



RAFA Global Branch 1370 Minutes of committee meeting held on the 22nd May 2022 at 2000 hours

Attendees: Mr Steve Mullis
Mr David Routledge
Mr Andrew Thomson
Mr Graham Croft
Mr Gerwyn Thomas

Item 1: Apologies:

- i) Ms Nicky Loveday (Welfare), Mrs Maz Holland (Social), Mr Richard Wiltshire (Treasurer)

Item 2: Minutes of the last meeting (24th Apr 2022).

- i) Nil

Item 3: Matters arising from the last minutes.

- i) Nil

Item 4: Chairman's report

- i) The Chairman mentioned the ongoing arrangements for the 2023 AGM. The two places at the top of the list were Coningsby and Odiham, however he has tried on numerous occasions to contact Coningsby without success. He has therefore decided on Odiham, and therefore started arrangements with a provisional agenda as follows:

- Trying to arrange for the first weekend in March, originally 3-5th, however, to facilitate a visit and possible flight on a Chinook, or Chinook 'pull' it has been decided the 2nd to the 4th will be better as it would be difficult to have RAF personnel available over a weekend.
 - Would book a Premiere Inn in Basingstoke, cost to be £108 allowing cancellation up to 28 days beforehand or £134 allowing cancellation up to the day before.
 - Arrive Thursday 2nd
 - Friday 3rd – AM making our own way to Odiham (20mins approx. by car), tour of the station followed by an informal lunch in either the Officers or Sergeants mess. The AGM has been booked provisionally for PM in the Sgts mess.
 - Friday evening, meet in Basingstoke for a meal
 - Possible arrangement for Saturday, if enough interest, would be a wind tunnel skydive
 - He hopes to have a permanent package put together for next month liaising with Squadron Leader project officer at RAF Odiham
- ii) The Chairman reported that the annual conference scheduled for October has been cancelled as a gathering and would instead be online. The Chairman will still attend.
- iii) He also reminded all that he still requires volunteers for next year's wing walk, 10 persons if possible

Item 5: Treasurer's report

- i) The following figures were supplied by the Chairman as the Treasurer was not present.

Ordinary account: £ 4721 (with £747.19 ringfenced for Wings appeal)

Welfare account: £ 407.96

The Treasurer also mentioned that he had received an email stating our annual rebate for membership would be £1704.00

Item 6: Welfare officers report

- i) The Welfare officer was not present but had passed via email to the Secretary there was nothing of significance to report

Item 7: Secretary's report

- i) The Secretary stressed again the importance of attending committee meetings. Where he understands it is not possible to attend every meeting, and members are volunteers, even if you have nothing to submit a presence is sometimes required to carry out votes and/or decisions for which the committee is responsible.

Item 8: Wings report

- i) The Wings member again mentioned Paul Smart and Elliot 'Spike' Laurence (as per the previous minutes) of whom have both said they wish to have a table in their local Tesco on Saturday 17th September (Wings day).

He went on to say that this had been fraught with problems in as much as before he was able to respond to them the RAFA Fundraising Team emailed him to say that Tesco now require each Branch to set up their own account with the Tesco Fund Raising Team. This new Tesco account was easy to set up on line (**using the RAFA Charity Number **) and he received 'on-line' conformation that this had been successful. An email with 'Log-In' details and a 'Password' was supposed to follow. After a week with nothing heard, the details were again requested but still nothing. Prior to the application he had spoken with the Chairman who said that even though our Branch has its own Charity Number it would not be recognised by Tesco until we had it for a minimum of 2 Years. As email contact had been unsuccessful, the chairman suggested phoning Helen Tempest who is not only a part of the RAFA Team but also a (recent) member of our Branch. She tried to find our Tesco Account but couldn't, so she set it up again, using our Branch Charity Code, which resulted in the Tesco Team emailing him to say that they could not help us as we had not held our Charity Status for at least 2 years thereby confirming the above. As he has had no success, he has requested Paul and Spike to go to their respective Tesco stores and make their own arrangement

- ii) Regarding the 'Gin Tasting Masterclass'; he has booked his local Village Hall for the 17th of September (Free !!!) along with the Gin Distillery to come with everything required on that day. They usually charge £35 per person but will reduce that to £17.50 as we are a charity. To enable the member to make money for our charity he would be able to charge, probably, £30 per person or £55 per couple. He hopes that there will be no less than 30 paying Gin drinkers and aims to make at least £10 per person but hopefully much more with a 'half time raffle'

Item 9: Social report

- i) As the Social member wasn't present there was nothing to report.

Item 10: Any other reports

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

Total:	569 members
Comprising:	301 ordinary
	167 lifetime
	43 associate
	58 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 therefore closed at 1950, the date of the next TBD



Andrew Thomson
Secretary
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