

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON
WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2018

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman 2010. 47 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 19 members.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
September was another quiet month. A number of members attended the Annual Avalanche Memorial Service at Southwell on Sunday 16th, together with the Bishop of Sherborne the Right Revd. Karen Gorham and two of the divers involved in raising the Avalanche's anchor.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Steve Skerman seconded by S/M Nigel Rimell. 36 for with 11 abstentions.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE
Email from Mick Arnold re invite from the Not Forgotten Association.
Resignation Letter from S/M Pete Evans.
2019 Diary List.
6. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING
Dorset Mind Charity.
Area Reunion Rally .2019.
Conference 2019. Delegates expenses.
7. BRANCH CHARITY FOR 2019
This was discussed. One option was Dorset Mind Charity. Members were asked to think of any other options.
8. AREA REUNION RALLY
The Area Reunion Rally at Bideford will be held from the 1st to the 4th March 2019. £20 deposit now required. Balance of £120 required by the January meeting.
9. CONFERENCE DELEGATE
The 2019 Conference Delegates expenses of £259 were discussed and put to the floor. This motion was carried and the Branch will pay the expenses.
10. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT
Ceremonial Dates 2018.
Saturday 6th October Poppy of Honour, 1020 at Wincanton. MNA have spare seats on their bus. See him for details.
Sunday 21st October HMS ILLUSTRIOUS Pinnacle Disaster Remembrance Service 1200 at Portland Marina. Meet at 1130 at the Memorial.
Saturday 10th November. Festival of Remembrance. 1930 at the Drill Hall. Our Standard will be paraded.
Sunday 11th November. Remembrance Service. 1100 at the Cenotaph. 1015 at the Drill Hall for those who wish to march up the hill.
A Short Remembrance Service at 1200 at the American Memorial in Victoria Gardens will follow. A Beacon Lighting Ceremony will take place at 1845 at the New Ground. The Standard will be paraded. An Evening Service at the Drill Hall will follow on completion of the Beacon Lighting.
11. FUND RAISING REPORT
S/M Lynn Stanley showed the meeting some Christmas cards with pens attached which she was proposing to purchase. These would cost £2-50. This was put to the meeting and carried.
12. AREA MEETING
S/M Shoemith gave a brief report of the Area Meeting which was held at Dorchester on the 15th September.
13. WELFARE REPORT
S/M Jan Evans goes into hospital on the 10th October.
S/M Bill McMurray has not been well.
S/M Steve Sandford has not been very well at all.
14. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
Nil Report.
15. TREASURERS REPORT
The Branch Account stands at £3598-81. Proposed by S/M Barry Hudson, seconded by S/M Graham White. 43 for with 4 abstentions. The raffle raised £62-50 with donations of £13-90 to the Branch funds.
16. WEBMASTERS REPORT

Nil report.

17. SOCIAL REPORT

Away weekend from Friday 5th to Monday 8th October to the Somerset Hotel, Llandudno with Daish's. We will start pickups at Victoria Square at 0830 on Friday 5th. Please make sure you use the Daish's luggage labels which I'm distributing. Please note that coach pickup times are approximate so be there in plenty of time. I will leave the choice of lunch stop to the driver, after that journey to hell to Blackpool two years ago. I expect we will stop at motorway services so it may be best to bring your own lunch. We are going to Caernarfon on Saturday, returning mid afternoon in time for a trip on the Great Orme Tramway for them that wish to go on it. On Sunday 35 of us are booked on the Snowdon Mountain Railway. There is entertainment in the hotel each evening.

Christmas Social Saturday 15th December 2018 in the Jubilee Hall. Catering – Entertainer Mike Walker. Tickets £10.00 each, including buffet. List on noticeboard. Please pay at November or December meetings. Wrapped raffle prizes appreciated.

Social Evening Saturday 16th February 2019. Details next month.

Annual Dinner 2019 will be held on Saturday 27th April at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square.

Future Events. We will go to the T20 cricket again in July or August if sufficient interest. If anyone has any other suggestions, please let us know.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Prowse thanked members for paying their money for the Snowden Railway Trip.

Next Meeting Wednesday 7th November 2018.

19. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2120.

Chairman

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