

Royal Air Forces Association - BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena

Minutes for Committee Meeting held at The Galaxy Bar, Avda. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel on Monday 13th December 2010.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Fred Briggs Chairman
Corrine Mundie Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood Hon.Treasurer
Derek Brown Hon Welfare Officer
Jack Griggs Hon. Secretary

Associate Members

Sandra Martin Social Events Coordinator
Georgina Young Public Relations
Alan Gibson Auditor

ITEM

1. Apologies Apologies received from: - Bill Dixon, Helen Buchan and Wendy Sweeney.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes from November 2010 meeting were accepted and signed.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

1. Profit/loss for the Battle of Britain Dance. Reg has e-mailed everyone advising a loss of €270.
2. Letter to the Australian Ambassador and Steve Jones ref. Remembrance Sunday. Reg has written this and sent them.
3. Letter to Steve Mullis still to be written by Reg.
- 4 RAF anniversary at St Clement Danes next year. Corinne will attend as Standard Bearer subject to full details. Jack to get details. **Ongoing Action.**

4. Treasurers Report :-

Reg presented the November accounts and balance sheets for the committee to examine. There were no observations and the report is filed, The account can be examined on request.

5. Welfare Officers Report:-

1. Maintenance grant renewal request prepared and submitted to Ben. Fund.
2. Looking to possibly purchasing a hoist to lift electric wheelchair into a car - details to be ascertained and to be reported back to the next committee meeting.
3. A Bath Lift is available and currently housed by the H.W.O.
4. Light weight foldable wheelchairs are also available at the Seniors Shop in Los Boliches at a cost of approx. €150 for possible purchase consideration when required.

6. Wings Appeal Report

Nothing to report for this month. This year's figures posted on the website.

7. Social Events Report

1. **Monthly Socials.** Ongoing. Talks organised for the AGM January Social and February.
2. **Christmas Dinner and Draw report.** Both were very successful. The Dinner Dance at Hotel Tamisa went very well and made a profit of 130€. The Draw at Diamonds also went very well. From ticket sales of 876, we made a profit of 630.73€.

8. Secretarys Report:

Following the Gibraltar Conference I circulated my comments on it. Since then I have sent it to a couple of like-minded Branches to sound out their support. Both Paris and Costa Blanca will support any sensible proposal we put forward to reduce the costs of these conferences. I have also sent my comments to our Overseas Director as words like "mutterings" appear in the Conference Minutes. I thought it would be better to voice my comments up front and advise HQ that we will be following these up with Resolutions for the May Conference. Drafts have been circulated of possible Resolutions. I feel we have now had 2 further pieces in support of our jigsaw. Firstly the Amsterdam Bulletin talks about the successful Conference especially the discussions at the Social events, and then, this week, I received the costs for the Conference (which was over budget!). Most of the expenses go on the Council and Guests. A crazy situation. **Jack to write to HQ to try to establish the rules for Conference Expenses. (post meeting, done)**

9. Public Relations Report:-

Georgina reported that the interviews recorded at the Dinner Dance went out on the radio and were very good (amazing as they were made after a fair amount of wine had been consumed). Pictures of this event and the Draw have been sent to the newspapers.

10. Other notified items:-

- a. Newsletter items.** Reg is ok with this at the moment. Cut off will be each Committee Meeting, publication the following Wednesday.
- b. Band Concerts.** Reg is still trying for an RAF Band. Failing that, we will still try for a "Big Band " event in the Summer..
- c. St.Georges Day 2011.** Arrangements are proceeding. Georgie is handling our side including stall allocation.. Martin Peters of The British Society is coordinating things.
- d. Conference and Welfare Seminars.** Draft Resolutions to be produced by the end of January.
- e. Nominations for Committee 2011.** Reminders that the Nomination Forms should be in at the next Committee meeting.
- f. Branch subscriptions 2011.** It is considered that the Branch Subscription can be reduced to 10€. Proposed by Derek Brown and Seconded by Corinne Mudie, "That the Branch Subscription be reduced to 10€ wef 1 January 2011", **Passed Unanimous.**

11. Any other business

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 14:00

Date of Next Meeting: - 17th January 2011 at the Galaxy Bar at 1230 hours. (No social gathering)