

Royal Air Forces Association - BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida de Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel on 11th August 2008 at 14.00 hrs.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Fred Briggs	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

1.1. Apologies were received from: Steve Mullis, Corinne Mudie and Alan Gibson.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting.

2.1. The minutes from the last meeting were signed and accepted.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting: -

3.1. Item 5.3 Arrangements for the visit of Lindy Jordan and Donna Wilson to be discussed at the next meeting.

3.2. Item 9.2 Action completed. Steve contacted reference Remembrance Sunday.

3.3. Item 9.3 Action completed. Steve attending the Autumn Conference, agenda received and forwarded.

3.4. Item 9.4 Ongoing. Jack will write to OC RAF Gibraltar re: the RAFALO's.

4. Treasurers Report: -

4.1. Treasurer's Report to Committee Meeting Monday 11th August 2008

Balance at 30th June 2008 35,277.24€

Money to Bank to 31st July 2008

Welfare Payments	11,410.02€
Membership Subscriptions	22.40€
Social	35.00€
Wings Appeal	116.60€

Total 11,584.02€

Outgoings to 31st July 2008

Welfare Payments	7,436.45€
Welfare Expenses	238.55€
Bank Commission	2.72€

Total 7,677.72€

Balance at 31st July 2008 39,183.54€

4.2. Reg asked that all think about ways to raise more money. This will be on the agenda for future meetings.

5. Welfare Officer's Report: -

5.1. Three welfare cases dealt with since last meeting.

5.2. Grants arranged for two cases.

5.3. One request for assistance was referred to Mrs Donna Wilson RBL Country Coordinator for action, as it was outside our agreed territorial limits.

5.4. Arrangements for the briefing by Lindy Jordan on Spanish Social Services will be firmed up at the next committee meeting.

- 5.5. The suggestion by the chairman to approach RBL Alhaurin el Grande regarding loan arrangements for their wheelchairs is welcomed and will be pursued in the autumn.
6. **Wings Appeal Report: -**
- 6.1. Doug reported that things are in hand for the Wings Appeal Week. Final arrangements will be ready for the next meeting to be held on the 8th September. It makes sense to wear RAFA T/Polo shirts for the collection. Jack to e-mail Steve to get the prices for the RAFA Trading items held in the lockup.
7. **Social Events Report: -**
- 7.1. An "End of Wings Week" social is being organised at the Galaxy Bar for the evening of 21 September together with entertainment by Suzie Q. The ticket price will be € 7.50.
- 7.2. The menu for the Christmas Dinner has been agreed with the restaurant and this years' ticket price was agreed at €32 per head.
8. **Secretary's Report: -**
- 8.1. A number of documents have been received from UKHQ and Steve. Those of special interest have been forwarded to the appropriate Committee member for attention.
9. **Other Notified Items: -**
- 9.1. **Remembrance Sunday** arrangements are now well in hand. Steve is asked to keep us informed as time progresses. Unless there are compelling reasons, the extra chairs requested should not be needed; there are a number in the Church we can use. The amplifier etc will be brought out of the lockup for the next meeting and Jack will check it over. Derek and Di will be able to do readings and Cedric agreed to read the RAFA Citation. Food will be arranged by the Social committee nearer the time. As a backup, Jack is to request from Steve a list of names, contact details and their relevant function on the day. This will be filed for information for use if for any reason Steve cannot be contacted and urgent matters need attention. Jack to keep in touch with Steve on these matters.
- 9.2. **Mijas 3.40tv.** This interview has been put back to the 29th September and will be attended by Derek and Fred.
- 9.3. **Bills' DownUnder trip** will be put into the newsletter when completed. Jack is awaiting some photos.
- 9.4. **Citations.** The citation presented to the branch committee were agreed without question subject to altering the next-to-last paragraph (from: - "**but I was surprised**" to "**stepped forward**" which was considered not to be suitable for a Citation. Suggested insert "**and I have no hesitation**" in place of the unsuitable part. With this change Steve can forward the Citation to Sir Christopher Colvill, copy to Jack for filing.
- 9.5. **Area Vice Chairman.** We unanimously agreed to support Steve's application for nomination for this post. Steve is requested to complete the Proposal form and forward it to the Branch for the Chairman's signature.
10. **Any Other Business: -**
- 10.1. Cedric has sent information on the new UK RAFA Memorial to all the local papers for possible publication.
- 10.2. Reg is to check on prices for RAFA Branch Pennants which we can exchange with other organisations.
- 10.3. Remembrance Sunday Parade publicity. We will probably do our own thing but Cedric will discuss it with the local Radio stations, and Derek will bring it up at the Mijas 3.40tv interview. The sensitivity of the occasion is recognised.
- 10.4. All to look at ways to raise money, including Car Boot sales.
11. **Date of Next Meeting: - 8th September 2008** at the Galaxy Bar at 14:00

The meeting closed at 1515 hours