

# **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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 1230 hours.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

## **Members**

Fred Briggs Chairman  
Derek Brown HWO  
Jack Griggs Hon. Secretary  
Reg Haywood Hon. Treasurer  
Doug Heron V-President and Social Events

## **Associate Members**

Sandra Martin Social Events Coordinator  
Helen Buchan Social Events Coordinator

**1. Apologies.** Apologies were received from: - Bill Dixon and Corinne, both trapped in UK, and Alan Gibson.

## **2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting.**

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

## **3. Matters arising from the previous meeting:**

1. **Publicity and Iceland.** Derek has requested a meeting with Iceland management to discuss dates for collections. **Ongoing Action.**
2. Steve has been notified of the decision on his offer to cover publicity. His offer is still open should we need help.
3. **St. Georges Day** progress. The event has been cancelled by the organisers for this year due to lack of time and funds.
4. The Wings Trophy has been presented to the Rima Bar. Runners-up trophy presented today to the Galaxy Bar.

## **4. Treasurers Report: -**

Reg presented the March 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. Three Welfare cases dealt with since the last meeting.
2. Corrine has attended the Level 1 Welfare Training Course in the U.K. from 12th - 14th April. She is now marooned in the U.K...
3. We are deferring a meeting to visit the Dementia Treatment Centre in Fuengirola pending Corrine's return.
4. We have been in touch with the RBL Country Officer, Donna Wilson, to discuss possible participation in RBL Volunteer Case Worker training days. She advises that we will be welcome to attend but I am not sure whether they will be of value to us as they are not similar to the RAFA Level 2 Case Worker Courses.

## **6. Wings Appeal Report:-**

Reg reported 43.05€ from tins this month.

## **7. Social Events Report:-**

1. The **Monthly social** arrangements are ongoing. Today it is quiz time, next month (May) there will be a talk by The Costa Del Sol Photographic Society.
  2. **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Britain Gala function.** It was unanimously agreed that this to proceed on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September at Sol Andalusi Resort, Alhaurin de la Torre. The contract is being translated and will be signed shortly. It was agreed that the cost will be 40€ a head and that Karl Knight should be asked to provide the music and entertainment. When that is done the posters and menu programmes can be finalised.
- Jack and Reg to arrange the contract signing.**
4. **Table Sale** 1<sup>st</sup> May at the Galaxy. Items required please.
  5. **Easter Social.** This was a very good evening enjoyed by everyone there. Reg is finalising the finances, but we did not lose out considering the low turnout.
  6. **St Georges Day 23<sup>rd</sup> April.** Cancelled, see in "Matters Arising" above.

## **8. Secretary's Report:-**

A few subs in but many still to come.

## **9. Other Notified Items: -**

1. Vacancies on the Committee. The Wings Coordinators' and Publicity posts remain empty and will be covered by Reg, Fred and Jack until another volunteer arrives.
2. The May Conference briefing with Bill postponed until UK flight problems have ended. Now planned for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**10. Any Other Business:-**

There was no other business.

**The meeting closed at 1335 hours.**

**Date of Next Meeting: - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at the Galaxy Bar at 1230 hours. (Followed by the social gathering)**

**Diary of Events**

**1<sup>st</sup> May. Mayday Table Sale at the Galaxy Bar from 1100 hrs.**

**17<sup>th</sup> May. Committee meeting at 1230 followed by Social meeting at 1400 hrs. Galaxy Bar.**

**21<sup>st</sup> June. Committee meeting at 1230 followed by Social meeting at 1400 hrs. Galaxy Bar.**

**11<sup>th</sup> September. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Britain Dinner Dance at Resort Sol Andalusi. 1930 for 2000. Full details shortly. 3 Course Dinner with wine etc, Arrival aperitifs, entertainment and dancing. Dress smart or DJ, Cost 40€ per person.**