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RAFA Global Branch 1370 Minutes of committee meeting held on the 20th Feb 2022 at 1900 hours

Attendees: Mr Steve Mullis
Mr Andrew Thomson
Mr Richard Wiltshire
Mr Graham Croft
Ms Nicky Loveday
Mr Gerwyn Thomas
Mrs Mazza Holland

Item 1: Apologies:

- i) Mr David Routledge

Item 2: Minutes of the last meeting (09th Jan 2022).

- 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) We currently have a maximum of 40 people possibly attending the AGM weekend
- ii) I have sent out all the current paperwork, on behalf of the Secretary, to all members as required prior to the AGM. A further email will be sent to all members attending with any updates I receive from RAF Valley

- iii) As far as the food side, at the AGM, is concerned, when in the Officers Mess, at the Saturday Lunchtime, & the WO & S Mess on Saturday evening. Those attending will be able to order whatever food they require, and their name will be put beside their order. The branch will then be charged after the event & we will collect the money from the members. Not the best method as far as we are concerned but they are not following our suggestion of having a couple of set meals at one price. The prices are going to be low but the exact price I do not know but below £5 a head. Any drinks will have to be paid for at the time of purchase.
- iv) RAF Valley have certainly pushed the boat out as far as our AGM weekend is concerned. Can I please have the Committee's permission to have a working float to purchase any drinks for our hosts, if required, as some are joining us on the Friday evening as well as at the AGM on the Saturday. **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY TO THE SUM OF £50**
- v) I currently have 17 people who wish to partake in the **Hawk pull**. Exact details are still being worked out how this is going to work. Should be interesting.
- vi) Head Quarters have asked whether the Global Branch are prepared to take on up to 41 members from the Newbury RMG which is having to close. They will all have email addresses and will have agreed to be transferred to us. These will help replace the 43 current members we currently have on our roll who we got last year following the closure of the Camberley and Woking branches who do not have an email address, the minimum required to be a member of a virtual branch. Are the Committee happy for us to accept these members? **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**
- vii) **Abingdon air and Country show Sat Sept 10th.** Cost for us to attend with Gazebo is £52. Can I have the Committees permission to pay this. **AGREED BOOKED & PAID**
- viii) We have an Associate Member of some 15 years, who is not going to be renewing this year. Her husband, who is deceased, was very active within the Association setting up 3 different branches. Since we no longer pay for another lady, Joyce Edwards, who passed away last year, can I request that the branch pays for this new lady's membership. **AGREED & RENEWED**
- ix) March 6th is the 100th birthday of our member Joan Woods. Can I have the Committees permission to get her a bouquet of flowers/pot plant paid for from our Welfare account. I am planning to deliver them on our way home after the AGM. **AGREED BY ALL**

Item 5: Treasurers report

Community account: £3628.26

Welfare account: £ 436.96

Wings account: £0

Item 6: Welfare officers report

- i) Nil

Item 7: Secretary's report

- i) Nil

Item 8: Wings report

- i) The Wings member mentioned he is still keen to hold a wine (or gin) tasting night with a view to raising funds for the Wings account. The Chairman added the Wings member has a business near to him maintains a collection box, and, if anyone knows of a business near to them that would be willing to maintain the same then to get in touch

Item 9: Social report

- i) The Social member asked if it would be possible to use the RAFA Gazebo for the Riverside festival (local to her) of which she would require it between the 29th July and 1st August. This would be a joint effort with the RBL and ourselves of which any monies raised would be split equally. The Chairman agreed and both him and the social member will arrange collection between them

Item 10: Any other reports

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

Total:	581 members
Comprising:	308 ordinary
	167 lifetime
	39 associate
	9 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

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting was closed at 1932hrs. The next committee meeting will, due to the AGM, take place in April (TBC)



Andrew Thomson
Honorary Secretary
RAFA Global Branch 1370