



# Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association

London and Home Counties Branch

Charity Number 1093950

## Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Pineapple Pub, London

- Present:** Richard Fernley (RF), Gillian Downham (GD), Colin Spencer (CS), Tom Adams (TA), Derek Pevier (DP), John Caruana (JC), Steve Taylor (ST), Peter Harrison (PH), Martin Troman (MT).
- Apologies:** Shane Redmond, Mike Ainley, Bob Nichols.
- Meeting opened:** 12.00
- Minutes of Last Meeting:** Acceptance of previous meetings minutes.  
Proposed: (DP)      Seconded: (TA)
- Items from Previous Mins:** HQ responded that they could not respond to every bereavement and it was for each Branch to attend where necessary.
- Officers Report:**
- i) Chairman's Report:
    - (a) The donation from HQ was allocated by the London Branch to Dreadnought Hospital for Seamen.
    - (b) Christmas lunch at the Admiralty Pub was a great success, and will review it for 2020.
    - (c) The Trustee's meeting will be held at Birmingham on the 21<sup>st</sup> Jan and I will be attending.
  - ii) Treasurer's Report:
    - (a) The branch was £559.76p in credit and gangway fee in credit.
    - (b) It was discussed whether we should request a Debit Card from our bankers.

- (c) A donation of £100 was made to the Taxi charity who take veterans around London on Remembrance Sunday.
- iii) Secretary's Report:
  - (a) Website updated.
  - (b) Review of email account and updated the Cyber security statutory form(s).

**Trustee Meeting:**

- (i) (MT) Updated us on the November Trustee's meeting.
- (ii) National standard bearer has been appointed, Gordon Monks the ex-London Branch standard bearer.
- (iii) Next reunion to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May at Torquay and 2021 reunion to be held at the Solent Branch.
- (iv) RFAA HQ have agreed with Amazon a cash-back agreement for charities called Smile.

**Welfare Project:**

(CS) At the end of last year, I was in contact with John Davies who attended the Christmas lunch. He sends his best regards. I have phoned 24 members this month. Sadly one member Donald Edwards has passed away. Some phone numbers were not recognised, but otherwise there was no need of RFAA support. I spoke to James Smith and he wished to be remembered to everyone. Several members said they would attend meetings, but difficulties with travel.

**AOB:**

- (1) (TA) Admiralty Pub event would we invite the Solent Branch. (RF) suggested an invite would be made.
- (2) (DP) Agreed to act as standard bearer for the London Branch.

**Date of next Meeting:**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 @ 12noon at the Pineapple Pub.

**The meeting closed at 2pm**