

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 4th
January 2017

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 20.20. 48 members attended.
Apologies were received from 25 members.
2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
On behalf of the Committee I wish you all a healthy and hearty New Year.
The Chairman warmly welcomed two new Full members to the Branch. Mary Gray and Jim Holt.
He also welcomed Liz & Howard from the Ganges Association who may be prospective members.
At the last meeting we held the Branch Christmas Raffles. Thanks go to Alex and Pam for arranging it and to Shirley Barrett for her assistance in selling the tickets.
We held the Christmas Social on Friday the 16th December in the Jubilee Hall. We were short on numbers but it was another successful event. BZ to Dave and those who assisted in setting up and to Chris for selling the raffle tickets.
Gill and Graham have been busy distributing Christmas gifts to all our widows. Many thanks for that.
Our new Web Site rnaportland.org has gone on line. More from Rich Gray later. Very operator friendly.
Lastly next month will be the AGM followed by the regular meeting. Several members of the Committee are up for election/re-election. A list is on the Notice Board. The position of Chairman/Woman must be filled by a full member. In addition, we would like to see some fresh faces on the Committee. All are welcomed to volunteer but, due to RNA rules, they have to be proposed and seconded by Full Members.
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Bill McMurray seconded by S/M Jan Isaac 42 for with 6 abstentions. There were no matters arising.
4. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE
Warship Magazine – January 2017.
Thank you cards from Wendy Derbyshire, Dick & Margaret Pearce, Joan Ley, Joan Stevenson, Monica Harle, St John Ambulance & Lynn Stanley.
The list is on the Notice-board for Officers up for election/re-election.
5. WELFARE REPORT
Dick Pearce has had two operations.
Condolence card sent to Mike Beatty on the loss of his daughter.
John Jeffries is in Westhaven.
Micky Fox has a broken ankle.
Roger Court taken ill over Christmas.
Lionel Butler is not very well.
Flowers taken to Jan Evans.
6. TREASURERS REPORT
The Branch Account stands at £3282.51. The report was accepted. Proposed by S/M Dan Sherren seconded by S/M Pete Foster. 45 for with 3 abstentions. There were no matters arising.
7. LIASON OFFICER
Nil report.
8. PRO
Nil report.
9. NEW WEBSITE
S/M Rich Gray gave an update on the new Website which is now up and running. He also gave an update on Project Semaphore.
10. SOCIAL REPORT
The Christmas Social went well.
Social 11th February 2017 in the Jubilee Hall in the Conservative Club. Raffle prizes appreciated.
Tickets £10 a head. Buffet provided.

Annual Dinner Dance Saturday 22nd April 2017 at the Masonic Hall. 1845 for 1915.

Trip to Buckham Fair 20th August 2017.

Area Meeting Saturday 16th September 2017. Social in the evening.

Away weekend to Eastbourne Friday 6th to Monday 9th October 2017. A deposit of £25 required in March.

Christmas Social 15th December 2017 in the Jubilee Hall.

Possible trip to the 20/20 Cricket Match at Southampton.

The Chairman thanked Dave for all his hard work.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Shoesmith asked for volunteers to do his Audit on Tuesday 17th January. S/M's Bill Gear and Bill McMurray volunteered. He also said the next No 4 Area Meeting will be held on Saturday 21st January in Weymouth.

Next meeting Wednesday 1st February 2017.

12. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2032.

.....Chairman

.....Hon Sec