

# 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 7th February 2007

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

### Members

Fred Briggs	Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood	Treasurer
Corinne Mudie	Vice Chairman
Steve Mullis	Chairman
Derek Brown	Welfare
Cedric Sayce	Public Relations

### Associate Members

Patrick Sweeney	Social Events Coordinator
Alan Gibson	Auditor

1. **Apologies were received from:** Catherine Heritage
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 31st Dec 2006	<u>10,520.39€</u>
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#### **Income During January 2007**

Welfare Income RAFBF	3,100.00€
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#### **Outgoings during December 2006**

Welfare Grant Payment	3,100.00€
Welfare Travel	66.50€
Welfare Telephone Calls	35.40€
Stationary	5.25€

Total	<u>3,100.00€</u>
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Total	<u>3,207.15€</u>
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Balance at 31st January 2007	<u>10,413.24€</u>
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Mr Reg Haywood, the Hon Treasurer, answered various points concerning the general running of the branch funds. It was suggested that with the increase in the welfare side of the branches activities it might be prudent to issue the welfare team with phone cards as required. He accepted the point and would look into the financial side of this as against the current method.

## **5. Welfare Officer's Report: -**

5.1. It was proposed by Corinne Mudie and seconded by Derek Brown that in future the welfare report would no longer include details of individual cases in order to protect their confidentiality. This has come about due to the large increase in the case- load of the welfare team against that of when the branch was first set up. The committee agreed unanimously with this decision.

It was also proposed that whilst the British Consulate held details of those people who decided to register with them, many occasions arise with the welfare team, where cases quite often do not have any next of kin contact details etc when required and quite often the cases were not always in a position to be able to give these details at that time, the branch would therefore offer all its members the opportunity of having next of kin details etc registered along side there membership details. These details would, of course, be confidential. The Secretary promised to look into the details of setting this up.

The welfare team also agreed to meet 1 hour before each committee meeting in order to collate their report.

5.2. The branches welfare report is therefore as follows:

The team currently comprises of: Derek Brown HWO, Reg Haywood, and Corinne Mudie.

6 cases have been attended since the last committee meeting

The team will arrange a meeting with the British Consul, Mr Bruce McIntyre, to discuss the development of a welfare resources database for the Andalucia region to consolidate all relevant information and set up a regular updating procedure for such data.

## **6. Wings Appeal Report: -**

6.1. Since Brian Martin was not in attendance there was not a Wings Appeal report given. However a request from a member to have his Wings Appeal Collection Box picked up was received and the Secretary promised to pass on the details to Brian.

## **7. Social Events Report: -**

7.1. The new social events coordinator, Patrick Sweeney, gave his ideas for future events to try and fill the social calendar for 2007. Some new ideas are intended to be started, like the "Lunch Club" and the opportunity to go on various trips away around the cities of Andalucia.

The Mijas International Day, (Saturday 9th June) is still going to be organized by Steve & Julie Mullis but Patrick would be assisting so as to gain the necessary details for the future. The Christmas raffle is to be run by Steve & Julie Mullis with the Christmas Dinner being run by the social committee.

Patrick hoped that the branch members would support his efforts by turning up to the various events and trips being organized as without their support there is no point in having a social side to the branch.

## **8. Any Other Reports: -**

8.1. Reg Haywood gave a brief update concerning the RAF Central Band concert due to be held on Tuesday 28th August. The theme of the second half of the concert is to be "Last Night of the Proms".

8.2. Cedric Sayce stated that Brian Martin had requested that the current Povey Trophy be replaced with a more Air Force related trophy. He gave details of two different types of trophies and it was requested that he firm up the details with prices etc.

8.3. The Branch Secretary promised that each committee member would have an up to date list of members plus a list of all lapsed members. He stated that for the first time in 4 years the branch had not won the Overseas Trophy for increased membership as this had gone to the North Costa Blanca Branch. He also promised that all the necessary contact details on the Public Relations side would be forwarded to Cedric Sayce ASAP.

8.4. The Secretary brought it to the attention of the committee that the branches web page had been running now for nearly two years and that it would cost £5.62 to renew it for another 24 months. Andy Blyth stated it was more than happy to continue running the page. The committee agreed both these points.

**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 7th March 2007, at 20.00, The British Legion Club, Benalmádena**

Meeting closed at 21.50 hrs