

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON  
WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2019

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2100 after the AGM. 51 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 24 members.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
The Chairman welcomed two new members to the Branch.  
S/M Liz McCormack – FULL.  
Paul Radford – Assoc.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Rich Gray seconded by S/M Dusty Miller. 43 for with 8 abstentions. There were no matters arising.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE  
Letter from S/M Bill Sheppard of the Axminster Branch.  
Daphne Butler sends her love to all and she said thanks for keeping in touch
6. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT  
A few members travelled to Axminster Branch for the laying up of their standard.
7. FUND RAISING REPORT  
Nil Report.
8. WELFARE REPORT  
S/M Essom said Ann Barton has had a fall.  
Les Dilley is quite poorly. He is not renewing his membership.  
Jan Evans is having an investigation.  
Alan Hunter is doing alright.  
Pete Connors is not very well.  
Micky Caswell is also not too well.
9. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY  
Nil Report.
10. TREASURERS REPORT  
The Branch Account stands at £3930.70. Proposed by S/M Graham White seconded by S/M Karen Miller. 48 for with 3 abstentions. There were no matters arising. The raffle raised £62-50 with donations of £12-50 to Branch funds.
11. WEBMASTERS REPORT  
Webmaster statistics for 2018. We had 1,964 visitors to our site over the year, with 3,552 separate sessions. This is a reduction on the previous year, but considering the size of the membership, it shows that the website is being regularly visited.  
S/M Joan Stevenson has now received a new Ipad.
12. SOCIAL REPORT  
Annual Dinner 2019 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. Entertainer – Paul Laming. List on notice-board. The menu is on our Facebook page and on our web page. I have some copies here for those without internet access. Please give me your menu choices and money at the March meeting or at the April meeting at the latest. The cost is £20 per person.  
Skittles evening at Dorchester on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. I will try to get the ICA minibus.  
Summer Social Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June in the Jubilee Hall. I have booked Hannah Barnwell for catering and Bill Solo for entertainment. I hope this date is convenient for most of you. I wanted to get the entertainer booked once I had a convenient date for the Con Club and the caterer to avoid the situation we had for the February Social which we had to postpone.  
20/20 Cricket July or August 2019. Possible dates at the Ageas Bow near Southampton.  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July v Sussex. 1900-2145.  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August v Glamorgan. 1900-2145.  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August v Somerset. 1900-2145.  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August v Surrey. 1900-2145.  
At the County Ground, Taunton.  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July v Hants. 1900-2145.  
I have found no mention of double header matches as previously suggested.  
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. One more member wants to go, but there are not any more single rooms available. I am hoping that two singles will agree to share a twin room. Interim deposit of £30 per person due in March and the balance in August. I will collect whatever you want to pay at each month's meeting as usual.

Trafalgar Night Dinner. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. The hall is booked and paid for. Adrian Smith is booked for the catering.

Xmas Social Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December in the Jubilee Hall.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman said nominations are now required for our Annual Charity 2019/2020. Two proposals have been received so far. Please let a Committee member know if there are any more nominations.

S/M Rowden said the Veterans Breakfast Club will be held every Saturday at the Clifton Hotel at 10-am.

S/M Shoesmith said Minutes of the Area Meeting held at Plymouth have not yet been received.

He asked members to make sure they have travel insurance for Bideford. The guest speaker at Bideford is Captain Bill Oliphant

Next meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

14. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2136.

Chairman

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