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RAFA Global Branch 1370 Minutes of committee meeting held on the 10th October 2021 at 1900 hours

Attendees:	Mr Steve Mullis	- Chairman
	Mr Andrew Thomson	- Secretary \
	Ms Nicky Loveday	- Welfare officer
	Mr Gerwyn Thomas	- Membership Secretary
	Mr Graham Croft	- Wings member
	Mr Richard Wiltshire	- Treasurer
	Mrs Mazza Holland	- Social

Item 1: Apologies:

- i) Mr David Routledge – Vice Chair

Item 2: Minutes of the last meeting (5th September 2021).

- i) The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as a true record

Item 3: Matters arising from the last minutes.

- i) Nil

Item 4: Chairman's report

- i) The Chairman thanked those from the Global Branch - 43 in total -who had voted overwhelmingly to support all of the Annual Conference resolutions as indeed did the Association in general.
- ii) The Chairman also mentioned that the Branch Gazebo has proved excellent for its purpose and fully expects it to have paid for itself by the end of next season.

Item 5: Treasurers report

- i) The Treasurer reported the following figures

Community: £4874.40 (total)

Welfare: £436.91

Item 6: Welfare officers report

- i) The Welfare officer reported that she had stood down as a RAFA free standing case worker since they had taken away all responsibilities, as face to face casework is being reviewed in January due to Covid concerns. She reported that she has raised this matter with the Team at Preston, particularly as some cases simply cannot be conducted remotely. She went on to say that she will still be using her skill set with SSAFA & RBL, also assuring the committee that she will still continue to assist the branch to the best of her ability.

Item 7: Secretary's report

- i) The Secretary reminded all that there will be a new Zoom account starting next month therefore the meeting name and passwords will change. **Please note this** on the subsequent email reminder

Item 8: Wings report

- i) The Wings member mentioned the total wings fund now stood at £1798.80, of which £533.96 was attributable to the recent Abingdon show. The member asked that the Public contributions be recognised along with the team on the day. ***The committee agreed***
- ii) The following table shows the breakdown for the Wings 2021 appeal so far

In Account	1798.80	
Unknown Donations on Just Giving	183.00	Just Giving Money goes direct to RAFA
Known Donations on Just Giving	60.00	
Chairman's Challenge via Just Giving	107.00	
Damian Harriss Cycle Ride (APPROX)	300.00	Direct to RAFA
TOTAL FOR WINGS 2021 (So Far)	2448.80	

Item 9: Social report

- i) The Social member mentioned that although there was not much to report, she felt that at this moment in time trips are not the highest priority. However, she hopes to organise a trip to Portsmouth - likely to take place on a specific weekend soon after the AGM. One question raised however, can members take families along? ***The Chairman said this would not be a problem***

Item 10: Any other reports

- i) The Membership representative supplied the following figures for the branch:

Total:	581 members
Comprising:	309 ordinary
	165 lifetime
	41 associate
	66 Give As You Earn

Item 11: Other Notified items

- i) Nil

Item 11.1: Items raised by members

- i) Nil

Item 12: Any Other Business

- i) The Chairman reminded the Committee that there are currently 12 volunteers marching for the RAFA Global Branch 1370 for Remembrance Day on 14th November 2021 at the Cenotaph. He asked if it would be acceptable to obtain a wreath from the RBL for the branch. ***The Committee voted yes overwhelmingly***
- ii) The Chairman also reminded the committee that the paperwork for the AGM is in hand and being prepared and that ***everyone should respond ASAP when required***

As there was no other business for discussion the meeting was closed at 2005 with the date of the next meeting 7th November 2021 at 1900 hours



**Andrew Thomson
Honorary Secretary
RAFA Global Branch 1370**