

Royal Air Forces Association – Benalmádena Branch 1357

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida de Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel on Monday 18th May 2009 at 1230 hrs.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Fred Briggs	Chairman
Reg Haywood	Hon.Treasurer
Corinne Mudie	Vice-Chairman
Derek Brown	Hon.Welfare Officer
Cedric Sayce	Public Relations
Jack Griggs	Hon.Secretary

Associate Members

Sandra Martin	Social Events Coordinator
Gloria Haywood	Social Events Coordinator

ITEM

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from: - Steve Mullis, Bill Dixon, Doug Heron and Alan Gibson

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes from the April meeting were accepted subject to deleting paragraph 10.2 which had been carried over from the March minutes, and then signed.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

1. Ongoing Action for Welfare team to prepare an input on Welfare training and problems for the European Area Conference report being prepared by the Costa Blanca Branch. (This has been overtaken by events as the Costa Blanca North branch has produced a report to Conference without sending it around in draft form. We are now responding direct to the Overseas Director in UK with a number of major observations)
2. Website problems. Jack met Andy Blyth (WebMaster) out here last week and agreed a number of changes to the website which will be implemented over the next few weeks. Action Ongoing
3. Lapsed members. Jack to follow up the Committee agreement to waive back subs. Ongoing Action

4. Treasurers Report: -

Reg presented the April accounts and balance sheet for the Committee to examine. There were no observations and the report is filed. The accounts can be examined on request.

5. Welfare Officers Report:-

1. No new cases since last meeting
2. Three maintenance renewal grants paid out
3. Suspended investigation into case with complex family problems, awaiting discussions with other interested party for possible follow up.
4. Preparing 2008 annual welfare activities report for RAFA HQ, for submission next month.
5. Awaiting feedback from RBL country officer, Donna Wilson, on Regional Welfare Conference sponsored by UK consulate, to be arranged later this year.
6. Awaiting discussions with our RAFA European area conference delegate, Steve Mullis, regarding tabling a proposal for Welfare Round Table discussion aimed at sharing experiences etc, at the October 2010 European Area Autumn Conference to be held in Gibraltar. This discussion with Steve is to take place on the Saturday after the Summer Ball.

6. Wings Appeal Report:-

Sandra donated 57€ from a local quiz and also some Wings money to be accounted for in the May accounts.

7. Social Events Report:-

1. The Summer Ball scheduled for Friday 26th June will be held at Restaurante Val Paraiso Mijas. Tickets are to cost 30€. Reg has printed the Tickets which are available from Sandra or any Committee member. Fred is to invite Steve Jones, the British Consul to the event and Cedric to the Costa Del Sol News as usual. **Every effort to be made by all to sell tickets and to make this event a success**
2. The May 2nd Table Sale made approx 146€. Next Sale to be held in October.
3. Reg reported that all seats for the Gibraltar visit had been sold and a full day has been organized by RAF Gibraltar.

8. Secretary's Report:-

There has been some activity from HQ this month as the Annual Conference is looming. Draft resolutions were distributed to the Committee for comment. Steve to listen and vote accordingly at the conference. I have sent a Branch Report in for presentation at Conference. (Now awaiting Steve's Conference Report). I have received the pictures from HQ and we now need to decide what to do with them. We have 2 signed copies but are only being charged for one.

9. Other Notified Items:-

1. **Charity Status and follow up actions.** Reg has again contacted the lawyers to expedite our registration.
2. **Branch Associate members.** This was discussed and it was decided not to introduce this class of membership as it was thought that RAFA would lose out as these members would not be RAFA Associate Members.
3. **Calendar 2010.** It was agreed that this will not be pursued this year.

10. Any Other Business:-

1. There was discussion about the War Graves in our area following the initial article by Bob Yareham in the local paper on their location and condition. We assisted Bob in his investigations. After much discussion it was agreed to look at the possibility of placing a Plaque on the existing Graves in the English Cemetary in Malaga so that they may be respected and remembered on Remembrance Sunday. Jack will make enquiries about this possibility.
2. Fred to contact the Consulate reference Airport passes for the Wings Week collection.

There being no other business, meeting closed at 1340 hours.

Date Of Next Meeting:- 15th June 2009 at the Galaxy Bar at 1230 hours. (Followed by the social gathering)

Diary Dates

Monday 15th June Committee Meeting and Social Gathering, 1230 and 1400 hours resp.

Friday 26th June Summer Ball at Valparaiso Mijas Costa.

Saturday 27th June Extraordinary Committee Meeting – time and place tba. Discussions with our Conference delegate to consider Resolutions to the Autumn Conferenwithee.

Monday 20th July Committee Meeting and Social Gathering, 1230 and 1400 hours resp.