



Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association

London and Home Counties Branch

Charity Number 1093950

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th June @ 12noon Pineapple Pub - London

Present: Richard Fernley, Dave Smith, Colin Spencer, Bob Nichol, Gillian Downham, Shane Redmond, Peter Harrison, Tom Adams, John Caruana, Tim Donovan, Derek Pevier, Steve Taylor, Martin Troman.

Apologies: Stan McCabe, Mike Ainley, Jimmy Smith, Bob Mitchell, Dave Bolton.

The meeting opened at 12noon

Minutes Last Meeting: Previous minutes accepted (TA) – seconded (PH)

Items from previous Minutes: None

Officers Report:

- (i) Chairman's Report: Chairman reported that he attended the RFA reunion which was well attend but didn't think much of the hotel. He also is looking for a suitable meeting venue – any ideas!
- (ii) Secretaries Report: Thanks to Colin Spencer for his splendid work in taking over from me in my absence.
- (iii) Treasurer's Report: Total money in bank is £449.14p plus todays gangway fee approx £70. Nothing further to report.

Election of Committee:

The following were elected:

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| Chairman | Peter Harrison. Forwarded (BN) Seconded (SR) |
| Vice Chairman | It was decided this position would not be filled. |
| Treasurer | Bob Nichols. Forwarded (JC) Seconded (TA). |
| Secretary | Richard Fernley. Forwarded (SR) Seconded (TA) |

Malta Liaison Officer.
Standard Bearer.
Welfare Officer.

John Caruana
Gordon Monks
Dave Smith with Gillian Downham standing down.

Arboretum Visit Review:

The visit went ahead on the 18th May and great day was had by all. Future visits would be planned.

Trustee's Meeting Review:

- *There was nothing major to report to the branch.
- *It was however, agreed that £250 charitable donation would be available again in this financial year.
- *£1250 was paid out in charitable beneficiaries.
- *Question of ship visits was made, and not practical.
- *GDPR was discussed and all in a good position.
- *(SM) would write to Alfred Cassar – Malta for better links with the UK.

Welfare Project:

Gillian Downham stood down as Welfare Officer. (RF) thanked her for all her hard work and effort. Dave Smith will take on this role in the future.

Any Other Business:

- *ID cards were discussed, and request to the Commodore will be made (BN) enabling discounts to be obtained by members. ID cards are no longer available and guidance is required.
- *(MT) discussed the next visit in July 11th to the Admiralty Pub (Trafalgar Sq). The visit will be purely social and all are invited.
- *Merchant Navy Day was discussed and (DP) and (JC) agreed to lay the RFAA wreaths. Further information will be forthcoming on receipt from the MNA.
- *(JC) gave an update on the ongoing burial in Cyprus. It is now in the hands of the Government.
- *It was agreed that photographs of the Committee would be sent to (RF) for inclusion on the website.

Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday 12th September 2018 @ 12noon at the Pineapple Pub.
Visits to Admiralty Pub on 11th July at noon.
MN Day Parade Sunday 2nd September.

Meeting Closed @ 1.30pm