

RAFA GLOBAL BRANCH 1370

Minutes of the Branch Monthly Meeting held remotely on Zoom.
at 7.30pm on Tue 18th June 2024

Present: Steve Mullis (Chair), Clive Simpson (Newsletter), Gerwyn Thomas (Membership Sec),
Jonathan Percival (Sec.), Andrew Bellamy (Welfare), Richard Wiltshire (Treasurer).

Apologies: Graham Croft (Wings Appeal)

1 Welcome/Apologies

- 1.1 Jonathan welcomed everyone to the meeting and then received apologies for absences.
- 1.2 The Branch Secretary then started the meeting.

2 Minutes of the last meeting

- 2.1 The last minutes had been previously distributed to members and were accepted as an accurate record.

3 Matters Arising from the previous minutes.

DBS Checks for all Trustees were all complete.

4 Chairman's Report

- 4.1 The Chairman informed the Committee that the Branch Resolution submitted to Area Conference, will be withdrawn from submission to National Conference, as the proposed amendments to be discussed and voted on at National, would make our resolution pointless and unnecessary, so it was agreed by all present, to withdraw the resolution. It was approved for The Chair to attend the Annual Conference.
- 4.2 Following an enquiry to HQ, from a Branch Life Member, regarding award of a 25yr Pin, it was discussed, and agreed, that the Branch would purchase the Pin, for all members who qualify, and it would be distributed at some point.
- 4.3 It was reported, that a Donation of £50, had been received for the forthcoming Parachute Drop, and it was agreed that the donation would be split 3 ways, between the participants
- 4.4 As part of the AGM visits, it was agreed that Memorial Wreaths would be laid at the Malaga War Graves, and approval was given for Wreaths to be purchased, also a Branch Wreath would be ordered for this years Cenotaph Parade.

5 Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 Richard reported the accounts stood as listed below.
Community Account £8362.29

Wings Appeal Account £2868.48
Community Account after removal of ring-fenced monies £5493.81
Welfare Account £ 338.37

6 Welfare Officer's Report

- 6.1 Andrew reported that one case was being managed by HQ, and that all paperwork had been completed and was being dealt with.
- 6.2 This case had been reported, following a contact through the Branch Facebook Page, and in view of the potential breaches of confidential information, it was agreed, that a comment would be added to the next newsletter, and to the Facebook Page, that all requests for Welfare Support, should be addressed directly to The Welfare Officer.

7 Secretary's Report

- 7.1 The Secretary undertook on-line training relating to Safeguarding and appointing a Branch Safeguarding Lead. It was discussed by the Committee, that the Virtual Branch by its makeup, didn't need a lead, but if required, it would be undertaken by Andrew as Welfare Officer.

8 Wings Appeal Report.

- 8.1 As Graham Croft was unavailable, it was reported that the Branch Gazebo had been in attendance at numerous events, and reports would be submitted to Clive, for inclusion in the next Branch Newsletter

9 Social Report

- 9.1 Nothing to Report.

10 Membership Report

- 10.1 Gerwyn reported that there were currently 606 members, consisting of:

Ordinary	315
Lifetime	180
Associate	42
GAYE	69 (Give As You Earn, usually serving members)

11 Newsletter Report

- 11.1 Clive reported that the next newsletter is due on the 1st of July, and will include reports on the recent Area Conference, and the recent Wing-Walk. He also reported, that an account has been opened on RAFTRAD and that the North Weald RMG, that he is member of will be making contributions to the Branch Fundraising.

12 Items Raised By Members

- 12.1 Nothing Raised.
- 12.2

13 Any Other Business

14 Date of Next Meeting is proposed as Tue 23rd July at 7.30pm

Jonathan Percival,

Hon. Secretary,
23/04/2024

