

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 3rd October 2007

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Fred Briggs Chairman
Corinne Mudie Vice 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.
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were signed and accepted.**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -
 - 3.1. No matters arising.
4. **Treasurers Report:** -
 - 4.1. The Treasurer's report to the Committee Meeting Wednesday 3rd October 2007

Balance at 31st August 2007 18,442.91€

Money to Bank to 30th September 2007

Wings Appeal (Airport)	2,500.57€
Wings Appeal (Year Round)	86.02€
Donation	30.00€
Social	23.74€
Welfare Payments	2,525.22€
RAF Band Tour	2,189.50€

Total 7,355.05€

Outgoings to 30th September 2007

Welfare Expenses	250.25€
Welfare Payments	1,153.50€
Bank Commission	14.32€
Social	6.28€
RAF Band Tour	1,640.81€
Stationary	35.25€
Telephone Cards	24.00€

Total 3,124.41€

Balance at 30th Sept 2007 22,673.55€

5. **Welfare Officer's Report:** -
 - 5.1. Four cases dealt with in September
 - 5.2. Team member Corinne Mudie will attend the first Welfare Officers conference in the UK, in October.
 - 5.3. A very successful party was held for residents and staff from Villa Jacaranda at the Galaxy Bar on Sept 28th, much enjoyed by all who attended.
 - 5.4. The RBL are advertising for a full time Welfare Officer to be based at the British Consulate in Málaga, to deal with the increasing number of welfare cases involving retired ex-service men and women in Southern Spain. I will discuss the implications of this initiative for RAFA in our area with the consul and report back at the next committee meeting.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. Wings Appeal Coordinator Brian Martin, wished to thank all who had helped out in the 2007 Airport collection but was disappointed at the lack of support from other members of the Branch.
- 6.2. He announced that he was leaving Spain for Dubai in the very near future and would be placing all Wings Appeal items into storage.
- 6.3. The Committee thanked Brian for his work as Wings Appeal Coordinator during his tenure and for his support and dedication to the Committee and Branch in general

7. Social Events Report: -

- 7.1. Because of the poor response to Social events in Benalmádena Patrick Sweeney asked if it were feasible to hold events somewhere in the Campo. It was agreed that this would be put on hold until after a Branch General Meeting, to see what members wanted.
- 7.2. Social events for the rest of the year, including provision of food for Remembrance Sunday are in hand.
- 7.3. It was agreed to co-opt Wendy Sweeney on to the Committee to help out on the social side.

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1. RAF Central Band Visit
Despite the late cancellation of the 2007 Band Concert the Branch still made a profit of 1471.68€ due in main to the generous contribution from the RAF Music Charitable Trust. The Treasurer has written a letter to The Air Officer Commanding Support Group requesting an explanation of why the concert had to be cancelled and floating the idea of a Category 1 concert next year, whereby the RAF pay the full costs.

9. Other Notified Items: -

- 9.1. No items notified.

10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1. It was proposed to hold a General Meeting on Thursday October 25th, to be publicised in the local media, to get a view of the member's wishes and to investigate the lack of support for social events.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 5th November 2007, at 14.00 in the Galaxy Bar, Benalmádena

Meeting closed at 21.20 hrs