



Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association

London and Home Counties Branch

Charity No. 1093950

Minutes of the meeting held on: 14th March 2018

At: Pineapple Pub, London

Present: Stan hols (SM), Martin Troman (MT), Bob Nichols (BN), Colin Spencer (CS), Tom Adams (TA), Derek Pevier (DP), Tim Donovan (TD), Shane Redmond (SR), Gillian Downham (GD), Peter Harrison (PH).

Apologies: Apologies were received from: Richard Fernley, Bob Mitchel, Michael Ainley, Ian Prescott. Peter Russel, Jimmy Smith.

Meeting Opened: at the Pineapple Pub at 12 noon

Minutes of last Meeting: Acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes
Proposed: Martin Troman,
Seconded: Tom Adams

Items from previous Minutes: None

Officers' Reports

Chairman's Report:

SM welcomed everyone, he said that he had contacted Richard Fernley (Secretary) who said that he was confident that he would be able to attend the next meeting.

SM said that he had nothing specific to report, however, his house move in April may mean that he will be unable to attend the next meeting which is the London Branch AGM. As such he felt that he should resign now and allow the new Chairman to take over today. Item 9 was added to the Agenda.

The acting Secretary took over the Chair for the election of the new Chairman. There was one volunteer, PH. PH was proposed by SM and seconded by CS and a vote taken which proved unanimous.

Trustees Report

SM said that there was nothing to report except to remind everyone on the importance of responding to Head Office with the information they require with regards to Data Protection.

Secretary's Report

SM had spoken to the Secretary, Richard Fernley, who advised him that there was nothing specific to report.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that the balance currently stands at £449.40. He added that he was up to date with the reports to HO at the end of the year.
Gangway Collection: £55

Welfare Project

GD reported that she had written to the families of Fred Barnes and Barry Knap but to date had received no reply. JC asked if GD had received any information on their funerals. GD said that she had not received any information. JC volunteered to assist with regards to attendance and added that there appears to be no system to inform members of the death of the death and/or funeral of a member.

Arboretum Visit

It was suggested that for those attending the Association AGM in Liverpool in May, a visit could be made to the Arboretum, en route the day before possible stopping at a nearby hotel with dinner. PH said that he would come back on this with more details.

AOB

Seaman Brincat

JC explained that he was still having difficulties in locating the actual grave site of Seaman Brincat as without the official location the RFA would be unable to erect a plaque. He explained the actions he had taken to date and requested any further suggestions. SR explained that from his experience as the UK system would be in operation at that time, the local coroner/official would issue a death certificate or equivalent which should indicate the cemetery and actual location where the deceased was buried.

Portsmouth Branch

TA said that he is to give a presentation to the Portsmouth Branch at HMS Nelson.

RNLI

An invitation had been received from the RNLI Tower who would be delighted for a visit from the London Branch (Maximum 18 persons).

Force 4

MT asked if we have access to Force 4. SR advised that the Association has the right of access.

Election of Branch Chairman

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on: Wednesday 13th June 2018
at: the Pineapple Pub

AGM scheduled for: **Wednesday 13th June** at the Pineapple Pub

The meeting closed at 13.40 hours.