

1357 Benalmadena Branch
Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held at
The Galaxy Bar, Avda Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel At 14.00hrs on Monday 28th January 2008

Those present at the meeting were as follows: -

Members

Reg Haywood
Steve Mullis
Doug Heron
Corrine Mudie
Fred Briggs
Ann Mitchell
Derek Brown
Cedric Sayce
Jack Crossland
Corrine Mudie
Alan Holloway
Gwen Caffery
Richard Gregory
Jim Fenton
Mike Durrant
Mr. J. Griggs

Associate Members

Julie Mullis
Sandra Martin
Barbara Briggs
Alan Gibson
Patrick Sweeney
Charles Mitchell
Diane Brown
Gloria Haywood
Pamela Cheek
Kath Durrant

1. **Apologies were received from:** - Bill Dixon QGM, Marie Morgan, Ted Hegan, Andy Blyth
2. The meeting was declared open and the Chairman, Mr Fred Briggs, chaired the meeting. After the reading of the RAFA dedication a minute's silence was held.
3. The minutes of the 2007 AGM were read and accepted, proposed by Reg Haywood and seconded by Derek Brown.
4. The Chairman stated he was pleased with the attendance at this year's AGM which was an increase on the previous year. He welcomed the new members to the branch including the Mr Jim Fenton, Ms. Gwen Caffery & Mr. Richard Gregory who had joined today. He thanked his outgoing committee for the hard work done over the past 12 months but noted that with Mr. Brian Martin departing for shores a new & Mr. Steve Mullis now living on the Costa Blanca the coming could prove to be a testing one but he was sure that the branch had members more than capable of rising to the occasion.
5. Hon. Treasurer's Annual Report: -
Fellow members, firstly I would like to thank our auditor, Alan Gibson, for his timely inspection of the accounts.
You should all have a copy of the balance sheet so I'll just go through some of the salient items.
We ended 2007 with just over 18,000€ in hand, 3000€ up on last year.
Membership Subscriptions and Renewals are down on the previous year which means we are failing to attract many new members and not succeeding in holding on to those we have. Branch Subscriptions are also down but fortunately so is spending on Branch running costs.
The Wings Appeal Airport collection also saw a reduction but year round collections were almost doubled.
The cancelled Band Concert of 2007 deprived us of a forecast revenue of about 5000€ but surprisingly we still managed to make a gain of nearly 1500€, thanks to a generous donation from the RAF Music Charitable Trust.
Social income over the year saw a considerable increase but so did social expenses, leaving us with a profit of just under 1000€ compared with almost 3000€ the previous year.
Welfare payments, most of which are in the form of grants from the RAF Benevolent Fund, also saw an increase, as did Welfare expenses, the cost of delivering the Welfare service.
Another expenditure you will see on the Balance Sheet is 500€ for Spanish Registration. Documents are currently with a lawyer for registering the Branch as a charity in Spain.

Finally, although we look to have a healthy balance in hand, we should not be complacent and I would urge you all to support the Branch in the coming year to ensure we remain on a sound financial footing. That concludes my report for 2007.

The Hon. Branch Secretary requested clarification on the fact that the branch had such a healthy balance and was informed that a large percentage of that, (some 7,000euro) was in fact money held by the branch for future Welfare payments but that the branches own finances had increased over the year by over 1,000euro.

6. The Election of Officers and Committee Members was held.

The committee for 2008 is as follows: -

President..... **Walter Harley OBE** Not required for re-election

Vice President **Bill Dixon QGM**

Proposed Steve Mullis, Seconded Julie Mullis, Carried Unanimously

Chairman..... **Fred Briggs**

Proposed Cedric Sayce, Seconded Barbara Briggs, Carried Unanimously

Vice Chairperson..... **Corrine Mudie**

Proposed Fred Briggs, Seconded Barbara Briggs, Carried Unanimously

Secretary.....

Position unfilled but the outgoing Secretary agreed to continue until a replacement was found

Treasurer..... **Reg Haywood**

Proposed Derek Brown, Seconded Steve Mullis, Carried Unanimously

Welfare Officer..... **Derek Brown**

Proposed Reg Haywood, Seconded Steve Mullis, Carried Unanimously

Welfare Team **Reg Haywood & Corrine Mudie**

Proposed Steve Mullis, Seconded Julie Mullis, Carried Unanimously

Membership Secretary **Steve Mullis**

Proposed Julie Mullis, Seconded Reg Haywood, Carried Unanimously

Social Events Coordinator ... **Sandra Martin & Gloria Haywood**

Volunteered after meeting & was accepted by the Committee

Wings Appeal Organisers **Position unfilled**

Public Relations Officer **Cedric Sayce**

Proposed Steve Mullis, Seconded Julie Mullis, Carried Unanimously

7. The Election for the Annual & Area Conference delegate was held and the position for the forth coming year will be held by **Mr Steve Mullis**,

Proposed Julie Mullis, Seconded Reg Haywood, Carried Unanimously

8. The position of Branch Auditor is held by **Mr Alan Gibson** for the fourth year,

Proposed Steve Mullis, Seconded Julie Mullis, Carried Unanimously

9. Resolutions for discussion

1. Proposed by the Hon Treasurer, Mr Reg Haywood, seconded by the Secretary, Mr Steve Mullis, that the branch annual subscription of 15euro per members stays unchanged for the year 2008.

Carried Unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 14.40 hrs

The date for next years AGM would be decided by the branch committee and notified in the committee minutes.