

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

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2010. 59 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 19 members.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On Friday 5th October a large group of us went off on the Away Weekend to Llandudno. It was a long journey but well worth it. Thanks to Dave for another great trip.

On the 21st of October our Branch Standard was paraded along with others at the Memorial Service to mark the 70th Anniversary of the HMS Illustrious Pinnacle Disaster, with members of the Branch joining with veterans, families and members of the public. The weather was bright and sunny, in stark contrast to the gale of 70 years ago.

HEADS UP. Info for your Diary – the January Meeting will be held on the SECOND Wednesday of the month not the first Wednesday. This will be the 9th January.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Bill McMurray seconded by S/M Pat Hudson. 49 for with 10 abstentions.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Portland RBL.
6. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Branch Christmas Raffle.
FPN Notice re 2019 Subscriptions.
Donation to RBL Poppy Appeal.
Guest of Honour for the Annual Dinner 2019.
7. BRANCH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

S/M's Alex & Pam Oswald have volunteered to run the Christmas Raffle after the December meeting.
8. FPN NOTICE RE SUBSCRIPTIONS 2019

S/M Karen Miller will put a notice in the FPN.
9. DONATION TO RBL POPPY APPEAL

It was proposed at the Committee Meeting that the Branch donate £50 to the RBL Poppy Appeal for the Remembrance Wreath. This was put to the floor and carried.
10. GUEST OF HONOUR FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER 2019

It was proposed at the Committee Meeting that S/M Mick Arnold retiring No 4 Area Secretary be invited to be our Guest of Honour at the annual Dinner in 2019. This was put to the floor and carried. A letter of invitation will be sent to him.

AREA REUNION RALLY

The Area Reunion Rally at Bideford will be held from the 1st to the 4th March 2019. £20 deposit now required. Balance of £120 required by the January meeting.
11. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT

Ceremonial Dates 2018.

Saturday 10th November. Festival of Remembrance. 1930 at the Drill Hall. Our Standard will be carried by S/M Alf Larkin.

Sunday 11th November. Remembrance Service. 1100 at the Cenotaph. 1015 at the Drill Hall for those who wish to march up the hill.

Battle Over – A National Tribute on the 11th November at 1830 (Beacon Lighting) at the Memory Stones followed by a service at the Drill Hall. No Standards required.

Warmwell Airfield Saturday 10th November – pm.

Carol Service 9th December at the Methodist Hall at 4pm.
12. FUND RAISING REPORT

S/M Stanley said she has got a good stock of sweets in. Also she has received the Christmas cards which will cost £2.50. There is a limited supply of these.
13. AREA MEETING

S/M Shoemith gave a detailed report of the meeting which was held in Dorchester.
14. WELFARE REPORT

S/M Graham White said S/M Jan Evans had her hospital appointment cancelled but she now has a new date to go in.

He has had a chat with S/M Dick Pearce.

S/M Ray Charnock has had a slight stroke.

15. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

S/M Miller welcomed S/M Lynn McCormack & S/M Paul Radford to the meeting as new members.

16. TREASURERS REPORT

The Branch Account stands at £3636.91 Proposed by S/M Karen Miller, seconded by S/M David White. 54 for with 5 abstentions. The raffle raised £75.00 with donations of £15 to the Branch funds.

17. SOCIAL REPORT

The Away Weekend at the Somerset Hotel, Llandudno was most enjoyable. There were one or two minor problems but overall I think everyone had a good time.

Christmas Social Saturday 15th December 2018 in the Jubilee Hall. Entertainer Mike Walker. Tickets £10.00 each, including buffet. List on noticeboard. Please pay this evening or at the December meeting. Wrapped raffle prizes appreciated.

Social Evening Saturday 16th February 2019.

Annual Dinner 2019 Saturday 27th April at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. Entertainer – Paul Laming.

Away Weekend 2019. Proposed weekend at the Barrowfield Hotel, Newquay from Friday 4th to Monday 7th October. The details were posted on our Facebook page and on our Website.

Approximate cost £143.50 per person if full complement of 53. A non-refundable initial deposit of £5.00 per person needed this evening.

I have received a suggestion that we hold a Trafalgar Day Dinner if enough members are interested.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting Wednesday 5th December 2018.

19. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2120.

Chairman

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