

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 15th June 2009 at 1230 hrs.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Fred Briggs	Chairman
Reg Haywood	Hon.Treasurer
Doug Heron	V-President and Wings App.
Cedric Sayce	Public Relations
Jack Griggs	Hon.Secretary

Associate Members

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

ITEM

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from: - Steve Mullis, Bill Dixon, Derek Brown and Corinne Mudie.

2. **Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting.** The minutes from the April meeting were accepted and 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. **Action Completed, Report sent to UK.**
2. Website problems. **Action Completed, up-dated content now up-and-running. All content now accessible.**
3. Lapsed members. Jack to follow up the Committee agreement to waive back subs. **Ongoing Action**

4. Treasurers Report: -

Reg presented the May 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. One new case since last meeting.
2. Two maintenance renewal grants paid out.
3. Complex case awaiting info from RAFA UK and others.
4. Annual welfare report remains under preparation.
5. No further info on regional Welfare Conference - hopefully I can expedite information from the British Consul at the Summer Ball on Friday 26th June.
6. Discussions on the European area welfare paper will be held at a special committee meeting on Saturday morning June 27 following the Summer Ball.

6. Wings Appeal Report:-

The collections for may are 59.65€ from the various bars.

7. Social Events Report:-

1. The Summer Ball tickets are going quite well. As Sandra is going on holiday, Reg is handling sales and ticket allocation. The new British Consul and his Vice-Consul will be attending. Jack and Derek will be visiting the Restaurant to discuss table layout etc on Friday 19th June.
2. A Wings Week social evening is planned for Saturday 19th September. Details available soon.
3. Jack asked for all to think ahead for ideas for events and trips out. He suggested for example that a 2/3 day visit to Madrid by train (AVE) would be an idea for early next year (or even for Christmas lights and shopping). Advance AVE tickets can be very cheap.

8. Secretary's Report:-

Activity this month has been mostly around the preparation of our Branch comments on the European Area Welfare paper that has been produced by Bob Hunt of the Costa Blanca North branch. This is now complete and our letter has been sent to UK and all European Area branch secretaries. Due to business, I will not be at the July meeting. For August, I get back from Canada on the morning (1045) of the 17th and hope to make the meeting but it would help if the time could be put back. **It was agreed that the July dates stay but the August Committee meeting will be put back one week to the 24th. The Social gathering stays on the 17th August. Cedric will miss the July meeting.**

9. Other Notified Items:-

1. Charity Status and follow up actions. Reg reported that the lawyers had passed him several books to be used as part of the accreditation. Some doubt is expressed as to exactly what they have applied for. It

seems that we have been Registered as an Association but not yet as a Charity. Jack agreed to contact the Costa Blanca Branches for assistance and guidance as they had no difficulty in being given charitable status. This has been done (by e-mail) and we await a reply. Something does not seem right.

2. There will be an extra-ordinary meeting on Saturday 27th June at 1030 hrs to discuss Conference matters with Steve. Venue to be Hotel hAcienda just up the hill from the Valparaiso, on the terrace.
3. Armed Forces Day in Gibraltar 22nd to 24th June. Individual visits will be made. Details have been sent out.

10. Any Other Business.

1. Cedric asked if publicity material could be obtained from UK so that we can mount a recruiting drive. Jack to follow up.
2. Cedric asked that UK be asked to give overseas Branches more notice of events in UK so that there is a chance to attend or get involved. The Easter events and promotions came to us AFTER Easter via Airmail.
3. There is a Notice Board in the door of The Galaxy Bar for announcements. Reg will print some Newsletters for the bar also.
4. Reg announced that there is a Concert in Gibraltar on the 20th September 2009 by The Band of The RAF Regiment. He agreed to arrange a bus and to advise the costs etc asap.

There being no other business, meeting closed at 1350 hours.

Date Of Next Meeting:- 20th July 2009 at the Galaxy Bar at 1230 hours. (Followed by the social gathering)

Diary Dates

Friday 26th June Summer Ball at Valparaiso Mijas Costa.

Saturday 27th June Extraordinary Committee Meeting – time 1030 at Hotel Hacienda Mijas. Discussions with our Conference delegate to consider Resolutions to the European Area Autumn Conference.

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

Monday 17th August Galaxy Bar, Social meeting at 1400 hrs.

Monday 24th August Galaxy bar, Committee meeting at 1230 hrs.

Saturday 19th September, provisional Wings Week Social Evening. Details shortly.

Sunday 20th September, RAF Band concert in Gibraltar, details of bus, times and costs asap.