

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 21st July 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
Jack Griggs	Secretary

Associate Members

Gloria Haywood	Social Events Coordinator
Sandra Martin	Social Events Coordinator

1. **Apologies were received from:** Steve Mullis and Alan Gibson.
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were signed and accepted.**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -
 - 3.1. Item 5.4 Action completed, condolence card sent.
 - 3.2. Item 5.5 Action completed, condolence card sent.
 - 3.3. Item 7.2 Still trying to contact the Gibraltar Branch...Action for Reg on going.
 - 3.4. Item 7.3 No response from PG Tip`s, Cedric to try via radio REM.
 - 3.5. Item 7.4 End of Wings Week event being organised. See Social Report.
 - 3.6. Items 5.5 & 10.3 from the June meeting carried forward. Actions in hand, the Mobility carriage(5.5) is on order and the Holiday help(10.3) is being held back for a local need as it is very difficult to identify the actual need of people not in our region.
4. **Treasurers Report:** -
 - 4.1. Treasurer's Report to Committee Meeting Monday 19th May 2008

Balance at 31st May 2008 41,061.47€

Money to Bank to 30th June 2008

Welfare Payments 320.46€

Total 320.46€

Balance at 30th June 2008 35,277.24€

Outgoings to 30th June 2008

Welfare Payments 5,712.27€

Welfare Expenses 380.00€

Bank Commission 12.42€

Total 6,104.69€

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

- 5.1. Four welfare cases dealt with since last meeting.
- 5.2. Grants arranged for two cases
- 5.3. Lindy Jordan and a Spanish contact of Corinne will be invited to an autumn committee meeting, together with Donna Wilson RBL country coordinator, to discuss the range of Spanish Government Social Services now available to EU residents and how to access such services. Arrangements to be firmed up at the September committee meeting.

6. **Wings Appeal Report: -**

- 6.1. Manning of the Airport Wings Week Collections was discussed and Doug produced the chart for volunteers to fill in the times they could cover collection. There are still some times to be covered but there are still a few blocks to fill.

7. **Social Events Report: -**

- 7.1. The next social gathering is next Monday, 28th August at The Galaxy bar, starting at 1400. An "End of Wings Week" event is being organised for the evening of Sunday 21st September at a venue to be announced.

8. **Secretary's Report: -**

- 8.1. A number of documents have been received from UKHQ. Those of special interest have been forwarded to the appropriate Committee member for attention. We also have the Minutes of the RAFA AGM held in Blackpool available for anyone to read. Steve summarised the AGM in the last Newsletter. We had a sample 90th Anniversary of the RAF Medal sent to us with the intention of selling them to members. Unfortunately the minimum order costs are too high for a Branch of our size. The Sample has been put on display in our cabinet in the Galaxy Bar.

9. **Any Other Reports: -**

- 9.1. **The Falklands OR Indulgence accommodation appeal.** This request for funds was sent by UKHQ. We considered that this was not something we as a Branch could support.
- 9.2. **Remembrance Sunday 2008 arrangements.** Understand that Steve is making the arrangements. Jack will contact Steve for confirmation that these are going forward ok and to ask that we be kept in the picture. Consideration needs to be given to who will be the Standard bearer.
- 9.3. **European Area Autumn Conference,** Benidorm 18th October 2008. It is understood that Steve will attend on our behalf. Jack to contact Steve for info and agenda.
- 9.4. **RAFALO's. Should we invite one or both of the RAFALO's from Gibraltar to any of our meetings or functions?** Jack to write to OC RAF Gibraltar to extend an invite.
- 9.5. **Branch Boundaries, discussion on setting boundaries.** After much discussion it was agreed that to attempt to keep the travelling distance reasonable, we should set our boundaries as between East Malaga and Estepona. Requests for Welfare assistance outside this area should be referred in the first instance to Donna Wilson, the RBL Spain Welfare officer. Every case will of course be treated on its merits and possibly be followed up to make sure that appropriate action had been taken. The meeting congratulated the Welfare members for their extremely good work in all the cases they are handling.

Other Notified Items: -

- 9.6. No items notified.

10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1. Reg had a call from the Consulate to say that agreement was near with the Spanish authorities to authorise a Band Concert by an RAF band. This is too late for this year but gives us a start for next year. The Events Coordinator has been e-mailed in advance for next year. Perhaps consider other bands.

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

Meeting closed at 15:15 hrs