

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 17th May 2010 at 1200 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 Social Events
Derek Brown	HWO

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from: - Bill Dixon, Sandra Martin, Helen Buchan (ashbound in UK) and Alan Gibson.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting.

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

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- 1. Publicity and Iceland.** Iceland have agreed to collections in-store for Wings Week and we can man a table and put up posters. Derek will keep in touch with them for any other possibilities and to remind them nearer the time. Our contact is Julie the Assistant Manager.
- 2.** The Contract with Sol Andalusi has been signed for the September Dinner Dance.

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.** Four welfare cases were dealt with since the last meeting.
- 2.** Corinne is now scheduled to attend the Case Workers' Course in the U.K. from 11th - 13th June.
- 3.** Reg is provisionally planning to attend the Level 1 Refresher Course from August 25th to the 27th.
- 4.** The introductory visit to the Dementia Treatment Centre in Fuengirola has now been further deferred to July after Corinne returns from her Case Workers Course.

6. Wings Appeal Report:-

Reg reported 104.18€ in this month.

7. Social Events Report:-

- 1.** The **Monthly social** arrangements are ongoing. Today it is a talk by The Costa Del Sol Photographic Society.
- 2. 70th Anniversary Battle of Britain Gala function.** Now fully set up. Tickets are available. Meal order forms will be with the tickets for pre-ordering the food. Publicity to now go ahead. Jack is to send out the posters and program to as many local organisations as possible. **Jack to Action.**
- 4. Table Sale** 1st May made aprox. 104€

8. Secretary's Report:-

Still chasing subs. The Contract for the September Dinner Dance has been signed the deposit of 300€ paid, and Karl Knight booked. Our details are now on both the Benalmádena and Fuengirola Foreigners departments and we receive the Fuengirola Newsletter by e-mail which I put on the Website. I have asked the Benalmádena office for a similar copy so we can broaden its distribution. **Efforts to educate HQ about "Partnerships" will continue at conference with Bill bending some ears. Another advantage of these arrangements can be seen in Fuengirola with the "Age Concern Espania" Garden Party this weekend, which is being attended by the British Ambassador from Madrid, solely due to them being "Partners".**

9. Other Notified Items: -

- 1. Vacancies on the Committee,** co-opting members to fill the positions. Ongoing Action.
- 2. Conference briefing.Resolutions** to be discussed in order to advise Bill of any specific voting orders. This was done and results forwarded to Bill for the Conference.
- 3. Remembrance Garden at the National Arboretum.** Bill has suggested that the Branch subscribes to an annual cross, which he will plant, to honour the War Dead buried in Andalucia. The Committee decided that this would be better spent on a similar memorial in the Malaga Remembrance garden being planned as we speak. Perhaps Bill will discuss this when he comes out here at the end of May.

4. **Bill is to donate a 1 week let in his luxury caravan/mobile home in the Lake district next year (date to be advised) for our Christmas or Dinner Dance Raffle.** This was very gratefully accepted and we await details of location and dates from Bill.

10. Any Other Business:-

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 1300 hours.

Date of Next Meeting: - 21st June 2010 at the Galaxy Bar at 1230 hours. (Followed by the social gathering)

Diary of Events

21st June. Committee meeting at 1230 followed by Social meeting at 1400 hrs. Galaxy Bar.

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

16th August. Committee meeting at 1230 followed by Social meeting at 1400 hrs. Galaxy Bar.

11th September. 70th 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. Details on web and Newsletter.