

Margate Branch.

**Minutes of the AGM held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

T/S Jamaica SCC Hartsdown unit Margate, S/M Richard Hiller in the chair, 14 members present 4 apologies, and 2 in sickbay.

**Welcome.**

S/M Richard welcomed all to the AGM., with prospective new members Lynda and Frank Evans. He explained that the monthly meeting would follow the AGM. The exaltation was read and a silent tribute followed for shipmates that had crossed the bar remembering, John Chapman, Patrick O'Hare, Phillip Lees, Edna Scott, and John Cox.

**Minutes.**

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were read these were proposed by S/M Tony Bambridge and seconded by S/M. Brian Cole. There were no matters arising.

**Elections of officers and committee.**

President. John Bell, Chairman. Richard Hiller, Vice Chairman. John Sheldon, Secretary. Mick Cox, Treasurer. Bernie Taft, Committee. John Bell, Brian Cole, John Sheldon, Betty Hazleton, Alan Palin, Bernardina Vilarino.

Standard Bearer Richard Hiller. Welfare Bernardina Vilarino. Delegate Mick Cox. Social secretary Bernie Taft. Auditors John Sheldon, Brian Cole. Members present voted on bloc to accept these members as their committee.

**Treasurers report.**

The treasurer gave the accounts for the last financial year to 31/12/2018. these accounts have been audited by the branch scrutineers.

Total income                      £1952-49

Total expenditure                £1848-40

Income over Expenditure£104-09

The report was accepted by S/M Alan Palin and seconded by S/M Brian Cole.

**Branch report by the secretary.**

We ended 2018 with 32 members and start this year with only 15 paid up so far made up of 3 life members, there are 8 full members and 5 associates and 1 new associate Bernardina Vilarino. I hope those with subs outstanding rejoin.

Attendance at meetings is getting smaller meetings ranging from 11 -19 an average of 14 down from 17. We have moved twice from the RBL now closed to Bromstone road, and now here at T/S Jamaica

Our standard has again been busy with many visits to the crematorium both Margate and Barham for ex naval and other servicemen, also remembrance services and parades in and about Kent. I would there for like to thank S/M Richard for parading our standard and getting us noticed. I know it is difficult for him with his ongoing knee problems

I would also like to thank S/M Bernie Taft for his roles as social secretary and branch treasurer for looking after our funds and our bellies at our Trafalgar night dinners.

I now turn to the committee and thank them for the time and support given, I That just leaves me to say thank you to you all for your membership and supporting The Royal Naval Association. Please if you see a lapsed member give them a reminder, or if you know any ex matelots get them to come along,

Thank you.

The AGM was closed at 20:20.