

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 12.30 hours.

### Those present at the meeting were as follows:

#### Full and Life Members

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

#### Associate Members

Stewart Stark Auditor

### 1. Apologies

Apologies received from: -, Corinne Mudie, Georgina Young, and Wendy Sweeney.

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

The minutes from the December 2011 meeting were accepted and signed.

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

None directly, all covered by later items.

### 4. Treasurers Report:-

The December accounts and balance sheets were presented 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:-

- a. 3 Renewal Grants being processed.
- b. Motor mileage rates to be discussed at the first new committee meeting in February.

### 6. Wings Appeal Report

Arrangements are being made for the Trophy presentation to Aladinos to take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. New tins are required for El Mojitos in Carihuela.

### 7. Social Events Report

- a. **Monthly Social program.** Ongoing. Members are to be asked at the AGM what they want us to do.
- b. **Christmas Dinner.** No loss was made. The event went ok, but there were a few problems which have been brought to the notice of the committee and dealt with.
- c. **Events** possible this year include the Gibraltar visit around June/July, a Summer or Battle of Britain Ball, St, Georges Day in Arroyo on April 21<sup>st</sup>. This year is also the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Branch and something will be arranged for this, as well as the Jubilee.
- d. **St Georges Day.** Arrangements re in hand.

### 8. Secretary's Report:

Most of this month has been working on next years subscriptions and renewals. I wrote to the Secretary General about cost savings and have yet to receive a reply. I have also written to Simon martin and Bob Hunt making some suggestions for revising the Area Conferences with a view to saving money. Again, I await a reply. I had a call from the Cyprus Branch who are 100% behind us on Conference reform. My note has been circulated to the other branches and Council members and Bob Hunt will send me his reply when they have commented on it.

### 9. Public Relations Officer Report:-

Georgina was unable to attend today, but has said that she will continue next year and do what she can around her busy restaurant schedule.(Thanks Georgina)

### 10. Other Notified Items:-

- a. **Newsletter items.** Reg is preparing the next issue. There will be an item on Welfare Spending. More items needed still.
- b. **Items for the proposed 2012 Welfare Seminar.** We have put forward items for the proposed Welfare Seminar 2012 including, Country Regulation variations, Comparison of procedures, Gaps in Services for such things as respite and residential care, repatriation problems. It was considered worthwhile in getting all welfare

HWO's together to exchange ideas. Jack has forwarded the list to Simon.

**c. Branch Insurance. Further discussion.** Jack has asked HQ that this should be discussed and explained in detail at the next European Area Conference and Welfare Seminar.

**d. Committee Positions and vacancies.** We have nominations for , President, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, HWO and Team, PRO, and Auditor. We need a new Vice Chairman as Corinne is not continuing, Social and Membership members. These will be addressed at the AGM.

**e. AGM resolutions and agenda.** No Resolutions received and the agenda has been finalised. A list of those who passed away this year is to be read by Bill at the AGM prior to the Dedication.

**f. RAFA Annual Conference agenda, voting and delegate reservations.** Details given to Bill for the May Conference Hotel reservations etc., subject to him being voted in as our Delegate at the AGM

**g. European Area May Conference and Welfare Seminar.** Final decision at next meeting as to what we will do about the Welfare Seminar if it occurs.

#### **11. Any Other Business:-**

**a.** Stewart raised the prospect of us having a stand at the Torremolinos Foreigners Day in April. It was agreed that this is a good idea and should be followed up. Stewart to investigate.

Meeting closed at 13.55 hours.

**Date Of Next Meeting:- 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012.**

#### **Diary of Events**

**20<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Committee Meeting at 12.30. Social at 14.00 hours.**