

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON
WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2018

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2005. 37 members attended.
Apologies were received from 33 members.
2. The Chairman presented Jan Phillips of Portland Sea Cadets with a cheque for £400. She thanked the Branch & Area for their donation. The money will help to go towards the cost of keeping their boats down at the Sailing Academy.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
The Chairman thanked the members for the Branch funds being so healthy, following the poor start of last year. This year we will hopefully be in a position to get you to nominate a worthy charity to focus on.
Shipmates, I have served as your stand-in Chairman for the past year and helped by a very supportive Committee and ever willing Vice Chairman, the experience has been most enjoyable. During the past year Maureen and I have attended over 25 events on your behalf. Five new shipmates have joined, keeping our overall membership around the 117 mark.
I would like to stand again as your Chairman. The voting form is on the notice-board for the AGM next month, which also includes those members requiring nomination and seconding.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Maureen Sherren seconded by S/M Charles H Thompson. 34 for with 3 abstentions.
There were no matters arising.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE
Warship Magazine - January 2018.
Thank you cards from Joan Stevenson, Jean Rawson, Lisa Field, Tessa Dewland & Monica Harle.
Christmas Card from HMS Portland.
6. WELFARE REPORT
S/M Essom said her and Graham delivered the Widdows Christmas Gifts.
Joan Stevenson has not been very well but she is getting on alright now.
Mick Tuck has been in hospital and his wife Anne has gone back in hospital.
7. LIASON OFFICER
A letter has been received from the SNO of HMS Portland.
8. PRO
S/M Maureen Sherren said she is collecting 2018 membership fees.
9. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT
S/M Cartwright said he will be parading the Area Standard at Bristol for the laying up of their standard this Sunday.
10. TREASURERS REPORT
S/M Shoemith said the Branch Account stands at £4388-57. Proposed by S/M Charles H Thompson seconded by S/M Bill McMurray. Carried unanimous. He asked for volunteers to do the Audit. S/M's Bill Gear and Bill McMurray volunteered.
The raffle raised £37-50 with donations of £7-50 to the Branch funds.
11. WEBMASTERS REPORT
Nil
12. SOCIAL REPORT
S/M Prowse said the Christmas Social on Friday 15th December was a good evening. Thanks for all the raffle prizes.
Bideford W/E Friday 2nd to Monday 5th March 2018.
Annual Dinner 28th April 2018 at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. Entertainer Paul Iaming.
Various dates are available for a trip to the Ageas Bowl for the 20/20 cricket match.
Away weekend 2018 Friday 5th to Monday 8th October to Llandudno.
Christmas Social Saturday 15th December 2018.
S/M Sherren thanked Dave for all his efforts which are very much appreciated.
13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
S/M Sherren said the Conservative Club are holding a Rum Shack Night on Saturday 10TH February at 1900. Tickets cost £4. S/M Oswald will be running a list of members wishing to go.
Next Meeting Wednesday 7th February 2018 after the AGM.
14. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2105.

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