

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 3rd May 2017

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2007. 42 members attended. Apologies were received from 19 members.
2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Vice Chairman said the food was excellent at the Annual Dinner and the company great and he and his wife thoroughly enjoyed it. He thanked S/M's Pam & Alex Oswald for doing the menus and name cards. Dave Prowse for organising it, Charles H for being MC and everyone else who helped set the place up. Also to everybody who contributed to the buying of the flowers. £130 went to St John Ambulance.

As was mentioned at the last meeting, Our Chairman Dan has submitted his nomination form to RNA Central Office for the vacant position of No 4 Area Deputy National Council Member. This will not affect his position at the Portland RNA Branch. If there is more than one applicant then there will be a ballot of all Branches in the Area sometime in May and the result will be announced at Conference. However the correct procedure should have been a vote from the membership but because of the delay in HQ distributing the Nomination Forms, it meant that the forms arrived after our April meeting. The Nominations had to be returned to HQ by May 5th, and due to Dan not being back until the 8th, that is the reason that the membership was not consulted. If there is more than one nominee, then HQ will send the appropriate Ballot Forms to all Branch Secretaries in May. So we need to hold a vote of approval of Dan's nomination as the No 4 Area Deputy National Council Member. This is for Full and Life members only. The vote will be "do we approve of Dan's nomination as the No4 Area Deputy National Council Member." This was then proposed by S/M Charles H Thompson and seconded by S/M Jan Isaac. 22 for with no abstentions. Carried unanimous.

At the Committee Meeting it was also proposed that the Branch pay for the Dorchester Skittles Night and the Buckham Fair transport out of the Social Fund. This was put to the floor. 39 for with 3 abstentions. Carried.
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Barry Hudson, seconded by S/M Mike Beatty. 35 for with 7 abstentions. There were no matters arising.
4. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Portland Town Council re Mayor Making Ceremony.
Card from Dick Barton.
Card from Yvonne & Arthur Copus.
Email from Derek Boorn RMA Poole & District.
Email from Association of Wrens – South Dorset Branch.
Email from Dr Timmy Gambin.
5. WELFARE REPORT

Lionel Butler still has problems.
John Jeffries getting on alright.
Roger Court has had surgery. Been in and out of hospital.
Mickey Fox's partner Karen getting out and about.
Joan Stevenson had a fall in the garden.
6. LIASON OFFICER

Nil report. HMS Portland's crew still on leave.
7. PRO

Nil report.
8. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT

S/M Cartwright said on the 25th April Dennis Mathews, Alf Larkin & himself attended the Anzac Service in Weymouth.
The following events are coming up.
29th May US Memorial in Weymouth.

Sunday 13th August service to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Chief Petty Officer Ernest Pitcher being awarded the Victoria Cross. This is being held at St Mary's Church, Swanage at 14.15 hrs.

11th November 2018 Beacons around the country will be lit at 7pm.

9. TREASURERS REPORT

The Chairman read out the Branch Account which stands at £3174-34. The report was accepted. Proposed by S/M Bill McMurray, seconded by S/M Mick Maynard. 38 for with 4 abstentions. The Raffle raised £50 with donations of £10 to our Branch Charity.

10. WEBMASTERS REPORT

S/M Gray said the General Minutes are now on the website.

Information from This Day in History & the 35th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict are also on the Home page.

Nothing to report on Project Semaphore.

11. SOCIAL REPORT

S/M Prowse said 80 attended the Dinner Dance. He thought it was efficiently served. Thanks to Arthur Copus for the floral arrangement.

Skittles Friday 2nd June at the Trinity Club, Dorchester at 1900. 16 seater mini bus will be provided. £1.00 nominal fee for bangers & chips. Pickups from 1815 at Courtlands bus stop.

Cricket Nat West T20 Blast at the Ageas Bowl, near Southampton. Match ticket money required now. Remainder nearer the date.

Trip to Buckham Fair Sunday 20th August 2017. 35 Seater coach booked. Entrance ticket is now £7.

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

Away weekend to Eastbourne Friday 6th to Monday 9th October 2017. All deposits have been paid.

Christmas Social 15th December 2017 in the Jubilee Hall.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Barton thanked members for the honour of being the Guest of Honour at the Annual Dinner.

S/M Prowse asked members to be at next month's meeting for 2000hrs as the cheque is being presented to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

S/M Copus said the VE Museum in Castletown is well worth a visit.

S/M Cartwright thanked S/M Rimell for running the meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday 7th June 2017.

13. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2130.

.....Chairman

.....Hon Sec