

Royal Air Forces Association – Benalmádena Branch 1357

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held at Hotel Torrequebrada, Benalmadena on Monday 18th January 2010 at 1100 hours.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Fred Briggs	Chairman
Corinne Mudie	Vice-Chairman
Jack Griggs	Hon. Secretary
Reg Haywood	Hon. Treasurer
Doug Heron	V-President and Wings App.
Derek Brown	HWO
Cedric Sayce	Public Relations

Associate Members

Sandra Martin	Social Events Coordinator
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1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from: - Steve Mullis, Bill Dixon, Gloria Haywood and Alan Gibson.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes from the December 2009 meeting were accepted subject to a date correction in Para 7.5, and signed.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

1. **Publicity and Iceland.** Cedric reported that he was waiting for a reply from Iceland on the request to be accepted as one of their charities for the year. Other information on publicity to follow.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Reg presented the December 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. Reg reported that Alan Gibson has completed the audit of the accounts for the AGM.

5. Welfare Officers Report:-

There was one new case each in December and January. The Annual Welfare report to UK was targeted for completion for the February Meeting.

6. Wings Appeal Report:-

No report, but Reg has identified 4 new outlets for collection tins. Jack to order new tins and seals etc. (Done)

7. Social Events Report:-

1. Discussions around the monthly socials raised possibility of presentations from a hearing aid company and the Leeds Building Society. Jack is to contact these to arrange possible dates. Jack will also to see if there are any "Teddies" still available from UK.
2. Valentines Social. Reg to prepare the poster for this event.
3. 70th Anniversary Battle of Britain Gala function. Hotel Torrequebrada showed the committee the function rooms and explained the options. The preferred date of September 18th is not available but the 17th is. We decided to reserve this date pending further information on menus and costs. The hotel is sending menu and facility options to Cedric for our consideration. Subject to meeting a number of requirements, and after full discussion in committee, further discussion will be held with the hotel to finalise the booking. It was agreed that the venue is first class for the type of event we are planning, but many matters have to be resolved before signing contracts. **Ongoing Action.**

8. Secretary's Report:-

Following the Committee decision to change the way the Branch is represented at Conferences, steps have been taken to inform HQ and other European Branches of our arrangements. Bill has been brought up to speed on the May Conference to be held in UK and he has booked his hotel ahead of the formal requirements. HQ is now passing all relevant documents to him instead of Steve. There has been a glut of e-mails from various Branches about possible changes to Conference format and frequency, something we as a Branch have been advocating for some time. Without going into any detail at the moment, but we may be able to put forward a cost effective proposition in the near future.

9. Other Notified Items: - None.

10. Any Other Business:-

1. Fred brought up the subject of possibly moving our HQ from the Galaxy to the Chameleon to give us more room and privacy for meetings. It was agreed to hold this for the moment to see how our membership numbers were after the AGM. It was agreed that the Galaxy have been very good to us, but that there are problems with some events.

The meeting closed at 1230 hours.

Date of Next Meeting: - 15th Feb 2010 at the Galaxy Bar at 1230 hours. (Followed by the social gathering)