

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON
WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2018

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman after the AGM.
2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Gill Essom seconded by S/M Pete Evans. 35 for with 10 abstentions.
There were no matters arising.
3. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE
Letter from Sandy Gibbons.
Letter from Daphne Butler.
Thank you letter from Portland Sea Cadets.
Letter from Joan Ley.
The Chairman read out another letter from Portland Sea Cadets.
4. WELFARE REPORT
Joan Stevenson is much better..
Mick Tuck's wife is still in hospital.
Pete Connor still has eye problems.
Keith Tubbs has had a nasty fall.
Margaret McMurray has eye problems.
Rob Stanley said Rita has had a fall.
Alan Hunter has eye problems.
5. LIASON OFFICER
HMS Portland is still in refit.
6. PRO
Nil report.
7. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT
S/M Cartwright said the ANZAC Parade will be held on Wednesday 25th April at 1100 am on the esplanade in Weymouth.
He will be parading the Standard at Peggy Bartholomew's funeral on Friday 16th February at All Saints Church at 11-00 am.
He has volunteered to take part in this year's Standard Bearers competition.
8. TREASURERS REPORT
S/M Shoemsmith said the Branch Account stands at £4233-57. Proposed by S/M Charles H Thompson seconded by S/M Graham White. 42 for with 3 abstentions.. The raffle raised £50 with donations of £11-50 to the Branch funds
9. WEBMASTERS REPORT
Nil.
10. SOCIAL REPORT
Area Reunion Rally at Bideford from Friday 2nd to Monday 5th March 2018. Many thanks to the band of volunteers who are helping out in the sods opera. We are having another rehearsal at the Con Club next Tuesday at 2000.
Annual Dinner 28th April 2018 at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. Entertainer Paul Iaming. List is on the notice board and the menu is now available. Please give me your choices plus £20 per person at the March meeting or at the April meeting at the latest.
T20 Blast at the Ageas Bowl. Vaughan has agreed to hire and drive a minibus. List on notice board if you are interested. Please state your preferred date.
Friday 3rd August at 1900 Hants v Kent or
Friday 17th August at 1900 Hants v Glous.
Away weekend from Friday 5th to Monday 8th October to the Somerset Hotel, Llandudno with Daish's. The rooming list and pickup list has been sent to Daish. Pickups will start from Victoria Square at 0800. An interim deposit of £30 per person will be required at the March meeting.
Christmas Social Saturday 15th December 2018 in the Jubilee Hall. Unfortunately Annie Lynham, who has done our catering for several years, has hung up her apron, so I'll be looking for another caterer.
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
S/M President Ben Cartwright thanked S/M Dan Sherren for his Chairmanship over the previous year. The Chairman also offered his thanks to S/M Maureen Sherren for all her work as Branch membership Secretary and PRO
S/M Dennis Matthews said the Memorial Service for the 70th Anniversary of HMS Illustrious will take place on Sunday 21st October.

The Chairman reminded members that Peggy Bartholomew's funeral will take place on Friday 16th February at 1100 in All Saints Church.

Next Meeting Wednesday 7th March 2018.

12. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2128.

Chairman

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