

# 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 5th September 2007

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

### Members

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

### Associate Members

Patrick Sweeney	Social Events Coordinator
Alan Gibson	Auditor

1. **Apologies were received from:** Steve Mullis, Corinne Mudie.
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were signed and accepted.**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -
  - 3.1. With ref to Item 10.1 in previous minutes it is not possible to hold the Annual Draw on the same night as the Annual Dinner Dance as this would take up too much time.
  - 3.2. With reference to Item 10.3 in previous minutes, the rafabenalmadena email addresses are only dummies and provide a link to the actual email address
4. **Treasurers Report:** -
  - 4.1. The Treasurer reported that the balance for the month of July was incorrect and presented the revised balance as follows:

Treasurer's Report to Committee Meeting Wednesday 8th August 2007

Balance at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2007	<u>19,663.74€</u>		
<b>Income During July 2007</b>		<b>Outgoings during July 2007</b>	
Branch Subscriptions	30.00€	Membership Subscriptions to CHQ	34.44€
Membership Subscriptions	44.80€	Membership Renewals to CHQ	23.94€
Membership Renewals	32.20€	Welfare Expenses	578.31€
Wings Appeal	211.07€	Welfare Payments	2,284.50€
Branch Overseas Account	58.38€	Bank Commission	16.51€
Social	2,972.72€	Postage	1.00€
RAF Band Tour	4,381.33€	Stationary	3.00€
Branch Trading	40.00€	Social	2,167.19€
RAFATrad	48.09€	RAF Band Tour	214.15€
		Mijas International Day	10.95€
		Photocopying	15.00€
		RAFA Conference	58.59€
Total	<u>7,818.59€</u>	Total	<u>5,407.58€</u>
Balance at 31st July 2007	<u>22,074.75€</u>		

#### 4.2. Treasurer's Report to Committee Meeting Wednesday 5th September 2007

Balance at 31st August 2007 22,074.75€

##### Income During August 2007

Branch Subscriptions	20.00€
Membership Subscriptions	22.40€
Wings Appeal	34.48€
Branch Overseas Account	5.18€
RAF Band Tour	6,451.79€
RAFATrad	10.40€

##### Outgoings during August 2007

Membership Subscriptions to CHQ	22.40€
Welfare Expenses	59.01€
Welfare Payments	1,533.50€
Bank Commission	7.20€
Social	608.00€
RAF Band Tour	214.15€
RAF Band Tour	7,810.98€
Equipment Storage	58.59€

Total 6,544.25€

Total 10,176.09€

Balance at 31st August 2007 18,442.91€

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

- 5.1. During August the welfare team dealt with two ongoing cases and one new case.
- 5.2. Later in September the branch will host a party for all residents of Villa Jacaranda, a care home which has provided valuable assistance in our welfare activities on several occasions, at the Galaxy Bar. All members are welcome to attend to meet the residents. The party is at 1.30pm on Fri 28th Sept.

#### 6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. Wings collections for the first half of 2007 totalled 483.57€
- 6.2. Wings collections for July totalled 183€.
- 6.3. Brian Martin appealed for more collectors for the Wings week Airport collections.
- 6.4. Report and photographs of the Wings Trophy presentation at Charlie's Bar reached the RAFA AirMail too late for inclusion in the next addition, but would be likely to appear in January

#### 7. Social Events Report: -

- 7.1. **Sunday 16th September** – The social event for the last Sunday of Wings Week will not now go ahead as there is no time to organise it.
- 7.2. **Sunday 11th November** – Remembrance Day. Arrangements are in hand for tapas to be served after the service as in previous years.
- 7.3. **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
- 7.4. **Wednesday 19th December** – RAFA Christmas Draw - Galaxy Bar 8pm. Any Donations from members would be appreciated contact Patrick Sweeney 952590609 or email [patrick.sweeney@rafabenalmdena.co.uk](mailto:patrick.sweeney@rafabenalmdena.co.uk)
- 7.5. Reg Haywood to design and print posters for Christmas Draw, and posters and tickets for Annual Dinner Dance.
- 7.6. Patrick Sweeney to contact Steve Mullis for business contacts who have contributed Christmas Draw prizes in previous years.

**8. Any Other Reports: -**

**8.1. RAF Central Band Visit**

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Branch, the Band Concert was cancelled on Saturday 25th August, just 3 days before the concert was scheduled to take place. At the moment the reasons for this are purely speculation and rumour. The reasons are being investigated within the RAF/MOD and it is hoped that further information will be available for the next Committee Meeting.

**9. Other Notified Items: -**

9.1. No items notified.

**10. Any Other Business: -**

10.1. After the October Committee Meeting it was proposed that the possibility of meeting in the morning, instead of evening be investigated.

**11. Date of Next Meeting: -** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007, at 20.00, The British Legion Club, Benalmádena

Meeting closed at 21.35 hrs