

Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association

London and Home Counties Branch

Charity Number 1093950

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017

The Marine Society, London

Present: Stan McCabe (SM), Tim Donovan (TD), Tom Adams(TA)
Steve Taylor(ST), Bob Nichols(BN), Derek Pevier (DP),
Peter Harrison (PH), John Caruana (JC), Gillian Downham (JD)
Shane Redmond(SR)

Apologies: Paul Monelly, Ian Prescott, Colin Spencer, Richard Fernley

Meeting opened: 1310 hrs

Minutes of last Meeting: Acceptance of previous meetings minutes. Proposed (SM)
Seconded (SR)

Items from previous

Minutes: PH reported that he had arranged with the Victory Services club
For the Christmas Luncheon to be held on 29 November 2017 at
1200 hours. He will obtain a menu from the VSC to be circulated to
Members. Richard Fernley to advise all members to ascertain
possible numbers

Chairmans Report

- 1) (SM) advised on the Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations (PQASSO) which is a performance evaluation system and quality mark for charitable organisations in the UK
- 2) (SM) suggested that we should have an open house discussion to encourage members to have their say to encourage people to open up discussions between the Association and the trustees.
- 3) (SM) said that Richard Fernley reported that he had sent letters of thanks to people who had made donations in lieu of attendance at the AGM. He informed us that he had receive a reply from a 90 year-old veteran.
- 4) (SM) asked the meeting about the musical RFA march and there was general discussion on when or where it could be played. Several members had no knowledge of such a march.
- 5) (SM) advised the meeting that we had received a donation of £250.00 from Head Quarters and read the letter from the Trustees explaining the reason for the donation. There was general discussion as to what use this money could be used for, and the concensus was reached that we should use it for the Sea Cadets in our area. SM advised that he would discuss this with Richard Fernley and report back.
- 6) Treasurers report: The branch had £434.02 in the bank plus the money from today's meeting. In addition the Trustees £250.00 had yet to be put into the account
- 7) Welfare: (GD) Had nothing to report.
- 8) Any Other Business: (SR) said that he was going to visit the National Arboretum and have a look at the RFA memorial. There was a general discussion about a group visit possibly in 2018.
- 9) (TA) suggested members who are interested should look at the Kings College website on their forthcoming series of lectures. He informed us that the HQS Wellington on the Thames Embankment also had free lectures which anyone could attend.
- 10) (DP) brought to the members attention about the merits of applying for the Defence Discount Card, which is available to retired RFA personnel. There can be large reductions in price on a range of products and services.
- 11) The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 January 2018.
- 12) The meeting closed at 1425 hours