



Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association

London and Home Counties Branch

Charity Number 1093950

Minutes of the AGM held on 14th June 2017 The Marine Society, London

- Present:** Richard Fernley (RF), Stan McCabe (SM), Peter Harrison (PH), John Caruana (JC), Tom Adams (TA), Derek Pevier (DP), Colin Spencer (CS), Shane Redmond (SR), Gillian Downham (GD), Bob Nicholls (BN), Ray Bennett (RB)
- Apologies:** Mike Ainley, Dave Smith, Dave Bolton, Paul Monolley, Bob Mitchell, Ian Precott, John Allix.
- Meeting opened:** 1.00pm
- Minutes of Last Meeting:** Acceptance of previous meetings minutes.
Proposed: (SM) Seconded: (SR)
- Items from Previous Mins:** Paperweight. Awaiting confirmation.
- Officers Report:**
- i) Chairman's Report:
(SM) reported that he was pleased with the attendance and received good reviews about the Reunion.
 - ii) Treasurer's Report:
The branch was £386.32p + gangway fee in credit. Balance in Bank was £2,328.02p
 - iii) Secretary's Report: Little to report due to the Reunion, and that the visit to the Lightship had been cancelled later this month.
- Election of Officers:** (SM) was duly elected as Chairman
Proposed (SR) Seconded (RF)
Agreed Vice-Chairman required.
(PH) elected. Proposed (SM), Seconded (SR).

(RF) elected as Secretary. Proposed (SM) seconded (SR)

(BN) elected as Treasurer. Proposed (SM) seconded (SR)

Other position

Standard Bearer – Gordon Monks

Welfare Officer – Gillian Downham

Malta Liaison – John Caruana

Reunion 2017:

(SR) updated us on the position of the reunion especially the financial statement, showing we received £5,690.00p in receipts and donations. Good feedback from members about the reunion.

Welfare Project:

(GD) update. Nothing further to report.

AOB:

(RF) explained about the Merchant Navy Day parade at Tower Hill. The event will be on the 3rd September @ 12.15pm. Wreaths for the Malta Branch and London Branch have been ordered and paid for and to be collected at Trinity House before the ceremony. More will be mentioned on the website.

(JC) explained that he might go out to Cyprus and resolve the grave of the RFA seafarer and to rectify the grave issue.

Ray Bennett - Chairman:

Ray gave us a review of the Association and its workings. We were pleased that Ray could attend our meeting.

Date of next Meeting:

Wednesday 13th September 2017 at the Marine Society. All meetings start at 1pm with members encouraged to meet in the Pineapple pub beforehand for a pie and a pint at 12noon.

Merchant Navy Day Parade 3rd September.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm