

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 6th June 2007

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

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

Associate Members

Patrick Sweeney	Social Events Coordinator
Alan Gibson	Auditor

1. **Apologies were received from:** Brian Martin.
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were signed and accepted.**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -
 - 3.1. There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Balance at 31st Apr 2007	<u>14,485.59€</u>
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Income During May 2007

Branch Subscriptions	105.00€
Membership Renewals	86.80€
Branch Overseas Account	65.10€
Wings Appeal	11.19€
Welfare Payments	9,900.00€

Total	<u>10,168.09€</u>
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Outgoings during May 2007

Membership Renewals to CHQ	65.10€
Welfare Expenses	272.15€
Welfare Payments	2,982.90€
Bank Commission	6.55€
Social	500.00€
Postage	33.81€
Photocopying	28.80€
Stationary	6.50€
Branch Trading Expenses	1,000.00€
Band Tour 2007-06-17	810.00€

Total	<u>5,705.81€</u>
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Balance at 31st May 2007	<u>18,947.87€</u>
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5. Welfare Officer's Report: -

- 5.1. No report forwarded to secretary.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. In Brian Martin's absence, the Secretary gave an update on monies collected for the Wings Appeal.
- 6.2. It was proposed by Reg Haywood & seconded by Alan Gibson that the soon to be old "Povey Trophy" be held in perpetuity by the Rima Bar in recognition of the monies that they had raised on behalf of the Wings Appeal. This was agreed unanimously.
- 6.3. It was reported that once again losses of the Wings Appeal Tins was becoming a problem. It was decided that each of the establishments with a collecting tin would be provided with a chain and padlock.

6.4. Cedric Sayce displayed the two new trophies for the branch's Wings Appeal. It is just now required to provide a good enough protective cover and they would be ready for presentation. Cedric was congratulated on the superb quality of the trophies and it was felt that any business would be proud to win either trophy.

7. Social Events Report: -

7.1. Patrick Sweeney requested that the branch make a decision on the location of the branch Christmas Dinner. It was decided that this year it would be held once again in Benalmádena at the Restaurant Chameleon, which is located just a few doors from the branches headquarters. A full cost price could now be worked out by the social team and be presented to the committee, hopefully at the next meeting.

8. Any Other Reports: -

8.1. Central Band visit report for Committee Meeting 02/05/07

The Hotel Ibis in Malaga has been booked and deposit paid for 27 and 28 August.

Poster and ticket design has gone to Printers. Proofs produced and agreed, gone on for printing. Currently working on Concert Programme.

Will be booking Band coach for Torrevieja trip once I have received the deposit from the Costa Blanca Branch. At the same time will book coach for the Benalmádena concert.

Expecting Band Sergeant (Flt Sgt Skelton) recce visit on 28 June.

Following the election of a new ruling council in Benalmádena, and when they have determined who is responsible for what, will revisit the ayuntamiento to ensure arrangements are still in place and try for a discount on the cost.

Agreed with committee that we will try to organise a "meet the band" social evening on Monday 27 August on their return from Torrevieja (night before our concert), subject to agreement with the band.

8.2. Summer Ball Report

The Secretary presented a request from Brian Martin that greater effort is made on ticket selling for the Summer Ball. Efforts were being made to get a guest speaker for the night. It was confirmed that the British Consul and his wife would be attending.

8.3. Mijas International Day

Steve Mullis reported that everything was hopefully in place for this year's event and that it just know required that the people turn up at the required times.

8.4. Conference Report

The Branch delegate gave a brief report on this year's annual conference. A report will appear in a future newsletter. Results of this year's resolutions are to be printed in the next newsletter. Derek Brown was congratulated on his European Area Presidential Certificate that he collected in Bournemouth. It was pointed out that the October Conference in 2008 is to be held once again in Spain this time on the north Costa Blanca. Both Derek and Steve encouraged all members to make every effort to attend this event.

9. Other Notified Items: -

9.1. It was proposed by Reg Haywood that the branch hold a social event, similar to the one held a couple of years ago for Nightingale House, for the residents of Villa Jacaranda, a residential care home that has been most helpful to the branch over the past few years. This was agreed, although it seemed more prudent to arrange this for later in the year once the summer was out of the way.

9.2. Brew for the Few.

A major item at this year's conference was the new items for the Wings Appeal. Brew for the Few is one method where ALL members have the opportunity of hosting an event from a small get together to a major event held by the branch. Details of this will appear in the newsletter.

10. Any Other Business: -

10.1. There was no other business.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 4th July 2007, at 20.00, The British Legion Club, Benalmádena

Meeting closed at 21.32 hrs