

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman 2010. 35 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 24 members.
3. CHARMANS REPORT

Shipmates please be upstanding for a few moments silence in memory of S/M Alan ‘TANK’ Harvey who crossed the Bar on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The family have asked for the RNA to be involved in the funeral which will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at the crematorium. For those members who may not have known Alan, he earned the nickname ‘TANK’ from his days playing rugby for the RN, when opposition said it was like being hit by a tank. Alan was also a regular Field Gunner for Devonport. Back in 1999 the Branch had a coach trip to Earls Court for the LAST RUN at the Royal Tournament. When it was over everyone returned to the coach except Alan. It took a search party the best part of an hour to find him and drag him out of the Field Gunners Bar. A real character. S/M Dennis Matthews took part in the National Standards Bearers’ Completion and took 7<sup>th</sup> place. Branch members attended the Memorial Service at the American Memorial in Victoria Square this morning to commemorate the 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings. Our Branch Standard was paraded by S/M Alf Larkin. The other Standards paraded included Bridport Branch, HMS Ganges Association and the Stars & Stripes which was carried by a member of the Weymouth Branch in lieu of Lynwood Newman. S/M Oswald read out a detailed report regarding the Re-Union Rally Weekend which he received from S/M Charles H Thompson.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M John Rowden seconded by S/M Mick Maynard. 32 for with 3 abstentions.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE

Card from Malcolm Baldwin.  
Letter from Terry Shakespeare of the St John Ambulance.
6. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING

GDPR was discussed at length. Forms were given out for members to fill in and return  
A proposal by S/M Charles H Thompson to make a donation from Branch Funds to S/M Len Christopher, who will be taking part in a charity walk with his daughter along the length of Hadrian’s wall, to raise funds for INSPIRE Spinal Research. This proposal was carried unanimously by the Committee.  
The Election of No4 Area National Council Member.  
Registration of the RNA Skittles Team for 2018/19 Season. This was discussed at Committee and proposed that the Branch would pay the £75 registration fee.
7. WELFARE REPORT

S/M Malcolm Baldwin has on-going medical problems.  
Dick Pearce has been spoken to and thanks the Branch for their support.  
Keith Tubbs is in hospital.  
Les Dilley is in Bristol hospital.  
Beryl Helliwell has had a knee operation.
8. S/M Lynn Stanley said she has a new supplier for the sweets. Cost £1.00. She can also get some special sweets which will cost £1.20 .
9. TREASURERS REPORT

The Branch Account stands at £3752-16. Proposed by S/M Bill McMurray, seconded by S/M Karen Miller. Carried unanimous. The raffle raised £37.50 with donations of £6.50 to the Branch funds.
10. WEBMASTERS REPORT

GDPR. Privacy Policy is on the website.  
Project Semaphore. 4 members now have iPads. S/M Gray said he is stepping down from this job.
11. SOCIAL REPORT

Skittles evening on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at the Trinity Club, Dorchester. 15 names on the list. Quotes for a 16 seater minibus were ludicrous, with the cheapest being £190.00 The ICA minibus has been hired, with driver the cost is only £66.00 It can take only 11 passengers, but Karen and Dusty have kindly offered to take their car and two passengers. They will of course be suitably reimbursed. The minibus will depart from Courtlands Road bus stop at 1815 with pickups at Easton Square, Grove Corner and Wyke Smugglers. Return – depart Trinity Club at 2300 prompt.  
T20 Blast at the Ageas Bowl on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 1900. Hants v Kent. We now have 16 going. I’ve paid £15 each for the tickets and £15 for parking (double last year’s charge for parking) I’ve

collected £16 from each of you to cover the cost of your ticket plus Vaughan's ticket. I will need another £1.00 each to cover the parking charge please. The money for the minibus can be sorted out later.

Buckham Fair Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August. 11 names on the list. I have provisionally booked the ICA minibus. Leaving Portland at 0900 and return departure at 1700.

Away weekend from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in the Jubilee Hall. Catering – Hannah Barnwell. Entertainer Mike Walker.

12. VOTING ITEMS.

Regarding the donation to S/M Len Christopher. It was proposed by S/M Shoesmith, seconded by S/M Graham White that £50 be donated from the Branch at the Committee Meeting. It was then proposed by S/M Mick Harvey that the donation be increased to £100. This was seconded by S/M Jeff Jowett. 34 for with 1 abstention.

Election of No 4 Area NCM. Only Full, Life and members with a certificate of appreciation can vote.

16 members voted for S/M Dent. None for S/M Gutteridge.

Donation of £75 for the RNA Skittles Team Registration Fee for the 2018/19. This was put to the floor and carried unanimous.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

14. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2110.

Chairman

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