



# Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association

London and Home Counties Branch

Charity Number 1093950

## Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Pineapple Pub, London

- Present:** John Caruana (JC), Bob Nichols (BN), Bob Mitchell (BM), Martin Troman (MT), Colin Spencer (CS), Derek Pevier (DP), Peter Harrison (PH), Steve Taylor (ST), Shane Redmond (SR).
- Apologies:** Ian Wright. Paul Monnelly. Ian Prescott, Mike Ainley, Tom Adams, Richard Fernley.
- Meeting opened:** 12.00
- Minutes of Last Meeting:** Acceptance of previous meetings minutes.  
Proposed: (SR) Seconded: (MT)
- Items from Previous Mins:** The RFAA Yearbook is showing that the London Branch is part of the HQ. HQ has been informed with a request that the London Branch is shown as a separate section.
- Officers Report:**
- i) Chairman's Report:
    - (a) A donation of £250 has been supplied by HQ. It was agreed that this year it should be given to Dreadnought Seaman's Hospital.
    - (b) MN Day Parade Review.
    - (c) RFA Livery Day. Four members attended the event at Greenwich onboard RFA Lyme Bay. A good day was had by all who attended.
  - ii) Treasurer's Report:

The branch was £522.26p + gangway fee in credit.
  - iii) Secretary's Report:
    - (a) Colin Spencer stood in for Richard Fernley.

**Trustee Meeting:**

(a) (MT) Updated us. No meetings had taken place since the London Branch meeting.

(b) Looking for a new Treasurer to replace Peter Fry. A suggestion is that Peter Fry continues as Treasurer without being a member of the Committee.

(c) Chairman will be also standing down and a replacement will be required.

**Merchant Navy Day:**

It was well attended, and wreaths ,laid by Derek Peveir and John Caruana. Photos will be supplied by Dave Bolton and a write up by Tom Adams with the London standard paraded by Gordon Monks.

**Welfare Project:**

(CS) Updated us on the contacting of all members. He mentioned how he contacted a member who had died a year ago (R. Friend has been deleted from our list).

**AOB:**

(1) (JC) updated us on the grave of the Maltese sailor. (JC) has been in touch with the Maltese Commissioner who wanted to be kept up to date with the raising of a plaque.

(2) Meeting at Gypsy Moth & Admiralty Pubs were very successful and will be on the agenda for next year.

(3) (PH) mentioned Christmas Lunch at the VSC on 27<sup>th</sup> November and suggested it be held on the week after. (PH) to check with (RF).

(4) (SR) brought to our attention the death of Capt Barry Dickenson and that no one from HQ attended on an official capacity. It raises the question as to the policy of HQ when a highly regarded person dies.

**Date of next Meeting:**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 @ 12noon at the Pineapple Pub.

9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 is St. Pauls Seafarers Service.

10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 Remembrance Sunday.

27<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Lunch at VSC @ 12noon.

**The meeting closed at 2pm**