

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON
WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY 2018

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman 2007. 38 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 28 members.
3. CHARMANS REPORT

Shipmates, there was a fantastic turnout by the Branch for the funeral of Margaret Pearce, with at least 30 attending. Thanks to Ben for parading the Branch Standard. We have received thanks from Dick Pearce.

The Branch Standard was paraded, together with Standards from the WRNS Association and HMS Ajax Association at the funeral of S/M Jean Rawson. Although it took place 30 miles away, seven members of the Branch attended. The service was by conducted by RNA Chaplain Dennis Mould. On behalf of the Branch he thanked S/M Dave Prowse and all his helpers for making the Annual Dinner another successful event.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M John Rowden seconded by S/M Karen Miller. 33 for with 5 abstentions.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you card from S/M Arthur Copus.
Letter from HQ re donation to retiring General Secretary.
Letter from St John Ambulance.
6. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Regarding the letter from HQ. At last week's Committee Meeting it was proposed that the Branch donate £25 towards the retiring present for the General Secretary Paul Quinn. This was put to the floor. 36 for with 2 abstentions.
7. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Proposed donation of £25 towards the retirement gift for RNA General Secretary Captain Paul Quinn.
Suggested price of pens to be sold at the tuck shop. £1-50 each or 4 for £5-00.
Late bid for the Annual Charity. Discussed and decided it was too late for this year's nomination.
Transport for Dorchester Branch Skittles Night to be paid out of the Social Fund. This was put to the floor and carried unanimous.
8. WELFARE REPORT

S/M Graham White said Malcolm Baldwin is in hospital.
John Jeffries is still in Dorchester Hospital.
9. LIASON OFFICER

S/M Rimell said he has written to the Captain of HMS Queen Elizabeth about a possible visit to the ship. In reply the Captain said that owing to the ship still being in dockyard hands and with on-going work, a visit at this time would not be possible.
10. PRO

Nil report.
11. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

S/M Karen Miller asked members to let her know of any change of address etc.
12. NATIONAL CONFERENCE

S/M Shoemith read out the various motions for conference. They were all explained at length and will be voted on by S/M President Ben Cartwright who this year is our Branch delegate.
13. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT

S/M Cartwright said the Branch Standard was paraded at both Margaret Pearce's and S/M Jean Rawson's funerals.

Thanks to those members who turned up at the Anzac Memorial Service.
14. TREASURERS REPORT

The Branch Account stands at £3882-29. Proposed by S/M Jan Issacs, seconded by S/M Bill McMurray. 36 for with 2 abstentions.. The raffle raised £50 with donations of £11-00 to the Branch funds.
15. WEBMASTERS REPORT

Project Semaphore. Brian Hewson now had his iPad.
The Branch Website is cruising along as normal.
16. SOCIAL REPORT

The Annual Dinner on Saturday 28th April was a most enjoyable evening. Thanks to all his helpers.

Skittles evening on Friday 8th June at the Trinity Club, Dorchester, with Dorchester and other RNA Branches. 1900 for 1930. Bangers and Chips for a nominal fee of £1 per person. 15 names on the list. T20 Blast at the Ageas Bowl on Friday 3rd August at 1900. Hants v Kent. We have a full complement of 17. I can get the tickets for £15 per person if I order before 19th May, so please pay me £16 each (to cover the cost of Vaughan's ticket). The money for the minibus can be sorted out later.

Buckham Fair Saturday 19th August. Still only 5 names on the list. This will be the last one for a while. They are hoping to raise up to £100,000 towards a new cancer centre in Dorchester.

Away weekend from Friday 5th to Monday 8th October to the Somerset Hotel, Llandudno with Daish's. You are welcome to pay me what you like each month. The balance is required at the August meeting.

Christmas Social Saturday 15th December 2018 in the Jubilee Hall. We now have a caterer booked.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Rimell said names of those wishing to play for the skittles team next season need to be registered by the end of June. The team retained the wooden spoon this season.

S/M Shoemith said he attended the Sea Cadets Annual General Meeting on Monday 30th April. Volunteers have now been found to serve on the General Committee.

Next Meeting Wednesday 6th June 2018.

18. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2125.

Chairman

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