

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 3rd January 2007

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

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

Associate Members

Julie Mullis	Social Events Coordinator
Alan Gibson	Auditor

1. **Apologies were received from:** Alan Gibson - Auditor
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were signed and accepted.**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -

3.1. None.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Balance at 30th Nov 2006	<u>9,901.816€</u>
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Income During December 2006

Membership Subscriptions	14.00€
Branch Subscriptions	15.00€
Wings Appeal Year-Round	170.39€
Social Income	1,437.25€
Donations	3.10€
Welfare Income RAFBF	500.00€

Total	<u>2,139.74€</u>
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Balance at 30th Dec 2006	<u>10,520.39€</u>
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Outgoings during December 2006

Membership Subs to CHQ	5.95€
Social Expenses	333.32€
Photocopying	16.44€
Postage	75.05€
RAFA Conference	157.60€
Welfare Travel	197.05€
Telephone Calls	10.00€
Welfare Grant Payment	690.00€
Bank Commission	9.25€

Total	<u>1,521.16€</u>
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5. Welfare Officer's Report: -

5.1. Cases Handled - Welfare Report October 2006 to Committee Wednesday 6th December

The following report was given by the Welfare Officers present:

Case 06K – Elderly gentleman in hospital terminally ill – took wife and family to hospital on two occasions.

Case 06G – Gentleman living in campo had received a letter from Ayuntamiento he believed was a notice of eviction. Contacted Bev Warnes, who agreed to translate the letter for him if he could get it to her. Gave him her contact details

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

6.1. It was announced that the winners of the Povey Trophy was the Freezer Shop in Alhaurin el Grande. Brian Martin and Fred Briggs were sorting out an appropriate time for presenting the trophy to them. A final table was to be sent to the editor of the newsletter to be hopefully inserted in the next newsletter.

7. Social Events Report: -

7.1. Julie Mullis was pleased to present her final report for 2006 to the committee but stressed that even though she was standing down at the AGM, she and Steve were more than happy to organize the branches participation at the Mijas International Day, the Remembrance Day at St George's Chapel and the Christmas Raffle should the incoming Committee want.

She was pleased to report on the semi success of the Christmas Dinner held at Aguamania. Our guests of honour expressed their pleasure at the organization of the event and were pleased to have been invited. Regular attendees stated that it was possibly the best dinner that had attended. Unfortunate and unavoidable circumstances caused an overall loss on the night of 2.10€ but Julie stated that had we had better support of the event by the members of the branch.

The Grand Christmas Raffle this year proved to be the most successful ever held with an overall profit of 1,169.75€. We would like to thank all of those who generously gave prizes for the draw plus all those who purchased tickets. Once again it would have been nice to see a few different faces at the draw night but thanks must go to them for turning out yet again to support the efforts of the organizers.

Although Julie is standing down at the AGM, the first event of 2007, the Pre Valentines Day Buffet Bash on the 10th February at the Galaxy Bar, has been booked and organized. Tickets will be available at the AGM at a cost of 5€ for members and 7€ for non-members, which is an amazingly low price for any event that includes entertainment and a buffet. She hoped that more members would make the effort to attend this & future events that the new committee organized.

Julie Mullis reported that the Remembrance Day Evening meal was a great success and hopefully it would turn in to an annual event. It was pointed out that it might be better to hold it as a lunch rather than an evening event. The logistics of the work that is done at the church after the Remembrance Service would cause problems with this but it was a point worth noting and possibly the new committee would work to those ends.

8. Any Other Reports: -

8.1. None

9. Other Notified Items:-

9.1. No notified items.

10. Any Other Business: -

10.1. It was requested of the Hon Secretary to obtain some RAFA 2007 diaries. Steve Mullis stated that he would ensure that he had some for the AGM, but had in fact held back from committing branch money to these this year as in previous year's there had always been stock left over that had to be given away as raffle prizes meaning a possible financial loss for the branch.

10.2. With reference to the charitable status of the branch, the Secretary stated that he had passed the papers provided by the previous Secretary to Reg Haywood and had advised him that it might be prudent to contact the British Consulate who had recently put the British cemetery on a charity footing and might be able to advise on the possible pitfalls. He also stated that he would get in contact with the Costa Blanca North Branch who also have been given Spanish Charity status and see the possibilities of following the course of the RBL of having just one charity registration for all branches here in Spain.

11. Date of Next Meeting:- Wednesday 7rd February 2007, at 20.00, The British Legion Club, Benalmádena

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00 hrs