



The charity that supports the RAF family

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE GLOBAL BRANCH OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCES
ASSOCIATION HELD ONLINE VIA THE ZOOM CONFERENCE FACILITY AT**

2000HRS ON SUNDAY 14th June 2020

Item

1. Attendees

Mr Steve Mullis
Mr Damian Harriss
Mrs Mazza Holland
Mr Gerwyn Thomas
Ms Nicky Loveday
Mr Bryn Holland
Mr Graham Croft
Mrs Julie Mullis

2. Apologies

3. Welfare and Global Branch Outreach Program Update.

Welfare Report for May/June 2020

Since last meeting I have signposted one member to appropriate help and support.

The RAFA Outreach Programme has delivered over 300 food bags of vital supplies to our RAF family. However, I understand the Association prepared 1,000 food bags and has been surprised at the low level of demand and now determining what to do with the excess food bags. Initially thought that the excess food would be used at the Wings Break Hotels but as there is now a plan to close them end-July, that outlet is no longer available. Food bag hubs have already been asked to dispose of the milk as that goes out of date in July 2020.

The Telephone Befriending service is understood to have contacted 30,000 members of the RAF family during Lockdown. Many have appreciated the calls but others have expressed concern at being cold called by the Association. The Global Branch has only contacted members who consented to being contacted.

The Entertainment Channel has had a good following with some items achieving over 60,000 views.

I am not aware of any planned date for the Op CONNECT projects.



4. Treasurers Report

The treasurers report for Sunday 14th June 2020

There has been very little movement over the last few months, (obviously due to the current pandemic). The Welfare account remains fairly constant at £508.58 with no new requests for branch assistance.

The General Account balance stands at £3292.33

There are just a few payments and receipts mostly attributed to the sale of RAFA ducks and related postage costs.

I wanted to raise the profile of Easy Fundraising, its such a great way to add 'free money' to our funds and since February we have received £60.73 from them. Thank you to Nick Loveday for introducing us to them. We need to advertise this to ur members and encourage them to use to the app regularly.

I have no other matters to report at this time.

5. Membership

As of Sunday 14th June 2020,
the branch had 353 members, with one new member not registering on the members portal.

This number consists of the following.

231 Ordinary members

89 Life members

24 Associate members

9 GAYE members (Give as you Earn - Usually serving RAF members

6. AOB

The RAFA Virtual Ride that took place on Sunday 14th June after the actual road ride was postponed due to the the pandenmic, was a fantastic achievement raising over £60,000 for the association.

7. Next Meeting



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Zoom
Sunday 12th July - 8.30pm

Damian Harriss
Hon. Secretary
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