



RAFA Global Branch 1370 Minutes of committee meeting held on the 17th July 2022 at 1900 hours

Attendees: Mr Steve Mullis
Mr David Routledge
Mr Andrew Thomson
Mr Richard Wiltshire
Mrs Irene Thomson
Ms Nicky Loveday

Item 1: Apologies:

- i) Mr Gerwyn Thomas (Membership), Mr Graham Croft (Wings)

Item 2: Minutes of the last meeting (22nd May 2022).

- i) Nil

Item 3: Matters arising from the last minutes.

- i) Nil

Item 4: Chairman's report

- i) The Chairman raised a number of points as follows

- Irene Thomson voted onto committee for Social Events Coordinator until AGM 2023. Looking forward to her first presentation Hopefully one or two trips this year/early 2023
- Thanks to be sent to Mazza for her Committee service since 2016 as Treasurer and Social Events both in minutes and letter
- £179 refunded from accommodation costs for defunct Area Conference
- Branch won 3 mentions at Area Conference for 2021. Received certificates.
Maybe official presentation.
Branch Efficiency 2021
Branch Newsletter & Media 2021
Fund Raising over £2k
- £487-23 for AGM Food Money instead of planned £325. Difference to pay £162-23, costings and planning by RAF Valley originally based on 50, 37 attended so we have to pay.
- Currently 51 booked for AGM 2023 in hotels or similar
- Cenotaph
19 people for the 20 places available
I have been offered a further 5 places by another group if required.
(Awaiting) Permission for wreath to lay in London?

Item 5: Treasurers report

Ordinary account: £ 7154.43 (with £1271.75 ringfenced for Wings appeal)

Welfare account: £ 383.46

Item 6: Welfare officers report

- i) The Welfare officer had nothing significant to report as such but mentioned she is continuing to provide advice and support. To this end the Chairman asked if it might be worth being more proactive with Covid as infection rates were on the increase once more. The Welfare officer did not feel this would be necessary at the moment as infections are fairly mild in nature, and the original plans were not actually really needed. She went on to say that this is a difficult thing to predict, also mentioning that the on line quizzes had been popular. It was therefore suggested that a reminder should be added to Facebook page to let all members know that if assistance is required then it is available. *(This has since been done)*

Item 7: Secretary's report

- i) The Secretary had nothing to report. The Chairman however suggested that if members were unable to attend then the Zoom recording could be available on request. This was agreed by the Secretary

Item 8: Wings report

- i) As the member was not present at the meeting the Chairman mentioned that he had ongoing problems accessing the RAFA trade site and is at present dealing with the member and HQ to assist

Item 9: Social report

- i) The Social member produced a presentation to the committee on a plan to visit the National memorial Arboretum during October, provisional dates set for the 12th and 13th of October this year. She mentioned she would post this on the Facebook page in the very near future in order to gain numbers interested. The Committee agreed in going forward with this

Item 10: Any other reports

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

Total:	611 members
Comprising:	323 ordinary
	173 lifetime
	45 associate
	70 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

As there was no other business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 1950, the date of the next meeting set for the 21st August 2022 at 2000 hours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Thomson', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Thomson
Secretary.
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