

Royal Air Forces Association – Benalmádena Branch 1357

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held at The Galaxy Bar, Bonanza Avda., Arroyo de la Miel, on Monday 15th February 2010 at 1230 hours.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Fred Briggs	Chairman
Jack Griggs	Hon. Secretary
Reg Haywood	Hon. Treasurer

Associate Members

Sandra Martin	Social Events Coordinator
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1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from: - Bill Dixon, Corinne Mudie, Derek Brown and Alan Gibson. Fred Briggs announced that he had a letter of resignation from Cedric Sayce and that he (Fred) had asked for all information relevant to publicity, Iceland, and the Hotel Torrequebrada be forwarded to Jack. Cedric is to be contacted by letter in respect his membership as he does not want to remain a Branch member, just a RAF member. Unfortunately this has left the branch with a few problems requiring resolution regarding the Battle of Britain Ball.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes from the January 2010 meeting were accepted and signed.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

1. **Publicity and Iceland.** No reports on progress available due to Cedric not being present and not sending in any report. Derek Brown will be asked to visit Iceland to follow up our enquiries there. Sandra agreed to deal with Events publicity with the local radio stations, and Reg and Jack will handle press contacts until or unless a new PR volunteer is found.
2. **Teddies for raffles.** New ones are due out in March and will be ordered.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Reg presented the January 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:-

Reg reported that there was one new case since the last meeting.

6. Wings Appeal Report:-

Reg reported 37.46€ from tins this month and that 3 new outlets had been given tins. Arrangements need to be made for the presentation of the Wings Trophy for last year to the Rima Bar. The Press are to be contacted and a suitable date to be arranged.

7. Social Events Report:-

1. The **Monthly social** arrangements are progressing. Today we have a presentation on hearing by Alfonso Sanchez of Sontec (post meeting note: this was very good and lots of goodies were given away). Next month it is the turn of The Leeds Building Society who may also give a few surprises.

2. **Valentines Social.** This was a success despite the weather and a good profit of around 200€ was made.

3. **70th Anniversary Battle of Britain Gala function.** Due to the absence of Cedric we were unable to make final decision. Jack showed the meeting the menu and facility options for an alternative venue at Sol Andalusi in case the Hotel option falls through. Information to be obtained from Cedric and a decision must be made at the next meeting. **Ongoing Action.**

4. **Table Sale.** Sandra has arranged a Table Sale at the Galaxy for Saturday 1st May at 1100.

5. **Easter Social.** Final arrangements made for the social on Saturday 3rd April at the Galaxy. Price 7.50€ includes buffet supper and entertainment by Karl Knight. Posters printed and distributed.

8. Secretary's Report:-

Much of the month has been taken up with the AGM, collecting subs, and making returns to HQ. There has been some correspondence between branches on welfare and we will be submitting comments to HQ on welfare matters shortly, as requested by them in advance of the October Conference. Clarification was obtained from HQ on the "shared fares" scheme used for conferences and despite making no claim for expenses, we will still be charged for fares of other branches if we send a delegate to conference. I have registered our feelings and that this could discourage branches sending delegates when it is not intended to claim from RAFA. Despite this however, our method of representing the branch is still less than in the past.

9. Other Notified Items: -

1. Vacancies on the Committee. Helen Buchan and Dougie Heron were co-opted on to the committee to assist Sandra on the Social Events group. The Wings Coordinators' post remains empty and will be covered by Reg, Fred and Jack until another volunteer arrives, and we now have a vacancy for a Public Relations person.

10. Any Other Business:-

All matters covered above.

The meeting closed at 1340 hours.

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

Diary of Events

15th March. Committee meeting at 1230 followed by Social meeting at 1400 hrs. Galaxy Bar.

3rd April. Easter Social at the Galaxy at 2000 hrs. Karl Knight. Tickets as usual.

19th April. Committee meeting at 1230 followed by Social meeting at 1400 hrs. Galaxy Bar.

1st May. Mayday Table Sale at the Galaxy Bar from 1100 hrs.

17th May. Committee meeting at 1230 followed by Social meeting at 1400 hrs. Galaxy Bar.