

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH 2017

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2006. 49 members attended. Apologies were received from 18 members.
2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman asked members to be upstanding for a few moments in memory of John 'Crash' Evans who has crossed the bar. Please remain standing. At the end of my eulogy at Crash's funeral I said we would toast to the good memories he has left us with. Please raise your glasses – the toast is – god bless him. Thank you. Shipmates I was so proud to see so many of you at All Saints for the funeral, nearly 50% turned out to fill the church and line the roadway before and after the service. Well done. Jan and family ask that their thanks and appreciation be passed to you all.

At Committee we agreed unanimously to dine out Dick and Anne as our guests of honour at our Annual Dinner. Unfortunately the HMS Portland crew will not be joining us this year. Also unanimous was the vote for a donation of £25 to RNA HQ in support of The Not Forgotten Association charity walk across the Sahara by HQ staff.

Queen's Garden Party 30th May. Conditions apply. Names to me as soon as possible.

RNA HQ visit 30th June. List on noticeboard.

RNA B-ennial Parade in London on the 10th September. List also on noticeboard.

Chris Burlinson has purchased the Hamper for the Branches raffle prize for the Area Re-Union Rally. Many thanks for her hard work in getting it.
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Mick Maynard seconded by S/M Scarsfield 38 for with 11 abstentions. There were no matters arising.
4. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mayor of Portland re Civic Service.

Letter from Mayor of Portland re Rock & Roll night.

Thank you letter from Portland Sea Cadets.
5. WELFARE REPORT

John Jeffries is back home.

Roger Court is back in hospital. Further surgery required.

Lionel Butler is not very well.

Pete Connors eyes are better.

Jean Rawson is getting on alright.

Pam Gear having treatment for her legs.

Mike Harvey is not very well.
6. LIASON OFFICER

Nil report.
7. PRO

The membership secretary thanked the membership for the good response.

The change of Branch President and Chairman has appeared in the Free Portland News.
8. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT

S/M Cartwright said he paraded the Standard at Crash's funeral, Accession Day Service & SS Mendi Commemoration.
9. TREASURERS REPORT

The Chairman read out the Branch Account which stands at £3309-53. The report was accepted. Proposed by S/M David White seconded by S/M Bill McMurray. 42 for with 7 abstentions. There were no matters arising. The Raffle raised £62-50 with donations of £24-50 to our Branch Charity. Our Treasurer has requested that the 2017/18 nominated charity be the Portland Branch to boost Branch funds. Proposed by S/M Micky Fox, seconded by S/M Paul Bunworth. 42 for with 7 abstentions.
10. WEBMASTERS REPORT

Rich Gray has been asked to put some point of contact details on the website in the shipmates locker.

11. SOCIAL REPORT

The trip to the T20 cricket match will be on the 4th August.

Annual Dinner Dance Saturday 22nd April 2017 at the Masonic Hall. 1845 for 1915. Tickets £20 a head. Menus now available. Please pay and let me know your choices at this meeting or the April one.

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. Cost will be approx £160 for 3 nights half board at the Burlington Hotel, return coach travel and optional excursions on Saturday and Sunday. A deposit of £25 required as soon as possible.

Christmas Social 15th December 2017 in the Jubilee Hall.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Dave McCaughey said he is hoping to organise an Anniversary Re-union, marking the end of the Falklands Campaign. This will take place on the 17th June at Weymouth Golf Club.

S/M Thompson said the Standard Bearers Competition took place at Bridgewater. Second place was Dennis Matthew from Dorchester and in first place was our own Ben Cartwright. He is now the No4 Area Standard Bearer.

S/M Dennis Matthew said the Annual skittles match will take place on the 2nd June at the Trinity Club in Dorchester.

S/M Prowse said the presentation of the cheque to the Motor Neurone Disease Association will take place at the June meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday 5th April 2017.

13. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2111.

.....Chairman

.....Hon Sec