

Royal Air Forces Association - BRANCH 1357 Benalmadena

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida de Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel on Monday 16th June 2008 at 14.00 hrs.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members	Associate Members
Corrine Mudie Vice Chairman (Chair in the absence of the Chairman)	Alan Gibson Auditor
Reg Haywood Treasurer	
Cedric Sayce Public Relations	
Derek Brown Welfare Officer	
Doug Heron Wings Appeal Coordinator	
Jack Griggs Secretary	

Guest: Mrs Donna Wilson, RBL Country Welfare Officer, Spain

- 1. Apologies were received from:-** Steve Mullis, Gloria Haywood, Sandra Martin, Fred Briggs
- 2. The minutes from the last meeting were accepted and signed.** (Subject to the following observations)
Proposed by Reg Haywood, Seconded by Derek Brown, passed unanimously.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting: -

- Item 5.3. Welfare training, Derek Brown to attend the course.
- Item 5.4. E-mail address not needed.
- Item 5.5. Reg is still awaiting a quote for mobility equipment.
- Item 10.3. Reg is awaiting a response from uk about sponsored holidays.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Treasurer's Report to Committee Meeting Monday 16th June 2008

Balance at 30th April 2008	<u>12872.72€</u>	
Money to Bank to 31st May 2008	75.00€	Branch Subscriptions
	32.20€	Membership Renewals
	30.00€	Membership Subscriptions
	73.04€	Wings Appeal
	31890.00€	Welfare Payments In
	402.50€	Social
Total	<u>32502.74€</u>	
Outgoings to 31st May 2008	4044.94€	Welfare Payments Out
	261.30€	Welfare Expenses
	6.00€	Telephone
	1.75€	Bank Commission
Total	<u>4313.99€</u>	
Balance at 31st May 2008	<u>41061.47€</u>	

In response to a question, Reg explained that most of the Balance is committed and that we really need to increase our income. He also explained that he would look into interest account matters again when the opportunity arises.

5. Welfare Officers Report:-

- 5.1. Three welfare cases dealt with since previous meeting.
- 5.2. Grants approved and received for two cases.
- 5.3. The Km. allowance for welfare case travel has been increased from Euros .37c to .50c per kilometre. This will be reviewed further in three months time to determine whether a further adjustment, up or down, is required.
- 5.4. We were advised of the death of a branch member Mr. Ron Howard, and a card of condolence will be sent to his latest known address in Torremolinos. (Derek Brown will arrange)
- 5.5. We were also advised of the death of Mrs. Shirley Hills, a resident of Sussex Down and an ex member of our Branch. A condolence card will also be sent to her husband. (Reg Haywood will arrange).
- 5.6. Mrs. Donna Wilson the Country officer for the RBL in Spain, attended the meeting and had a most useful discussion with all members. The most important outcome of the meeting was a request by Mrs. Wilson that any problems we have in obtaining co-operation from local RBL branches should be referred to her initially. She explained her role and aims, and that there are now staff in the Consulate to deal with such matters as pensions and allowances. Initially, contact can be made with Donna if there is any clarification required on any welfare matter. It was explained to her that we as a branch also need to establish our boundaries otherwise we could be involved in considerable travel.

6. Wings Appeal Report:-

- 6.1. Doug Heron reported an income of EU 41.27 this month and EU253.50 for the year so far.

7. Social Events Report:-

- 7.1. There is a general social meeting in the Galaxy Bar next Monday, 23rd June at 1400hrs. A Funeral Company will be on hand to offer advice on planning for the inevitable.
- 7.2. Reg is to try for further contact with the Gibraltar branch.
- 7.3. For a future Wings Appeal event, information to be sought from such as "PG Tips" for perhaps a Tea Dance.
- 7.4. A possible end of Wings Week event should be investigated by all. Ideas please.

8. Any Other Reports:-

No other reports

9. Other Notified Items:-

No Items

10. Any Other Business:-

None. Covered in discussions above, including the address by Donna Wilson (see Welfare Report).

11. Date Of Next Meeting:- Monday 21st July 2008 at 1400hrs, The Galaxy Bar, Benalmadena

Meeting Closed at 1550 (including discussion with Donna Wilson)