

Royal Air Forces Association Branch 1357 Benalmádena

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at The Galaxy Bar, Avda. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel, on Monday 15th August 2011.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Full and Life Members

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

Associate Members

Robert Peake Membership Secretary
Georgina Young Public Relations

1. Apologies

Apologies received from: - Bill Dixon and Sandra Martin.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes from July 2011 meeting were accepted and signed by Fred.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

None directly, all covered by later items.

4. Treasurers Report:-

Reg presented the July 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. Two new cases since the last meeting. Request for assistance being processed to the Ben Fund.
2. One Maintenance grant renewal processed.
3. Discussions were held with Angels Nursing Group, a new welfare resource. Details were filed for reference. No further action in this respect planned.
4. Heavy Duty bath lift was sold to Jacaranda Rest Home. Awaiting information on disposal of the electric scooter previously used by Julie Mullis. This is being handled by the Costa Blanca Branch.

6. Wings Appeal Report

19 Euros this month. Iceland collectors lists will be sent out shortly. More collectors still needed.

7. Social Events Report

- a. **Monthly Social program.** To resume in September.
- b. **Summer Ball. Update.** Going ok. Radio Advert and Newspaper ads in hand.
- c. **Garden Party arrangements. 1st October.** Start time 14.30, tickets 5€ limited to 56. Consul to be invited (Jack). Llyods Bank to confirm sponsorship. (Done).
- d. **Other activities. Future events or visits.** Ongoing actions to set up something.

8. Secretary's Report:

With the holiday season now on us, and the temperatures very high, things have gone quiet for a while. We are busy preparing for the Wings Week Collection at Iceland, and the Battle of Britain Dinner at the Tamisa Hotel. I am still waiting for confirmation of the Guests of Honour for this function. We will be exhibiting our Display at the Hotel during the week before the function, and also at Care Home Jacaranda (20th August afternoon). All hands and more are needed for the Iceland collection so please ask around. Tickets are now available for the Garden Party.

9. Membership Report.

Robert is preparing a Membership update which is needed for next month. 3 new members this month.

10. Public Relations Officer Report:-

Ongoing. Radio advert is now going out on Central FM.

11. Other Notified Items:-

- a. **Newsletter items.** QAn extra issue will be going out next week..
- b. **Remembrance 2011 - Progress,** All concerned parties have been e-mailed. Awaiting responses.
- c. **Gazebo/Branch Display costs etc. Completed action. All Exhibition components now held.**

d. Remembrance Garden Stone. It was agreed that we would order a stone via Simon Martin (for payment).

12. Any Other Business:-

a. Len Pott's 90th Birthday Party raised 240 Euros and £20 for welfare funds.

b. Derek suggested perhaps having a committee meeting inland. Decision was that it was not necessary but perhaps we could look at an inland function, Talk next meeting.

Date Of Next Meeting:- 19th September 2011, at 12.30 .

Diary of Events

9th September. Battle of Britain Dinner Dance. Hotel Tamisa Golf. 35€.

10th to 17th September. Wings Week.

1st October. Brew For The Few Garden Party at Georgina's. 14.30, cost 5€.