

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE
CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2017

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2008. 47 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 17 members.
3. The Chairman said we have been fortunate this year with no Branch Members crossing the bar, but I ask you to stand in silence for a short while and remember those friends and acquaintances from other Branches who have.
Thank you.
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Monthly Meetings have again, been well attended with the average numbers being in the mid- fifties.
Membership is up again this year comprising 8 Life, 73 Full and 42 Associate Members, a total of 123.
We are sound financially, as you can see from the account on the tables, and have raised and donated substantial amounts to various charities, the majority having been raised from the Stand Easy draw.
Our Diamond Anniversary, held at the Masonic Hall on Saturday the 16th April, was well attended. The guest of Honour being the President of the Royal Naval Association Vice Admiral John McAnally CB LVO.
Several members attended the Area Re-Union Rally held over the week-end of the 4th-7th March at Bideford when much fun was had by all.
The away weekend to Blackpool in October was well worth the long trek north. Some even tripped the light fantastic in the Tower Ballroom.
Those attending the other Social events over the year appeared to enjoy themselves, with the caterer doing her best to increase our waistlines.
The year saw the launch of our user friendly Branch web site rnaportland.org.
If you have not already logged in, it is well worth it.
The Branch has been represented at Remembrance services, funerals, civic services and dedications all over Dorset and the No 4 Area and on behalf of the Committee I thank all those who attended them.
Later this year, in September, we will be hosting the No 4 Area Meeting. The last time we held it, it was very profitable to the Branch. Assistance will be required.
On behalf of you all I express thanks to your Committee for their support in the day to day running of the Branch.
Finally, thanks go to you the Membership for your support over the year and continuing to make us the best Branch in NO 4 Area.
5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - were read and accepted. Proposed
S/M Micky Fox, seconded by S/M Graham White. 45 for with 2 abstentions.
There were no matters arising.
6. TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer gave a detailed report of the Branch Accounts for the past year.
The Account indicated that the cash assets of the Branch were £3969-51.
The report was accepted. Proposed by S/M Maureen Sherren, seconded by S/M Nige Rimell. 45 for with 2 abstentions. There were no matters arising.
The Audit went very well. We have had a successful year.
S/M Shoesmith thanked S/M's Bill Gear and Bill McMurray for checking the accounts.
7. ELECTION/RE-ELECTION OF BRANCH OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN	S/M DAN
SHERREN	
VICE CHAIRMAN	S/M NIGEL RIMELL
SECRETARY	S/M ANN ROBBINS
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	S/M RICH
GRAY	
S/M LYNN STANLEY	S/M GILL ESSOM
S/M DAVE PROWSE	S/M PETE FOSTER

CONFERENCE DELEGATE
AREA DELEGATE

S/M PETER SHOESMITH
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A mandate was given for the delegate to vote for the Branch as he sees fit at the Area Meetings and National Conference.

A mandate was also given for the Branch Committee to carry out the day to day business of the Branch.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Date of the next meeting will be the 7TH February 2018.

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

.....Chairman

.....Hon Sec