

Royal Air Forces Association - BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The British Legion Club, Avenida de Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 20.00 on Wednesday 2nd May 2007

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

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

Associate Members

Alan Gibson Auditor

1. **Apologies were received from:** Patrick Sweeney, Derek Brown, Corinne Mudie.

2. **The minutes from the last meeting were signed and accepted.**

3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -

3.1. The Hon Secretary stated he had passed a reply from the Chairman of the Costa Blanca North branch with reference to the change in charity status of the branch to the Hon Treasurer. The Hon Treasurer stated that he would now follow this up.

4. **Treasurers Report:** -

Balance at 31st Mar 2007 13,702.62€

Income During April 2007

Branch Subscriptions	158.05€
Membership Renewals	103.60€
Branch Overseas Account	59.76€
Wings Appeal	151.30€
Welfare Payments	3,185.76€

Total 3,658.47€

Outgoings during April 2007

Membership Renewals to CHQ	74.76€
Welfare Expenses	143.50€
Welfare Payments	779.00€
Bank Commission	1.75€
Social (Wings Trophy)	100.00€
Postage	9.20€

Total 1,108.21€

Balance at 30th May 2007 14,485.59€

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

5.1. The welfare team attended one new case since the last meeting.

5.2. Reg Haywood also reported that Derek Brown had been working with a person who wished to bequeath all their assets to RAFA for welfare work. Details had also been passed to another previous branch welfare case that wished to include RAFA in their will.

6. **Wings Appeal Report:** -

6.1. Brian Martin stated that current money collected on the Wings Appeal is 110euro in front of last years figure at this stage. He further stated that he was in discussions with the Hon Treasurer in order to set up a system of collating monies collected that was slightly less confusing and more effective.

He then invited Cedric Sayce to update the committee on the progress of the production of the new Wings Appeal trophies. Cedric showed a partially finished trophy, which is just awaiting the delivery from America of the aircraft models. He stated that when these arrived the trophies could hopefully be easily completed and the committee could then decide on which would be utilized as 1st & 2nd prizes.

7. Social Events Report: -

- 7.1. Since Patrick Sweeney was absent from the meeting, the Chairman ran through the various events on the social calendar. It was pointed out that late posting on the web page might contribute to low attendance at various events, but the editor of the newsletter stated that all events had been on the web page for more than a month and the only new item added on the latest update was the Summer Ball which is not due until the end of June. He apologized on behalf of the webmaster, for the late up date but he (the webmaster) had been away & had forgotten to update the page. This had now been done with the updates on the committee meetings due in the next few days. A couple of errors on the web page were pointed out to the editor who would pass these onto Andy.

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1. Central Band visit report for Committee Meeting 02/05/07
Torrevieja Branch have decided that they want to go ahead with a band concert there, so I have advised them that they will be responsible for all costs until the Band returns to Malaga. Their decision does however still impact on our own costs in that we will be faced with another night's hotel bill, as the Band will return from Torrevieja on Monday 27 August and our concert is on Tuesday 28 August.
Projected costs for our concert are as follows:
Hotel 3500, Auditorium 1500, Band subsistence and meal 1200, Transport 1000, Printing 800, total 8000€. We will receive from the RAF Music Trust a grant of 3600€, bringing our overall costs down to 4400€ approx. I'm also still waiting to hear back from the marketing dept of Sanyres Residential Homes to see if they are willing to sponsor the concert. If we sell about 500 tickets at 15€ each, shouldn't be a problem, that will generate 7500€, leaving us with an overall surplus of 3100€, on a par with previous years.
Now we know what Torrevieja are doing, we can move the planning phase forward in respect of liaising with Central Band personnel, designing and printing of publicity material, pre-publicity and booking of transport and hotel etc.
Steve Mullis pointed out that now was possibly the time in the preparations for this year's event to prepare the members responsible for the Wings Appeal etc with what would be required of their "departments" on the night since although the concert is a social event it is also a major fund raiser on behalf of the branch and the Wings Appeal.
- 8.2. Summer Ball Report
Brian Martin updated the committee on the plans for the Summer Ball. Because the initial entertainment booked had decided to "do the dirty" on us, Brian had had to look elsewhere for entertainment. He has provisionally reserved the services of a quartet called "Serenade". After discussing the financial implications of this change, in which certain reservations were voiced, it was decided unanimously to still back what was hoped would become an annual event in the branch's social calendar. (Prop. B. Martin, 2nd C. Sayce)
- 8.3. Public Relations
Cedric Sayce, the branches PR member, reported on the difficulties he was having with the various local newspapers on getting items into prints. He was hoping in the near future to actually meet with the various people required to try and eliminate this problem. The Hon Secretary stated that he was available to try and utilise the contacts he had within this media.

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 6th June 2007, at 20.00, The British Legion Club, Benalmádena

Meeting closed at 21.50 hrs