

Royal Air Forces Association – Benalmádena Branch 1357

Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Committee Meeting

Held at Hotel hAcienda Mijas on Saturday 27th June 2009, to hear the May RAFA Conference Branch Delegate Report and to discuss proposed resolutions for the October 2009 European Area Conference.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Fred Briggs	Chairman
Corinne Mudie.	Vice-Chairman
Reg Haywood	Hon.Treasurer
Doug Heron	Vice-President and Wings Appeal
Steve Mullis	Vice-President and Branch Delegate
Cedric Sayce	Public Relations
Derek Brown	Hon. Welfare Officer
Jack Griggs	Hon.Secretary

ITEM

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from: - Bill Dixon.
2. **Conference Discussions.** Steve gave a brief of the May 2009 Area and Main Conferences held in Bournemouth. He explained the voting and Council Election processes which has led us to a number of proposed resolutions which we, as a Branch, wish to present to the October European Area Conference. These draft resolutions have been arrived at by a process of discussion/exchanges between him and Jack, and all committee members have a copy. The aim today is to agree the next steps and to apportion actions. There followed detailed discussion and agreements were reached in that all the proposed resolutions should be forwarded for consideration by the Conference delegates and that a copy, after completion by Jack, would be circulated to the other European Secretaries as well as the Overseas Director. (Proposed by Dougie, Seconded by Derek and carried unanimously)
3. **Actions Resulting from the above.**
 1. Steve to forward his Conference report to Jack for records, and to Andy for inclusion on the Website.
 2. Jack to review all the Proposed Resolutions and add Standing Order and Rule references where applicable. A final draft will then be circulated to the Branch Committee for any comment.
 3. Following final Committee approval, Jack will forward the Proposals to Simon Martin, RAFA Overseas Director, for his consideration to include them on the European Area Conference 2009 to be held in October.
 4. At this time, Jack will send copies to each European Area Branch Secretary.
 5. The above actions to be completed by mid-August at the latest.
4. **Any Other Business**
 1. Following further discussion, this time on Welfare, Derek proposed that we draft 2 further Proposed Resolutions as follows:-
 - a. Propose that from the 2010 European Area Autumn Conference, there should be a Welfare Forum included on the agenda and that sufficient time is allowed for this to be constructive. Jack to raise the draft resolution.
 - b. Propose that the Location and Knowledge of the Area Welfare Officer be reviewed with consideration being given for this position to be located outside UK in mainland Europe. It is considered that Spain is the most suitable location as almost certainly this is where the large majority of Welfare cases, outside UK, arise. Jack to raise the draft resolution.
 2. Cedric proposed a vote of thanks to Steve and Jack for the hard work put into raising these substantial Proposed Resolutions. Seconded by Derek and passed unanimously.

The business of the meeting being completed, the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 1215 hours with thanks to all who had attended.