
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were agreed and would be signed by the Chairman**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -
 - 3.1. There were no matter arising.
4. **Treasurers Report:** -
 - 4.1. Due to the fact that Reg Haywood was attending a Welfare course in UK, the treasurer's report would be held until the next meeting.
5. **Welfare Officer's Report:** -
 - 5.1. Derek Brown reported that he had had discussions with a neighbour in Valtocado who is the training director of age concern UK on the possibility of their organisation assisting in welfare cases in Spain. I will discuss this with the British consul in Malaga to see if there is a useful resource for us.
Derek also reported that Lindy Jordan, ex-RBL member, is willing to help out in any welfare items, assessment visits, hospital calls etc she speaks fluent Spanish and has own transport.
 - 5.2. **Cases Handled**

Case 06J - Retired Squadron Leader (DFC), Alan Gibson reported that he was still in the care home and it was hoped that before the next meeting he would have been transported back to UK. The Chairman added that he understood that RAFBF had agreed to cover his stay in the home. A further update is expected at the October meeting.

New Case (as yet un-numbered) - exRAF RAFA member living near Almeria seeking some financial assistance, have made several attempts to contact by phone with no success so far. When contact made will explore possibility of local RBL branches near Almeria assisting with assessment visit.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. Brian Martin was pleased to report that everything seemed to be in place for the forthcoming Wings Week collection at the Airport. There were a couple of minor tweaks to be done before the start but he was confident that it would be a successful week. Brian wished everyone a good Wings Week and hoped he would be kept updated on its progress when he departed on his holiday.
- 6.2. It was announced that the presentation of the shields to the Operations Director at Malaga Airport would take place on the forthcoming Friday at midday. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Wings Appeal Organizer would be present. It was hoped also that there would be press coverage by the Euro Weekly News

7. Social Events Report: -

- 7.1. Report from Julie Mullis and Sandra Martin
 - a) It was reported that the Wings Appeal Buffet Bash was fully organized; tickets for this and for the Christmas Dinner were distributed to the Committee Members. Each Committee Member was also issued with a quantity of Christmas Raffle Tickets. The Report from Julie Mullis

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1. There were no other reports

9. Other Notified Items:-

- 9.1. No notified items.

10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1. The Chairman thanked all those present for their efforts on the Band Concert night. He stated that despite the extra charge made by the Town Hall for the venue it provisionally looked as if we could still show a similar profit to the previous year. Much work would be need for the concert to be held in 2007, and the Chairman declared that there is NO way that it would end up with one person doing virtually all the work. The committee looked forward to a report from Reg Haywood at the next meeting so that his ideas could be listened to and discussed at length over the forthcoming months.

11. Date of Next Meeting:- Wednesday 4th October 2006, at 20.00, The British Legion Club, Benalmádena

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00 hrs