

Royal Air Forces Association - BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida de Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel on 1st December 2008 at 12.30 hrs.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

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

Associate Members

Alan Gibson	Auditor
Gloria Haywood	Social Events Coordinator
Sandra Martin	Social Events Coordinator

1. Apologies

1.1. Apologies were received from: Steve Mullis. Doug, Derek and Gloria attended part time due to unforeseen circumstances.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting.

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

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting: -

3.1. 7.1 Valentines Function. Discussed in Item 7, Social Report below.

3.2. 7.2 Christmas draw and PDP. Discussed in Item 7, Social Report below.

3.3. 9.5 AGM Nomination Forms. (Booklet produced including forms.) **Action completed.** (Reg, Cedric and Jack met later to fold, stuff and address the envelopes for posting to members).

4. Treasurer's Report to Committee Meeting Monday 1st December 2008

Balance at 31st October 2008 28,050.67€

Money to Bank to 30th November 2008

Social	219.00€
Wings Appeal Year Round	174.76€
Branch Promotion Items	8.50€
RAFA Trad	20.00€
Membership Subscription	14.00€

Total 436.26€

Outgoings to 30th November 2008

Welfare Payments	3,577.64€
Bank Commission	11.90€
Wings to CHQ	2,956.19€

Total 6,546.45€

Balance at 30th November 2008 21,940.48€

5. Welfare Officer's Report: -

5.1. One new case entailing considerable work in sorting out Spanish Govt. Health and Social Services documentation, and UK pension queries.

5.2. One maintenance grant renewal interview and forwarding renewal request.

5.3. Expedited availability of RBL wheelchairs database from Donna Wilson, RBL country Officer.

6. **Wings Appeal Report:** -
 - 6.1. The final total for this year forwarded to Head Office was €2,956.91. This is down due to a number of reasons including the cancellation of the RAF Band Concert. The Trophy winner this year for bar collections is the RIMA Bar. Arrangements will be made by Reg to present the trophy sometime in January.
7. **Social Events Report:** -
 - 7.1. The Christmas Dinner Dance . Ticket sales are ongoing with some places still available.
 - 7.2. Valentines Social evening will take place at The Galaxy Bar on Saturday 14th February, with entertainment organised by Corinne (done, name to be advised to Sandra). Details at January meeting.
 - 7.3. Christmas Draw, 30 prizes so far. Sandra to ask Sue of the Galaxy to arrange a buffet.
8. **Secretary's Report:** -
 - 8.1. A number of documents have been received from UKHQ. Those of special interest or requiring action have been forwarded to the appropriate Committee members for attention. The 2009 Year Booklet for the AGM has been completed and distributed.
9. **Other Notified Items:** -
 - 9.1. **Remembrance Sunday.** All agreed that this was very successful again with record numbers attending. The press coverage was discussed and it was agreed that it is very difficult to get the press here, with a couple of exceptions, interested in this traditional British event. That said, the Citation presentations after the parade did get into the Costa Del Sol News and an abridged version in the SUR in English.
 - 9.2. **Charity Status** and follow up actions. No visible progress expected until mid-December, when Reg will hasten it up.
 - 9.3. **Boot/Table Sale 28th February 2009** at the Galaxy Bar from 1100 to 1400 hrs.. This will be a table sale now run entirely by RAFA. Items for sale needed, details if anyone has anything suitable to Sandra please.
 - 9.4. **ID Badges.** These will be ready for the Remembrance Parade.
 - 9.5. **AGM 2009.** The booklets have now been distributed and completed nominations are being collected by Jack.
10. **Meeting dates for 2009.** Due to the number of late changes recently and all the work that causes, Jack has agreed with the Galaxy Bar that RAFA can have the afternoons of the 3rd Monday of every month for meetings and social gatherings, with the 4th Monday also reserved as a back-up. We can also have Tuesday evenings after 8pm if required. Other dates are by agreement with Sue at the Galaxy Bar. This takes effect from January and should ensure some continuity.
11. **Any Other Business:** -
 - 11.1. No other business.
12. There being no other business, the **meeting closed** at 1345 hours
13. **Date of Next Meeting:** - 19th January 2009 at the Galaxy Bar at 12:30. (Followed by the social gathering)

**DON'T FORGET THE AGM ON MONDAY 26TH JANUARY 2009
AT 1300HOURS AT THE GALAXY BAR.**