

Royal Air Forces Association - BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida de Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 14.00 on Monday 14th April 2008

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Fred Briggs Chairman
Reg Haywood Treasurer
Cedric Sayce Public Relations
Jack Griggs Secretary (Elect)

Associate Members

Gloria Haywood Social Events Coordinator
Sandra Martin Social Events Coordinator

1. **Apologies were received from:** Steve Mullis, Derek Brown, Corinne Mudie.
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 14th April 2008

Balance at 31st February 2008 17,806.29€

Money to Bank to 31st March 2008

Branch Subscriptions	30.00€
Wings Appeal	34.00€
Donation	5.00€

Total 69.00€

Outgoings to 31st March 2008

Welfare Expenses	103.60€
Welfare Payments	575.00€
Telephone	6.00€
Bank Commission	9.25€

Total 693.85€

Balance at 31st March 2008 17,181.44€

5. **Welfare Officer's Report:** -
 - 5.1. 2 new cases reported during March.
6. **Wings Appeal Report:** -
 - 6.1. 34.00€ banked during March.
 - 6.2. Doug Heron agreed to take on the role of Wings Appeal Coordinator.
7. **Social Events Report:** -
 - 7.1. Sandra Martin reported that tickets were selling well for the RAF Anniversary Social on Tuesday 22nd April. She also asked for donations for the buffet and the raffle.
 - 7.2. It was agreed that it was now too late to contemplate arranging a Summer Ball for this year.
 - 7.3. Reg Haywood reported that he would be contacting the Chairperson of RAFA Gibraltar with a view to arranging a tour of RAF Gibraltar and the Caves. Hopefully to report back on any progress at the next Committee Meeting.
 - 7.4. Jack Griggs presented to the Committee a list of ideas for future Social Events. It was agreed that the Committee would study them and discuss them in detail at the next Committee meeting.

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1. Reg Haywood raised the issue of the falling value of the pound sterling against the euro and suggested that it was time to look at adjusting the rate that the Branch uses. Reg explained the reasons behind this and the implications for the Branch in changing the rate. It was agreed however to leave it as it is to see if there is any further positive movement of the exchange rate. It would be discussed again at the next Committee Meeting.
- 8.2. It was suggested that we have a durable sign manufactured, to be placed in a strategic position outside the Galaxy Bar. Jack Griggs agreed to have this made at no cost to the Branch.
- 8.3. We are still awaiting a response from RAF Music Services on whether permission has been granted by the Spanish Authorities for an RAF Band and equipment to enter through the Gibraltar border crossing, although it now seems this will be highly unlikely.

9. Other Notified Items: -

- 9.1. No items notified.

10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1. Reg Haywood reported that the Welfare equipment that was offered to the Branch for sale second hand has been sold as we were not in a position to respond to the offer in time.
- 10.2. Reg Haywood reported that, following the death of our President, Walter Hartley, he had spoken to the Vice President, Bill Dixon, asking if he would be willing to be nominated for the role of Branch President. Bill responded that he would be honoured to be considered for the position. Since no elections can take place until the AGM the separate issue of Vice Presidents would be discussed at some point nearer to that time.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Monday 19th May 2008 at 14:00, The Galaxy Bar, Benalmádena

Meeting closed at 15:20 hrs