

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON
WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL 2018

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman 2008. 46 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 22 members.
3. CHARMANS REPORT
The Chairman asked members to be upstanding for a minutes silence in respect of S/M Jean Rawson who crossed the bar on Monday. Funeral arrangements awaited.
The funeral service for S/M Dick Pearce’s wife Margaret who passed away last month, will take place on Friday 13th April at 1200 in All Saints Church, Easton.
Unfortunately no-one from the Branch was able to attend the Ceremony of the Keys on the 25th March.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Chris Gover seconded by S/M Mick Maynard. 40 for with 6 abstentions.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE
Letter sent to Councillor Sandy West.
6. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING
There were no nominations for the Branch Charity 2018/19. After a discussion and a show of hands from the floor, it was decided that the Branch Charity for the coming year would be the Branch funds.
Annual Dinner Invitation letter sent to Councillor Sandy West.
S/M Lynn Stanley said she has not been able to find replacements for the Tuck Shop.
Sea Cadet Piping Party for the Annual Dinner will be arranged.
7. WELFARE REPORT
S/M Essom has been in contact with S/M Dick Pearce to offer condolences from the Branch.
Jean Rawson had been visited in hospital.
8. LIASON OFFICER
Nil report.
9. PRO
Nil report.
10. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT
Still a few memberships to collect.
11. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT
S/M Cartwright gave the following Ceremonial dates for parading the Branch Standard.
Wednesday 25th April ANZAC Day. 1100 at Weymouth Sea Front.
1040 Muster at Memorial.
Monday 28th May US Memorial Day. 1100 at Weymouth Sea Front.
Saturday 16th June HMS Sidon. 1030 at Portland Heights.
Monday 25th June Flag Raising. 1030 Council Offices.
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Saturday 7th July Dorchester Vets Day. Details to follow. May not happen due to lack
of
Funding.
Saturday 2nd September Merchant Navy Day. Flag raising.
1030 Muster at the Memorial.
Sunday 21 October HMS Illustrious Association. 1100 Portland Marina.
1030 Muster at Memorial.
12. TREASURERS REPORT
S/M Cartwright presented the report in the Treasurer’s absence. The Branch Account stands at £3881-79. Proposed by S/M Pete Foster seconded by S/M Dave Thompson. 41 for with 5 abstentions.. The raffle raised £50 with donations of £8-50 to the Branch funds.
13. WEBMASTERS REPORT
S/M Gray said the Website has been updated. More photographs of the Royal Navy and Portland are required.

Project Semaphore. There is a potential new candidate.

14. SOCIAL REPORT

Annual Dinner 28th April 2018 at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. Entertainer Paul Iaming. Please give me your choices plus £20 per person this evening. 78 names so far including our guests Cllr Sandy West and friend. If anyone else wants to attend please let me know this evening. No raffle prizes required.

Skittles evening on Friday 8th June at the Trinity Club, Dorchester, with Dorchester and other RNA Branches. 1900 for 1930. Bangers and Chips for a nominal fee of £1 per person. Please put your names on the list if you are interested. We will try to organise transport if there are sufficient numbers.

T20 Blast at the Ageas Bowl on Friday 3rd August at 1900. Hants v Kent. We have 16 names, room for just one more. Please see me if you are interested. I can get the tickets for £15 per person if I order before 19th May, so please pay me at the May meeting. We can sort out the money for the minibus later.

Buckham Fair Saturday 19th August. Please put your names on the list if you are interested, so that we know if it is worthwhile booking a minibus. Entry fee is £8 per person on the gate. No concessions.

Away weekend from Friday 5th to Monday 8th October to the Somerset Hotel, Llandudno with Daish's. Thanks everyone for paying their interim deposit of £30 per person. I have sent the cheque to Daish's. You are welcome to pay me what you like each month. The balance is required at the August meeting.

Christmas Social Saturday 15th December 2018 in the Jubilee Hall.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M John Rowden said he would recommend the Breakfast Bar at the Rivera. All you can eat for £5. From 10.00am. It provides a good opportunity to meet other veterans.

The funeral service for ex CPOSA Fozzie Boyles will take place at Weymouth Crematorium on Friday 6th April at 1300.

S/M Prowse said anyone who has not picked their Dinner ticket up, please do so now.

Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd May 2018.

16. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2110.

Chairman

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