

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

### Members

Fred Briggs	Chairman
Corrine Mudie	Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood	Treasurer
Cedric Sayce	Public Relations
Derek Brown	Welfare Officer
Doug Heron	Wings Appeal Coordinator
Alan Gibson	Auditor
Jack Griggs	Secretary

### Associate Members

Gloria Haywood	Social Events Coordinator
Sandra Martin	Social Events Coordinator

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. Item 8.2, The sign has been made and delivered ready for fitting. Thanks to Jack's son in the UK for making the sign at no cost.
  - 3.2. Item 8.3 Reg reported that we must assume that the concert will not go ahead this year due to problems with clearance from Spanish authorities. (Alan suggested a possible future alternative using the ex R Marine band (Portsmouth). This and any other alternative needs to be looked at in detail with full costing)
4. **Treasurers Report:** -
  - 4.1. Treasurer's Report to Committee Meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008      17,181.44€

### Money to Bank to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Branch Subscriptions	60.00€
Membership Renewals	29.40€
Membership Subscriptions	84.00€
Wings Appeal	38.80€
Donation	70.00€
Social	170.00€
RAFA Trading	6.00€
Total	<u>458.20€</u>

### Outgoings to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Welfare Payments	4,398.75€
Welfare Expenses	217.92€
Telephone	6.00€
Bank Commission	1.75€
Stationary	7.50€
Equipment Storage	135.00€

**Total**      4,766.92€

Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008      12,872.72€

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

- 5.1. Six cases dealt with since last meeting, 4 grants approved, 1 grant refused, 1 grant awaiting approval.
- 5.2. Donna Wilson, RBL coordinator Spain, will attend our next committee meeting to introduce herself and take note of our concerns regarding liaison with RBL branches in our area etc.
- 5.3. Derek has been nominated for the September 22/25 2008 Welfare Training Course in Birmingham, but he will check relevance to our overseas needs before finalising attendance arrangements.
- 5.4. Corinne will set up a dedicated welfare email address for our branch to protect confidentiality of our personal emails.
- 5.5. Reg will purchase a further electric mobility scooter for branch welfare purposes, utilising funds provided by RAFA branch Costa del Sol West for such items.

**6. Wings Appeal Report: -**

- 6.1. Doug reported that 38.80€ had been collected this month. He also said that collectors were required for this year's appeal.

**7. Social Events Report: -**

- 7.1. There was a profit of 339.50€ from the Anniversary Social evening, including 122.00€ from the raffle. It was agreed that it was now too late to contemplate arranging a Summer Ball for this year.
- 7.2. Arrangements are in hand for the Christmas Dinner to be held on 12th December.
- 7.3. For the future, there is a need to organise, say, a Wings Appeal Dinner (dance). Gloria and Sandra will look at this and produce costs and ideas. They should also sound out the local British Legion to try to arrange a joint event.
- 7.4. Jack will print out a list of ideas to be handed out at the next Social afternoon to sound out members interests.

**8. Any Other Reports: -**

- 8.1. Following Reg's report last month on the effect of the fluctuating Exchange Rate, it was agreed to set a rate of 1.30€ to the UK pound for Branch business.

**9. Other Notified Items: -**

- 9.1. No items notified.

**10. Any Other Business: -**

- 10.1. Welcome with thanks to Doug and Jack for agreeing to act as Branch Wings Appeal Coordinator and Branch Secretary.
- 10.2. Reg discussed the purchase of an EPV as reported in 5.5 above. This will be of great help to the branch.
- 10.3. The subject of sponsored holidays for such as disabled veterans and their families was briefly discussed. Further information will be advised to the committee when it is available.

**11. Date of Next Meeting: - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 14:00, The Galaxy Bar, Benalmádena**

Meeting closed at 15:10 hrs