

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 1st November 2006

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

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

Associate Members

Julie Mullis	Social Events Coordinator
Alan Gibson	Auditor

1. **Apologies were received from:** Derek Brown, Corrine Mudie, Catherine Heritage
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. None.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Balance at 30th Sept 2006	<u>15,356.38€</u>
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Income During Oct 2006

Social – Wings Social	66.00€
Wings Appeal Airport	2,495.74€
Wings Appeal Year-round	16.29€

Outgoings during Oct 2006

Social – Wings Social	95.27€
Social – Draw Tickets	134.58€
Bank Commission	47.83€
Photocopying	73.50€
Postage	6.76€
Stationery	31.90€
Telephone Calls	12.00€
Welfare Travel	70.70€
Welfare Telephone Calls	12.55€
Wings Appeal to CHQ	7654.53€

Total	<u>2,578.03€</u>
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Total	<u>8139.62€</u>
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Balance at 30th Sept 2006	<u>9,794.76€</u>
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5. Welfare Officer's Report: -

5.1. Cases Handled

Case 06L - Gentleman in Almeria requesting financial assistance. Because of distance involved case was referred to local RBL Branch. No feedback received except from the gentleman himself to say that his request had been refused. Don't know whether this refusal was from RBL or RAFBF. Have contacted RAFA Overseas Welfare Officer and requested clarification. Awaiting feedback.

Case 06M - Lady in Benalmádena (90) requesting assistance and advice on finding a Residential Home where she could retire to in a year or two. She had visited several homes herself but found none suitable. Visited Jacaranda (Alhaurin de la Torre) with her. Received a subsequent call a week later saying she had had a fall and, on the advice of her son, planned to sell her apartment and move into Jacaranda. Contacted some estate agents on her behalf. She also asked if she could go into Jacaranda for a month in December. Arranged this subject to availability.

Case 06N - Following a call from Torre del Mar RBL, contacted a lady in Algorroba who wanted to look into the possibility of retiring to a RAFA home. Made arrangements to visit but she called off due to a hospital appointment. She would contact me to rearrange appointment.

Case 06O - Call from Overseas Welfare Officer (Mike McCourt) ref a lady in Mijas Costa requesting information on UK Sheltered Housing. Mike McCourt mailed some information to her and copied me via email. Contacted the lady, who had received the information, and asked if she wanted me to visit. She will contact me if required.

5.2. Reported on the untimely death on September 7th of one of our members, Ann Badham. Had helped her in the past with hospital visits during her long battle against cancer. Was also able to help her family from UK during Ann's last few days and in making arrangements for her funeral.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

6.1. Brian Martin stated that he had been pleased with the overall success of the Wings Appeal this year but was looking forward to future methods of increasing the member's participation in the methods of raising even more money for the flagship of the Association. To this end it was decided that in the New Year, each member would be posted a personnel collection box for their small change.

6.2. Brian also announced that the branch had been given free of charge a stall at the Sol Andalusi Christmas Fayre being held on Saturday 18th November. It was hoped that this would help raise the branches profile plus monies for the various things the branch was currently involved in.

7. Social Events Report: -

7.1. Report from Julie Mullis

- a) Julie reported that 10 Christmas Draw tickets had been sent out to each member who received their newsletter etc by post to enable them to either sell them to their friends or purchase them themselves. If this method proved to be a success tickets would be sent out earlier next year.
- b) The Christmas Dinner preparations were proceeding well and all that was required now was the branch members to respond by purchasing the tickets to reserve their meal. The President of the European area has confirmed he will be attending with his wife as will the RAF Gibraltar RAFALO.
- c) The Remembrance Day evening meal was going to be held at Eduardo's restaurant and it was hoped that this evening would become an annual event.

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. It was decided to hold the branch AGM on Wednesday 24th January at 2pm at the British Legion Club, Avenida. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel. The Secretary stated that he would be sending out the necessary forms to ALL members early in December to give enough time to plan their attendance and to ensure that all necessary nominations are put forward within the required time. **The Chairman stated that because he would be putting himself forward to stand on the European Area Committee as vice chairman, he would not be standing for re-election as Chairman.** After further discussion it was also decided that the branch would fall into line with various other branches on the area in allowing any branch member to stand on the branch committee. This will allow associate and full members to stand for any position on the branch committee except for the position of President, as this is done by invitation. It is therefore hoped that this will encourage more members to put themselves forward to help move the branch forward and to address any side of the association they feel needs improvement. **The moral being if you don't like the way things are currently done, come forward and help change them!!!**

10.2. It was pointed out to the Secretary about the slowness in the production of the minutes of the meetings. He replied that due to his other commitments reference work plus his duties as Chairman and Branch delegate the production of the minutes and newsletter did sometimes fall behind schedule. This would hopefully be assisted if each committee member who made a report at any meeting, forward this to him asap after the meeting as he had previously requested. To date only the welfare team, seem to make this effort. He also stated that the Newsletter contained a next edition date by which time it **would** be produced, in the post and sent to the web master.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45 hrs