

# Royal Air Forces Association - BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida de Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel on 8<sup>th</sup> September 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 9.4. (July Meeting) Ongoing. Jack will write to OC RAF Gibraltar ASAP re: the RAFALO's.

3.2. Item 6. RAFA Trading. Steve was e-mailed and his reply forwarded to Reg. Fred will send Jack a list of what we have in the lock-up. Jack and Reg need to produce a price list in €'s. (Steve produced one before but it needs updating with the current rate of exchange).

3.3. Item 9.4. Citations. Action complete. Jack to send the latest one off to Sir Christopher.

3.4. Item 10.1. UK RAFA Memorial. 3 local newspapers had published the article, the best being the Costa del Sol News who copied the article in full.

3.5. Item 10.2. Branch Pennants. Action completed. Reg reported the price to be GBP26.75 from RAFA Trading. We will look around locally as we only need some simple pennants for general use, not necessarily the full embroidered version.

3.6. Item 10.3. Remembrance Parade publicity. Cedric has contacted local radio stations and is awaiting replies. Mijas 3.40tv will not be involved for reasons of sensitivity. Treasurers Report: -

### 4. Treasurer's Report to Committee Meeting Monday 8th September 2008

Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008 39,183.54€

#### Money to Bank to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008

Welfare Payments	3,800.00€
Social	30.00€
Wings Appeal	37.50€

Total 3,867.50€

#### Outgoings to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008

Welfare Payments	11,548.62€
Welfare Expenses	62.00€
Bank Commission	2.77€

Total 11,748.39€

Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008 31,302.65€

5. **Welfare Officer's Report: -**
  - 5.1. Two cases handled since last meeting
  - 5.2. Two grant payments processed
  - 5.3. Lindy Jordan and Donna Wilson will attend the October committee meeting to give a briefing on the range of services offered by the Spanish Government Social Services organisation.
  - 5.4. I will be attending an HWO training course in Birmingham from 21st to 26th Sept.
6. **Wings Appeal Report: -**
  - 6.1. The Airport collection schedule, collecting tins and badges were distributed. Fred is expecting to collect the Airport Security Passes tomorrow (9th) and will arrange for all involved to have them. It is essential that collectors have this pass as collecting is forbidden without it.
7. **Social Events Report: -**
  - 7.1. Tickets for the Battle of Britain Social on the 21st were distributed for sale. Buffet arrangements completed. A raffle has been organised.
  - 7.2. The Guests of Honour for the Christmas Dinner/Dance were discussed. The Consulate will be invited and also the Costa Del Sol News will be contacted by Cedric to get details of an appropriate editor to invite. Fred will send out the invitations.
  - 7.3. Raffle Prizes. Please everyone look out and chase for suitable prizes for both the Christmas Dinner and the Annual draw.
  - 7.4. Annual Draw tickets will be arranged by Reg.
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 members for attention. Citation for Pedro sent to Sir Christopher by Steve and this has been acknowledged and accepted.
9. **Other Notified Items: -**
  - 9.1. **Remembrance Sunday** Arrangements are well in hand for the parade and service. Concern was expressed about the food and drink and Jack will contact Steve to see who is bringing food and who will co-ordinate it all. The Social Committee agreed that they can sort it out provided they know where everything is coming from (e.g. are the RBL bringing anything etc). Jack will e-mail Steve on these matters. Also, the amplifier/microphone is not in a working state and therefore not available, (problem could be solved if a radio station covers the parade.)
10. **Any Other Business: -**
  - 10.1. Committee and Social meetings. It was agreed to have both on the same day. The Committee Meetings will start at 1230 hours followed by the Social gathering at 1400 hours. The first of these will be on October 6th. **Please note that from now the meetings will be held on the FIRST Monday of every month.** A new schedule will be produced.
  - 10.2. Storage. It was agreed to close down the storage unit and to relocate the items to Reg's lockup in his apartment block. The relocation will take place over the next couple of months.
11. **Date of Next Meeting: - 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008** at the Galaxy Bar at 12:30. (Followed by the social gathering)

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1510 hours