

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 14.00 on Monday 10th December 2007

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

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

Associate Members

Patrick Sweeney Social Events Coordinator
Wendy Sweeney Social Events Coordinator

1. **Apologies were received from:** Steve Mullis, Corinne Mudie & Alan Gibson.
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were not signed and accepted**, see matters arising.
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -
 - 3.1. Error in minutes as follows:
Social Events Coordinator named as "Wendy Gibson"
4. **Treasurers Report:** -
 - 4.1. The Treasurer's report to the Committee Meeting Monday 10th December 2007

Balance at 31st Oct 2007 24,652.42€

Money to Bank to 30th November 2007

Wings Appeal (Year Round)	150.56€
Donation	10.00€
Social	765.00€
Welfare Payments	5,215.00€
(from Costa del Sol Branch)	
RAFA Trading	24.00€

Total 4,814.06€

Outgoings to 30th November 2007

Welfare Expenses	1,118.18€
Welfare Payments	1,593.50€
Bank Commission	90.09€
Social	374.74€
Stationary	12.95€
Equipment Storage	135.00€
Wings to CHQ	6,332.63€

Total 9,657.63€

Balance at 30th Nov 2007 19,809.39€

- 4.2. The Treasurer also reported that the Bank had made an error when transferring Wings money to CHQ. Instead of transferring 4500€ they transferred £4500, or 6332.63€. When the mistake was discovered it was too late to amend it. To square the accounts all "profits from the RAF Band Concert that never was, will be transferred to Wings as will some money that was donated.
5. **Welfare Officer's Report:** -
 - 5.1. Five cases were handled during November.
 - 5.2. Met Donna Wilson, newly appointed RBL regional welfare coordinator at Remembrance Day Ceremony in Malaga, she has no previous RBL connections and is keen to develop good relations with other welfare organisations including RAFA. When she returns from initial briefings with RBL HQ in the UK, we will arrange an introductory meeting with her and encourage her to attend one of our monthly social meetings, her contact numbers are 667279568 and 952971409.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

6.1. 105.56€ collected during November.

7. Social Events Report: -

7.1. Wendy Sweeney reported that everything was in hand for the Annual Dinner Dance. Although some people had dropped out, it was hoped to have between 40 and 50 in attendance.

7.2. Also everything in hand for the Annual Draw. 70€ has been donated by Mr and Mrs Hills, ex-members who are now resident in Sussexdown. It was agreed this would be used to purchase a Corte Ingles gift voucher.

7.3. Wendy and Pat also appealed for helpers to assist them in running the Social Events.

8. Any Other Reports: -

8.1. Reg Haywood asked the meeting to consider how the money from the defunct Costa del Sol Branch would be used. Several options were floated including the purchase of an EPV and the funding of a holiday for an injured RAF person and family. It was agreed that a proposal for discussion on this issue would be raised at the AGM.

9. Other Notified Items: -

9.1. No items notified.

10. Any Other Business: -

10.1. Derek Brown reported on the recent death of Iris Dober, one of the Branch's first Welfare Officers. The funeral was held in Mijas church attended by the Chairman, Welfare Officer and the Treasurer. At Iris's request the Branch Standard was paraded and the last post was sounded.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Monday 21st January 2008 at 14:00, The Galaxy Bar, Benalmádena

Meeting closed at 15:15 hrs