

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 18th February 2008

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Corinne Mudie Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood Treasurer
Cedric Sayce Public Relations
Jack Griggs

Associate Members

Gloria Haywood Social Events Coordinator
Sandra Martin Social Events Coordinator

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a minute's silence was observed in memory of our late President, Walter Harley OBE

1. **Apologies were received from:** Steve Mullis, Fred Briggs, Derek Brown.
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. Treasurer's Report to Committee Meeting Monday 18th February 2008

Balance at 31st Dec 2007 18,040.12€

Money to Bank to 31st January 2008

Welfare Payments	1,298.00€
Social	274.00€
RAFA Trading	36.00€
Misc	18.00€

Total 1,599.00€

Outgoings to 31st January 2008

Welfare Expenses	102.70€
Welfare Payments	2,937.25€
Bank Commission	4.80€
Social	69.99€
Stationary	6.50€
Postage	3.68€
Annual Audit	15.00€

Total 3,139.92€

Balance at 31st December 2007 14,499.31€

- 4.2. The Treasurer also reported that the Accounts were currently with the auditor for inspection, prior to being presented to the Annual General Meeting.
5. **Welfare Officer's Report:** -
 - 5.1. 2 new case handled during January.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1. 107.66€ collected during January.
- 6.2. The winner of the Wings Appeal Trophy for December 2007 is the Rima Bar in Arroyo de la Miel, with a collection of 106.05€, runner up is Charlie's Bar in Los Porches, Benalmádena Costa, with a collection of 102.05€. Presentations are to be arranged as soon as possible.

7. Social Events Report: -

- 7.1. Gloria Haywood and Sandra Martin gave the committee an update on discussions for this year's Mijas International Day. This year is the 20th anniversary of the event and the organising committee intended it to run on two days instead of one as previously, 12:00 until midnight on the Saturday and 12:00 until 20:00 on Sunday, this being a "family day". They also laid down stipulations that the stalls should be manned throughout these periods and serving food all the time, in other words you weren't allowed to run out. A long discussion ensued as to the feasibility of the Branch running a stall this year bearing in mind the restrictions placed on us by the ayuntamiento.

Issues raised were as follows:

- 7.1.1 The Branch would need to purchase a new fridge and freezer as the old ones were no longer fit for purpose, these only being used for this one event.
 - 7.1.2 We would also need to hire a van to transport the equipment to and from the venue.
 - 7.1.3 Purchase of food was also considered an issue, as we would have to have enough to last for the two days, with the possibility of either over-stocking and being left with surplus or under-stocking and suffering the embarrassment of running out, not an option according to the ayuntamiento. It was also noted that when the Branch first got involved in the event a lot of food was donated but this had reduced as time went on, and we couldn't guarantee donations this year.
 - 7.1.4 In previous years the Branch had struggled to find members to man the stall for one day, so two days would stretch us beyond limits.
 - 7.1.5 It was also pointed out that the return on last year's event was just over 200€, which was considered very small given the time and effort involved. It was felt that the time and effort could be spent on other events, which could raise almost the same amount. For instance the recent Elvis night raised 106€, two of those or similar events would equal what was raised at last year's Mijas International Day.
 - 7.1.6 While agreeing that the event raised the profile of the Branch and we did gain a few members, this had to be balanced against the return we could expect against the possibly additional outlay.
 - 7.1.7 Finally, it was reluctantly agreed that the Branch PR Officer would write to the ayuntamiento to advise that we could not participate this year.
- 7.2. A Social afternoon has been arranged for Monday 25th February in the Galaxy Bar commencing at 14:00. It was agreed that we would hold social events in the Galaxy on the fourth Monday of every following month.
 - 7.3. A Social evening is to be organised on Tuesday 1st April to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Royal Air Force, to include entertainment and a "small" meal provided by the Galaxy Bar staff.
 - 7.4. The Social Team would also be organising a special Easter Monday event for 24th March.
 - 7.5. It was agreed that the Chameleons Restaurant would be approached as the venue for the 2008 Xmas Dinner Dance, using only the main dining area, unless we could increase numbers to book the whole restaurant.

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1. Reg Haywood reported that he had been in contact with the Royal Air Force Music Services to book a band for Tuesday 26th August. It was pointed out that we could not request a particular band, ie Central Band and that we would get whoever was allocated to the Gibraltar trip. Reg also noted that following a letter he had sent to Air Commodore Sue Armitage-Maddox, the AOC DAU, responsible for administering the Bands, requesting clarification on the non-attendance of last year, he had received a reply in the form of an apology but no explanation of where the responsibility lay except that it was a breakdown in diplomatic clearance. It also contained an assurance that procedures were being reviewed and that it wouldn't happen again.

9. Other Notified Items: -

- 9.1. No items notified.

10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1. No other business.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Monday 17^h March 2008 at 14:00, The Galaxy Bar, Benalmádena

Meeting closed at 15:30 hrs