

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE
CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2019

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2002. 51 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 24 members.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Shipmates, welcome to the 2019 Annual General Meeting. Our membership numbers stand at 9 Life, 63 full, 38 Associate, and of course not forgetting our 7 loyal friends from Bridport and Dorchester Branches. Overall we are down by just 1, showing that we are still a strong and well supported Branch. On the Ceremonial side our Standard has been carried at various parades, including the HMS Sidon Memorial Service, Veteran's parade, HMS Illustrious Pinnacle Disaster Memorial, and of course the 2018 Remembrance Service at Portland Cenotaph. This took place on the 11th of the 11th marking the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1. It also saw S/M Charles H stand down as Parade Commander after 22 years' service. Thank you and well done to our Standard Bearers over the year.

The Social side of the Branch is still going strong. SOME members attended the Area Reunion Rally at Bideford in March. It was badly affected by the Beast from the East, resulting in many from the Area unable to travel. Other Social events throughout the year included the Branch Annual Dinner in April, Dorchester Skittles Night in June, T20 Blast Cricket in August, Away weekend to Llandudno in October and the Christmas Social in December. Many thanks to our Super Social Sec.

As always Members have shown their generosity with all the various ways money has been extracted from you, be it the Monthly Lucky Number Draw, wrapped raffle prizes at social events, and the Grand Christmas Raffle, all of which has kept our Treasurer up to scratch with his mathematics.

I think all in all it shows what a great Branch we are. I would like to call on all Members present to join me in thanking your Committee for all their hard work to keep things running smoothly. Also all the other helpers who rig and unrig for all the events we put on. Most of all the biggest thanks go to you, the members, for your continued support in making this the best Branch in No4 Area.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Bill McMurray, seconded by S/M Karen Miller.46 for with 5 abstentions.
5. 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 £3993-70. The report was accepted. Proposed by S/M John Rowden, seconded by S/M Charles H Thompson 48 for with 3 abstentions. There were no matters arising. S/M Shoemith thanked S/M's Bill Gear and Bill McMurray for checking the accounts.

6. ELECTION/RE-ELECTION OF BRANCH OFFICERS

VICE CHAIRMAN S/M Nigel Rimell
51 for. Carried unanimous

SECRETARY S/M Ann Robbins
51 for. Carried unanimous

COMMITTEE MEMBERS S/M Karen Miller
51 for. Carried unanimous
S/M Lynn Stanley
51 for. Carried unanimous.
S/M Pete Foster
51 for. Carried unanimous.
S/M Rich Gray
51 for. Carried unanimous.
S/M Dave Prowse
51 for. Carried unanimous.
S/M Dusty Miller
51 for. Carried unanimous.
CONFERENCE DELEGATE S/M Peter Shoemith
51 for. Carried unanimous
AREA DELEGATE S/M Peter Shoemith
51 for. Carried unanimous

A mandate was given for the delegate to vote for the Branch as he sees fit at the Area Meeting.

A mandate was also given for the delegate to vote for the Branch as he sees fit at the National Conference.

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

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Date of the next Annual General Meeting will be the 5th February 2020.

8. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2029.

.....Chairman

.....Hon Sec