

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 24th August 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.
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: - Bill Dixon, Steve Mullis, Derek Brown, Corinne Mudie and Cedric Sayce.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes from the June 15th and 27th meetings were accepted and signed.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

1. Lapsed members. Jack to follow up the Committee agreement to waive back subs. **Ongoing Action**
2. Item 10.1/2 June 15th meeting, Jack has e-mailed UK to ask for the latest publicity material and advance notice of uk events. Only reply is that this information is out of stock or being updated with no forecast of when we will get anything. In other words, we are yet again on our own.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Reg presented the June and July accounts and balance sheets 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. 4 cases dealt with since last meeting.

2. 3 grant renewal payments made

3. Awaiting news update on regional welfare conference to be organised by British consul, info promised now in September.

6. Wings Appeal Report:-

1. July collections €151.50

7. Social Events Report:-

1. The Wings Week Social for Saturday 19th September is arranged, posters produced and tickets available from Sandra. Corinne has agreed to do the buffet and a Budget limit of €100 maximum was agreed.

8. Secretary's Report:-

1. There has been quite a lot of activity with HQ concerning our Resolutions to Conference and we are awaiting a formal response from Simon Martin the Overseas Director. We seem to have stirred up a hornets' nest but we are receiving considerable support from other European Branches. The Website continues to be updated and is looking very good now.

9. Other Notified Items:-

1. Charity Status and follow up actions. Charity Status now approved by the Spanish Authorities. Reg is to be thanked for his tenacity in following this through. We are now to set up the correct bank accounts in accordance with the RAFA Rules. Reg to Action this.
2. Wings Week. Airport Passes have been applied for. Doug to chase these up. Doug also to speak to the Iceland manager with the view to having a collection point there for the week.
3. Conference Resolutions. Ongoing actions with Jack and Steve. Awaiting formal reply from UK to our proposals.
4. UK Remembrance Gardens, 28 September and 5 November 2009. Bill will be attending the 28th September Ceremony. It was agreed that we would purchase a Badge Cross for the 5th November Ceremony, Jack to arrange this.
5. Remembrance Parade 2009. Arrangements now well in hand with Steve. Expect draft order of service soon.
6. Shirt Logos. Jack to follow up getting an embroidery file of our logo so that we can produce some quality garments for sale.

7. RAFALog links. This link has been put on the Website.
8. Website Notice Board items.(Steve's suggestions included). Steve's ideas discussed and concern was expressed by the Committee due to the large sums of money being mentioned. We cannot sell advertising space, only donations or discounts/services to members accepted to get a place on the notice board. Steve asked to produce details of his ideas.
9. Welfare items from AiD. Agreed to purchase the Wheelchair for welfare at a cost of €75. Reg to collect.

10. Any Other Business.

1. Gibraltar Concert. Reg has brought the leaving time forward to 1700 to allow more time for transit in Gib.
2. Reg reminded Jack of the actions to follow up the placing of a plaque at the War Graves in Malaga to list other War dead buried in Andalucia. Jack has written to the CWGC to seek advice and/or permission.
3. An Extra-Ordinary Committee Meeting will be held at the Galaxy at 1230 on the 7th September to finalise the Wings Week Collections.

The Meeting closed at 1400 hours.

Date Of Next Meeting:- 21st September 2009 at the Galaxy Bar at 1230 hours. (Followed by the social gathering)

Diary Dates

Monday 7th September, extra Committee meeting 1230 at the Galaxy Bar.

September 14th to 20th, Battle of Britain Week (Wings Week).

September 15th, Battle of Britain Day.

September 19th Wings Day.

Saturday 19th September, Wings Week Social Evening. Galaxy Bar 2000, Entertainer and Buffet and Raffle, cost €7.50.

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

Monday 21st September, Galaxy Bar, Committee meeting and Social Gathering 1230 and 1400 respectively.