

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 4th October 2006

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Steve Mullis	Chairman
Reg Haywood	Treasurer
Corrine Mudie	Welfare
Derek Brown	Welfare

Associate Members

Julie Mullis	Social Events Coordinator
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1. **Apologies were received from:** Fred Briggs, Alan Gibson, Brian Martin, Catherine Heritage
2. **The minutes from the last meeting unable to be accepted since the majority of those present were not at previous meeting, so it was decided to hold these over until the next meeting when hopefully sufficient members would be present.**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting: -**
 - 3.1. There were no matter arising.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Balance at 31 st July 2006	<u>13,489.12€</u>
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Income During July 2006

Membership Renewals	50.89€
Membership Subscription	75.00€
Social Income	162.00€
Wings Appeal – Airport	2,113.70€
Wings Appeal – Year Round	389.35€
Branch Trading	28.00€
Donation	28.00€
RAF Band Tour Ticket Sales	5,322.00€
Welfare	60.00€
Branch O/S Acc	38.15€
Welfare Income	3,000.00€

Total	<u>11,216.09€</u>
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Outgoings during July 2006

Membership Renewals to HQ	38.15€
Mijas International Day	500.00€
Branch Trading	7.00€
RAF Band Tour Expenses	4,466.18€
Social Expenses	45.76€
Bank Commission	9.25€
Photocopying	19.20€
Postage	31.39€
RAFA Conference	79.50€
Stationary	64.95€
Welfare Outing	3,983.45€
Misc Expenses	104.00€

Total	<u>9,348.83€</u>
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Balance at 30th Sept 2006	<u>15,356.38€</u>
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- 4.1. Reg Haywood also informed the Committee that the RAF Band Tour produced ticket sales of 5598.00€ from the 469 people who attended the concert. The donation of 2866.24€ gave a total income of 8464.24€ from which there were expenses of some 5856.68€ giving the branch an overall profit of 2607.56€, which was comparable to the previous year even taking into account the large hire cost of the venue this year. He stated that despite certain reservations voiced he felt that the venue, despite its cost was the best available and that for the proposed concert next year he would be investigating the possibility of corporate sponsorship. The committee agreed that this was paramount to the branch being able to hold the concert and that a committee must be put in place to help coordinate the concert as it was very unfair to expect one person to shoulder all the work involved.

5. Welfare Officer's Report: -

- 5.1. Derek Brown reported that the Welfare team remained unchanged.
- 5.2. The case that was being dealt with in the Almeria area was in a position of on hold as we were waiting for an assessment report to be forwarded to us from the RBL in the area before we could proceed. Concern was shown by all those present as to the problems that the time factor involved by having things going via RBL headquarters instead of being sent to us might cause. It was felt that in future these cases must be sent to the nearest RAFA branch to expedite things. It was decided to contact the case in person to find out what the situation was.
- 5.3. Derek also stated that he will progress discussion with the British consul on possible Age Concern UK co-operation with welfare matters in Spain on his return from his holiday late in November.
- 5.4. There is also a possibility of a legacy offer to RAFA from a Malaga source. Further details as soon as he is in a position to do so.
- 5.5. There followed a major discussion on the welfare side of the branch and it was agreed that members needed to be aware that this is what the branch is all about. That the social side of the branch was there to help this side of our work. The Chairman requested that each member of the welfare team forward him a resume of their thoughts of the welfare work of the branch for inclusion in the branch newsletter.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. Since Brian Martin was not available to give his report the Chairman passed on Brian's thanks concerning the efforts put in during the Wings Week at the Airport when over 6,000€ was collected

7. Social Events Report: -

- 7.1. Report from Julie Mullis and Sandra Martin
 - a. Julie reported that unfortunately Sandra Martin had resigned from the Social Team for personnel reasons as from the end of September. The committee thanked Sandra for her hard work over the past few years since she joined the branch and the committee.
 - b. The Battle of Britain Buffet Bash was an overall success with the raffle raising some 135.00€
 - c. Work was now continuing towards the Christmas Dinner, Christmas Draw and the Remembrance Day evening meal. Details to be given at the next meeting.

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1. The Chairman reported that everything hopefully was in place for the Remembrance Day Parade and that he was in conference with the new Chaplin at St George's. This year we are to be joined the Torremolinos RBL and the RNA from Torre del Mar. Details would be sent to all those concerned as soon as it was finalized.

9. Other Notified Items:-

9.1. No notified items.

10. Any Other Business: -

10.1. There was no other business.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.50 hrs