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RAFA Global Branch 1370 Minutes of committee meeting held on the 15th January 2023 at 1900 hours

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

Item 1: Apologies: None, as full committee in attendance

Item 2: Minutes of the last meeting (20th November 2022).

- i) Were read with an error pointed out. This concerned **Item 4 Chairmans report sub-para (iii)**; the sum of 33014.10 pounds was reported when in fact it should have read £3014.10

Item 3: Matters arising from the last minutes.

- i) Nil

Item 4: Chairman's report

- i) The Chairman reported that our contact at RAF Odiham for the AGM is now on detachment. This should not present any problems as a replacement has been nominated. To this end he will be sending out an update on what has been organised for the final setup. He asked the Secretary to ensure that notification of the AGM is sent out at least a month in advance. Our newest committee member (Mrs Irene Thomson) will require to be verified. He is requesting a volunteer for the post of newsletter writer, although, on this subject he is willing to continue until such a volunteer is found. He also mentioned that 50 people are so far attending (the AGM) and hopefully AVM Allan Vaughan (Area President) will join us on the Thursday.

Item 5: Treasurers report

- i) **Community account** £5463.84 (£5072.09 is the true figure after Wings 'ringfenced £391.75' total is deducted)

Welfare account £359.06
- ii) The Treasurer mentioned that the Vice Chairman will present the financial report at the AGM due to him not being able to attend.
- iii) The Treasurer also mentioned that the £3014.10 to RAFA from 2022 was cleared after 1st January 2023, although this won't affect anything it was worth noting
- iv) The Chairman noted that the community account being so much in credit that it might be worthwhile considering some of this money on purchasing a memorial stone at the arboretum. The committee agreed to this and will now be put to the members for approval.

Item 6: Welfare officers report

- i) The Welfare member informed the committee that although there was nothing major to report she has received and answered several questions concerning the cost-of-living crisis as well as a few from overseas regarding the NHS. It was also mooted that as we have a good amount in the branch community account that we should perhaps consider donations e.g., supermarket tokens or some other item to assist anyone who may require it. It was decided that RAFA be approached to see if this will be permissible. *This has since been done and agreed*

Item 7: Secretary's report

- i) The Secretary mentioned that he will be sending out notification of this year's AGM very soon. Also, the annual form 1056 now being digital will be dealt with. He went on to mention that no paperwork will be required from committee members as the 3-year tenure is not due to expire until 2024. Our newest committee position of Social member, Mrs Irene Thomson will require to be ratified.

Item 8: Wings report

- i) The Wings member reported a successful Christmas craft fair/coffee morning raising £212. Congratulations were extend to Mr Croft for his time and effort.

Item 9: Social report

- i) The social member mentioned that she will be promoting (via Facebook and the web page) as much as possible the up-and-coming trip to Elvington air museum near York. She also suggested a trip to the Menin gate at Ypres in Belgium next year of which she is beginning a feasibility study, also canvassing interest from members.

Item 10: Any other reports

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

Total:	622 members
Comprising:	328 ordinary
	180 lifetime
	45 associate
	69 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 next meeting will take place on 18th Feb 23 at 2000hrs. The meeting was therefore closed at 1957hrs

Andrew Thomson

Honorary Secretary

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