

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2016

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2004. 60 members attended.

Apologies were received from 16 members.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of the President and Branch Committee I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

My thanks to all those who attended the Remembrance Sunday Parades and Church Service this year. Once again the Branch was very well represented. It was good to see Charles H taking charge at the Cenotaph. Still a few things to be ironed out with regards to the march. Hopefully, next year, we will be better informed of any changes to time and route. Thanks also to the Conservative Club for the use of the bar and the excellent spread. I have booked us in for next year.

On the 4th November Charles H, Dave White and I with our good ladies attended the funeral service in Torquay of S/M Peter Brown, a former member of No 4 Area Committee. An e-mail from Mrs Pat Brown thanked all for attending.

Another good turn out by the Branch at the Dedication of the Merchant Navy Association Memorial in Weymouth. There was about of a dozen of us there. Thanks have been received.

Lastly, it is my intention to press on with the meeting without a stand-easy in order to proceed with this excellent raffle. Alex, thank you and your band of elves for all your work.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Lionel Butler seconded by S/M Paul Bunworth. 49 for with 11 abstentions.

4. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE

Christmas cards received from Weymouth Branch, Sue & Alan Harvey, Association of Wrens South Dorset Branch, Dick & Anne, Weymouth & Portland Mayor. E Card from David White.

Thank you letter from the Merchant Navy Association.

Email from Jeff Proctor.

Email from Miles Cowley.

RNBT Annual Report 2015/16.

5. WELFARE REPORT

Alan Hunter is getting on fine.

Valerie Baldwin is getting on okay.

Dick Pearce has had an operation.

Mike Beatty still in hospital, slowly progressing.

6. TREASURERS REPORT

The Branch Account stands at £3242-29. The report was accepted. Proposed by S/M Mick Maynard seconded by S/M Lionel Butler. 55 for with 5 abstentions. There were no matters arising.

7. LIASON OFFICER

S/M Dan Sherren gave an update of the ships progress and said 7 members of the ship's company will be attending the Annual Dinner.

8. PRO

Nil report.

9. SOCIAL REPORT

Friday 16th December 2016 Christmas Social in the Jubilee Hall. Wrapped raffle prizes appreciated.

Social 11th February 2017 in the Jubilee Hall in the Conservative Club.

Annual Dinner Dance Saturday 22nd April 2017 at the Masonic Hall.

Trip to Buckham Fair 20th August 2017.

Area Meeting Saturday 16th September 2017. Social in the evening.

Away weekend to Eastbourne Friday 6th to Monday 9th October 2017. A deposit of £25 required in March.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS


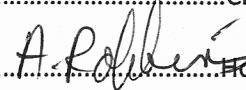
S/M Gray said our new Website will be up and running in January. S/M Sherren thanked S/M Gray for doing the hard work in setting up the website.

S/M Oswald thanked members for supporting the raffle.

S/M Shoesmith wished members a Happy Christmas.

Next meeting Wednesday 4th January 2017.

11. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2040.


.....Chairman

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