

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON  
WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY 2019

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2014. 47 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 16 members.
3. CHAIRMANS REPORT

December was a fairly quiet month for the Branch on the Official side of things. The Branch was represented at the Portland Town Council Carol Service on the 9th.  
I would like to say again a very big thank you to all of you for your overwhelming support for our Christmas Raffle at the December meeting. This resulted in a large boost for Branch funds. It cheered the Treasurer up no end.  
The Christmas Social on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> was another enjoyable evening with a fantastic buffet. Well done to S/M Dave. I am sure he will expand on this a bit later.  
Now we are into 2019 may I wish you all A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Jan Isaac seconded by S/M Karen Miller. 42 for with 5 abstentions.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE

Christmas cards from Chun & Family, John Jeffrey, Weymouth Branch, Joan Stevenson & Dick Pearce.  
Thank you cards from Monica Harte & Wendy Derbyshire.  
Warship Magazine – January 2019.  
Homeport Magazine – Winter 2019.  
A list is up on the noticeboard for Officers up for re-election at next month's AGM.
6. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT

Axminster Branch will be laying up its standard on the 27<sup>th</sup> January at 11-00 am in St John Baptist Church.  
Weybridge Branch has closed down.
7. FUND RAISING REPORT

Nil Report.
8. WELFARE REPORT

S/M Essom said Ann Tuck has been in hospital.  
Ray Charnock is progressing.
9. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

S/M Karen Miller said she has had quite a few members renewing their membership already.
10. TREASURERS REPORT

The Branch Account stands at £3993.70. Proposed by S/M Charles H Thompson seconded by S/M Micky Fox. 45 for with 2 abstentions. There were no matters arising. The raffle raised £50 with donations of £5-50 to Branch funds.
11. WEBMASTERS REPORT

Nil report.
12. SOCIAL REPORT

The Christmas Social on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December was an enjoyable evening. Thanks to everyone who helped. Thanks to all those who provided raffle prizes, especially those who couldn't attend and thanks to all for their generosity in buying raffle tickets.  
Social Evening which was planned for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 has been postponed until May or June.  
Annual Dinner 2019 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. Entertainer – Paul Laming. List and menu choices at the February meeting.  
20/20 Cricket July or August 2019. I have yet to check on available dates.  
Away Weekend 2019 at the Barrowfield Hotel, Newquay from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. 51 names on the list. There is still one more twin room available. Interim deposit of £30 per person due in March and the balance in August.  
Proposed Trafalgar Night Dinner. The nearest date I can book is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the Masonic Hall. I have to book it tomorrow if there are enough of you interested.  
Xmas Social Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December in the Jubilee Hall.
13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Con Club are holding a Gin Night on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March.  
S/M Shoemith said he needs two members to be Independent Examiners for his books. S/M's Bill Gear & Bill McMurray volunteered,.

Next Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 after the AGM.

14. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2115.

Chairman

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