

Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association

London and Home Counties Branch Charity Number 1093950

Minutes of the AGM held on 12th June 2019 Pineapple Pub, London

Present: Peter Harrison (PH), Martin Troman (MT), Tim

Donovan (TD), Bob Mitchell (BM), Colin Spencer (CS), Richard Fernley (RF), Derek Pevier (DP), Tom Adams (TA), Bob Nichols (BN), Shane Redmond (SR), John Caruana (JC), Gillian Downham (GD).

Mike Ainley (MA).

Apologies: Ian Prescott, Dave Bolton, Steve Taylor.

Meeting opened: 12.30

Minutes of Last Meeting: Acceptance of previous meetings minutes.

Proposed: (SR) Seconded: (TA)

Items from Previous Mins: No items outstanding.

Officers Report: i) Chairman's Report:

(a) Website Update.

(b) Pub visit – Admiralty

(c) Attended Reunion - Update.

ii) Treasurer's Report:

The branch was £512.06p + gangway fee (£65) in credit. Bob Nichols stood down as Treasure replaced by MT. We would like to thanks Bob for all his work during his time

as Treasurer.

iii) Secretary's Report:

(a) Reported HQ change of address.

(b) Reunion in 2022 discussion ensued.

Election of branch committee Chairman. Peter Harrison

Forwarded (SR) Seconded (TA)

Treasurer. Martin Troman

Forwarded (SR) Seconded (TA)

Secretary. Richard Fernley Forwarded (SR) Seconded (TA)

None Elected Positions:

Malta Liaison Officer – John Caruana. Standard Bearer – Gordon Monks. Welfare Officer – Colin Spencer.

Trustee Meeting:

- (MT) Updated us on the AGM with the following points:
- (a) Finances £137k.
- (b) Reducing membership.
- (c) Regulations discussed.
- (d) Move of HQ to Stoney Lane, Portsmouth.

Merchant Navy Day:

(RF) reported that our next meeting would be after MN Day, however, the two wreaths would be available + our standard would be paraded. (JC) confirmed that he would lay the Malta wreath and (DP) would lay the branches wreath.

Welfare Project:

(CS) Updated us on the contacting of all members and how successful it was. 49 persons contacted in all, and 8 numbers not recognised. One question asked whether any written information sheets were available on the subject of the RFA/RFAA as not all members are on-line.

AOB:

(1) (JC) updated us on the grave of the Maltese sailor.

(2) (MA) Commented on the RFAA Yearbook and Why was London Branch heading missing. (PH) to follow up on this question.

Date of next Meeting:

Wednesday 11th Sept 2019 @ 12noon at the Pineapple Pub.

Visit to Greenwich & lunch via river trip Wednesday 10^{th} July @ 12noon at Westminster Pier.

Sunday 8th September Merchant Navy Day parade, Trinity House Square, London @12noon.

The meeting closed at 2pm