

Royal Air Forces Association – Benalmádena Branch 1357

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avenida de Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel on Monday 21st December 2009 at 1230 hrs.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Corinne Mudie	Vice-Chairman
Reg Haywood	Hon. Treasurer
Cedric Sayce	Public Relations
Jack Griggs	Hon. Secretary

Associate Members

Sandra Martin	Social Events Coordinator
Alan Gibson	Auditor

ITEM

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from: - Steve Mullis, Bill Dixon, Fred Briggs, Derek Brown, Doug Heron and Gloria Haywood.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes from the November meeting were accepted and signed.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- 1. Lapsed members.** Renewal invitation letters have been sent to selected lapsed members in the AGM Booklet. **Action Completed.**
- 2. Social Meeting Program** for the next few months. See Social Events Report.
- 3. Publicity and Iceland.** Cedric presented a Business Plan for Iceland for reading and comment later in the day. Later, the general opinion was that we should firstly be telling Iceland and their Staff who and what we are and not putting up promotional ideas which could be used by other “charities”. We should use the information already provided to get our case over and hopefully be selected as one of the preferred charities for the whole year. If selected we can then get into discussion on promotional ideas and fund raising events. If we show our hand early and we are not selected, then we could lose the chance to approach someone else. **Cedric to Action.**

4. Treasurers Report: -

Reg presented the 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. Two cases dealt with since last meeting
2. Ongoing work on other cases.

6. Wings Appeal Report:-

1. 76.76€ collected this month.
2. 2317.19€ transferred to CHQ. We have asked for 20% to be returned to the Branch Welfare fund. This is being arranged by Simon Martin at HQ.

7. Social Events Report:-

1. Christmas Dinner at the Chameleon – 12th December 2009 was cancelled due to lack of interest.
2. Christmas Raffle at the Galaxy – 16th December 2009. This went well and has raised 695€.
3. The Monthly Social Gatherings will alternate between Quizes and other events. Speakers will be arranged to speak in subjects of interest. Jack will contact Sontech to follow up their offer of a talk and tests on hearing.
4. Burns Night 25th January 2010. We decided to cancel this as it falls on the date of our AGM. The Social for January will follow the AGM and will be a quiz and raffle.
5. Valentines Social at Galaxy on 13th April. Cost to be 7.50€ to include Supper and Entertainer.
6. Easter Function 3rd April is being finalised.
7. It was agreed to combine the Summer Ball and 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain Ball and that we should follow up holding it at the Hotel Torrequebrada. Cedric has spoken to the hotel and obtained some details but it was agreed that a further visit to the hotel is required. The Committee will meet there on January 18th at 1100 hours, prior to the next Committee meeting.

8. Secretary's Report:-

AGM Booklets produced, marked up with subs due, letters included for some lapsed members, and they have been sent out. The Autumn Conference minutes have now been received from UK, and, at last, the long awaited Welfare Report has arrived and has been forwarded to our Welfare team for study and comment.

9. Other Notified Items:-

1. 2010 AGM 25th January. Final arrangements are in hand. Nominations for Committee are required asap and no later than the 18th January 2010. The Final Agenda will be presented on the day.

2. Conference Delegate. Fred has asked that we review the requirement for a permanent delegate and also the need to attend 2 Conferences every year, especially in the current financial climate. This was discussed in detail and the Committee agreed the following:

a. It was agreed that we should have a delegate at Conferences. The Branch President agreed during his Christmas visit to the Branch, to represent the Branch at all UK Conferences, starting in May 2010 at Blackpool, at no cost to the Branch or RAFA.

b. Due to the increased visibility of Welfare at the European Area Autumn Conferences, these Conferences will be attended by one of our Welfare team who would be the Conference Delegate. If there was a problem at any time with this arrangement, then our President has agreed to cover these, also at no, or little, cost to the Branch or RAFA.

In all, these arrangements were considered to be very satisfactory and represent a financial saving while at the same time ensuring we have the representation we need at Conferences. The permanent Committee position of Branch Conference Delegate will therefore cease to exist with effect the AGM on 25th January 2010 and there will be no election required for this post. The AGM final Agenda will reflect this and nominations will not be accepted for the position.

10. Any Other Business:-

1. Cedric raised the subject of publicity. After some discussion it was agreed that the local press should be approached with some urgency with full details of who and what we are and that our AGM is to be held on 25th of January. Emphasis should be put on our Welfare work and who to contact. This should be done before the next meeting and as soon as possible if we are to attract new members. It is possible that we may have to pay for a small advert. **Cedric to Action.**

Date Of Next Meeting:- 18th January at Hotel Torrequebrada at 11 am. (Followed by Committee meeting)

Diary Dates:

18th January 2010 Committee Meeting. Hotel Torrequebrada 1100 hours

25th January 2010. AGM at the Galaxy Bar 1300 hours, followed by a Social Quiz and Raffle.

13th February 2010. Valentines Social at the Galaxy. 2030 hours, Entertainers, Buffet and Raffle. 7.50€

3rd April 2010. Easter Social at the Galaxy. 2030 hours. Details later.

18th September 2010. Battle of Britain 70th Anniversary Ball. Details to be announced.