



Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association

London and Home Counties Branch

Charity Number 1093950

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September 2016 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).
- Apologies:** Bob Nichols, Bob Mitchell, Jimmy Smith, John Allix, Mike Ainley, Dave Smith.
- Meeting opened:** 1pm
- Minutes of Last Meeting:** Acceptance of previous meetings minutes.
Proposed: (SM) Seconded: (SR)
- Items from Previous Mins:**
- i) Sea Cadet Trophy
The RFAA Crest is available, although the main trophy needs to be procured. (RF) to contact HQ.
 - ii) Trip to Malta
(SM) updated members on the trip. Contact has been made with Malta Branch and an itinerary provided for a day out.
- Officers Report:**
- i) Chairman's Report:
Mention of David Coopers resignation from the RFAA was discussed and although he could justify his actions it was thought better to raise these points within the Branch.
 - ii) Treasurer's Report:
The branch was £591.32p + gangway fee in credit.
 - iii) Secretary's Report:
Very busy 3 months with visits to the Jamaica House, Dockland Museum & MN Day Parade.

Reunion 2017: (SR) updated us on the position of HRH and his attendance at the dinner. Other aspects were discussed and it was agreed that the sub-committee would meet prior to the Christmas Lunch on the 30th Nov @ 11am to put in place the details of the reunion.

Welfare Project: (RF) explained that this Welfare project will be the lynchpin of the London Branch, and thanked (GD) for taking on this role. A £100 float / fund would be provided for phone / travel / wreaths and flowers. It was discussed that phone contact would be the first line of contact for members.

AOB: (RF) mentioned the Christmas Lunch on the 30th Nov at the VSC and would members wishing to attend please send a confirmation by email. The price of £26 + wine was also mentioned.

(RF) mentioned difficulties being encountered with the website, as we have no one to administer the site. (PH) suggested that his niece might be able to help.

(JC) mentioned the Maltese seaman and the project to place a headstone at his grave. This is in the hands of Frank Andrews who will bring us up to date on the matter.

(SM) mentioned RFAA subscriptions and that little was done to chase overdue subscriptions, this to be brought up with the Chairman at HQ and not a branch issue.

Talk on Naval Crowns: By Tom Adams

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 25th January 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.

Christmas Lunch at the VSC 30th November 2016 @ 12noon

The meeting closed at 3pm