

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 19.00 on Wednesday 8th August 2007

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

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

Associate Members

Patrick Sweeney	Social Events Coordinator
Alan Gibson	Auditor

1. **Apologies were received from:** Derek Brown, Steve Mullis.
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 June 2007	<u>19,663.74€</u>
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Income During July 2007

Branch Subscriptions	30.00€
Membership Subscriptions	44.80€
Membership Renewals	32.20€
Wings Appeal	211.07€
Branch Overseas Account	58.38€
Social	2,972.72€
RAF Band Tour	4,381.33
Branch Trading	40.00€
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Total	<u>7,818.59€</u>
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Balance at 31st July 2007	<u>20,541.25€</u>
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Outgoings during July 2007

Membership Subscriptions to CHQ	34.44€
Membership Renewals to CHQ	23.94€
Welfare Expenses	578.31€
Welfare Payments	3,818.00€
Bank Commission	16.51€
Postage	1.00€
Stationary	3.00€
Social	2,167.19€
RAF Band Tour	214.15€
Mijas International Day	10.95€
Photocopying	15.00€
RAFA Conference	58.59€

Total	<u>6,941.08€</u>
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5. Welfare Officer's Report: -

- 5.1. One new case during July and the Welfare team continue to deal with ongoing cases.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. The Wings Appeal Trophy was presented to Charlie's Bar in Benalmádena on Monday 23rd July
- 6.2. It was proposed by Brian Martin that the Trophy be presented on an annual basis as opposed to six-monthly as is currently the case. This proposal was agreed by the Committee and would commence from January 2008.
- 6.3. Brian Martin reported that he had purchased a number of union flags to be sold at the band concert in aid of the Wings Appeal.

7. Social Events Report: -

A Quiz night was held at the Galaxy Bar on 8th August even in spite of a poor turnout we still managed to raise a few euros for our charity.

Sunday 16th September - Dinner for all those who are kindly giving their time to collecting at the airport during Wings Week.

Friday 28th September we will host a visit to the Galaxy Bar for Afternoon Tea for the residents of Villa Jacaranda

Sunday 11th November - Arrangements are in hand for tapas to be served after the service as in previous years.

Saturday 15th December

RAFA Annual Dinner

7pm for 7.30pm.

at The Chameleons Bistro and Bar, Avda.Bonanza, Local 7. Benalmádena Costa

Dancing to the music of Flashback

Cost Per Ticket 30 euros

Menu.

STILTON & BROCCOLI SOUP

DEEPFRIED MUSHROOMS

MELON & PRAWN COCKTAIL

ROAST TURKEY WITH TRIMMINGS

RIBEYE STEAK DIANE

SALMON NANTUA

ALL SERVED WITH FRESH VEGETABLE & POTATOES

CHRISTMAS PUDDING AND BRANDY SAUCE

FRESH FRUIT SALAD

JAMAICAN LEMON CHEESECAKE

COFFEE

1/2 BOTTLE HOUSE WINE PER PERSON, BREAD AND OLIVES.

Wednesday 19th December - RAFA Christmas Draw <Galaxy Bar 8pm. Any Donations from members would be appreciated contact Patrick Sweeney 952590609 or email wendyandpatsweeney@hotmail.com

Committee Meetings. 1st Wednesday of each month.

Whilst the committee meetings are in progress we gather for a social meeting at the Galaxy Bar, your Chairman's wife Barbara and Wendy Sweeney would be delighted to welcome any members who come along to meet us and have a chat or who might have some ideas for future events

8. Any Other Reports: -

8.1. RAF Central Band Visit

Report to Committee Meeting 8 August 2007

1. All resources have been booked apart from coach to transport Band from Hotel to Auditorium and return on day of concert, and coach to Gibraltar. This will be done next week once details are finalised for Monday evening meal.
2. Need go-ahead from Committee to pay balance of Torrevieja coach from Branch funds, as there may be a delay in getting funds from Torrevieja.

3. Newspaper publicity has been disappointing so far with only the Costa del Sol News bothering to print anything although both the Town Crier and Euroweekly were given details. There is still time.
4. Financial aspects

Expenses so far	2099.00€
Further projected expenses	4898.00€
Total expenses	6997.00€
Income (RAF Music Trust)	3590.00€
Shortfall	3407.00€

This means we need to sell 227 tickets at 15€ each to reach the breakeven point. I currently have about 150 confirmed sales, though not yet all paid for.

If we manage to sell 500 tickets in total we should realize a profit of around 4000€, so I urge you all to get out there and sell the tickets.

Reg reported that everything was running smoothly and that he was currently putting the final details in sorting out the evening meal for the band in Benalmádena for the Monday night. He stated of course there would be a cost to the Branch of transport for the evening. Brian Martin suggested that it might be better that they ate in the vicinity of the Hotel Ibis in Malaga as this would save some 300€. He stated that there were many restaurants in the area that were suitable. Reg and Brian were to look into this possibility.

Following the suggestion at last months meeting of an Autumn event involving the residents of Villa Jacaranda, it was decided to hold the event on Friday 28th September. Details to follow.

9. Other Notified Items: -

9.1. No items notified.

10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1. The Public Relations Officer showed the Committee a copy of Hi Magazine, which included a report and photographs of the Summer Ball. The editor had expressed an interest in covering the RAF Banc Concert and to this end Reg Haywood agreed to supply the PR Officer a copy of the Band Programme and a listing of Band personnel and the instrument they played, provided he could obtain this information from the Band Sgt.
- 10.2. Brian Martin queried why the Xmas draw could not take place at the Xmas Dinner Dance as we were holding two major events within a few days of each other. It was agreed to defer any decision on this to a later date.
- 10.3. Pat Sweeney queried the benefit of all committee members having rafabenalmadena email addresses as no one apart from the Secretary used them.
- 10.4. It was agreed to hold a pre Band Concert meeting at Sol Andalusi on Wednesday 22nd August at 11:00
- 10.5. Brian Martin reported that the only suitable venue he could find to host the Band meal on Monday 27th August was the hotel adjacent to the Ibis and meals there cost 20€. It was agreed that Reg Haywood would investigate venues in Benalmádena as the cost, including the coach from the hotel would be much less than 20€ per head. media to promote various events. The Committee agreed wholeheartedly.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 5th September 2007, at 20.00, The British Legion Club, Benalmádena

Meeting closed at 20.45 hrs