

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON
WEDNESDAY 7th August 2019

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2011. 50 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 15 members.
3. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Viv and Pauline Thompson from the Malta Branch.
Just a few things to mention this evening.
Firstly on Thursday 25th July S/M President Ben and I were invited by Lt Rachel Harris from TS Penn to a presentation evening at the Masonic Lodge. Ben will expand on this.

 - Secondly our stall at Southwell Street Fayre on Saturday was another success. The grand sum of £355.00 was raised to swell the Branch Funds. £60 of that was raised by S/M Ben with his “Guess the Bear’s Name”. Another £62.00 was raised by raffling a bottle of Pusser’s Rum which had been donated by S/M Vaughan Nelson. The Tombola once again attracted a large number of visitors. My thanks go to everyone who helped on the day. S/M Lynn Stanley has asked me to thank all those who donated items for the stall, as without their generosity the amount raised would have been much lower.
I would like to wish Christine & Kevin best wished for a long and happy marriage and I am sure everyone here tonight would wish them the same.
It is always nice to welcome new members to the Branch and tonight we have husband and wife Michael & Karen Howard.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Karen Miller seconded by S/M Jan Isaac. 41 for with 9 abstentions. There were no matters arising.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Marines Society & Sea Cadets including Newsletter 2019.
6. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Nil report.
7. CEREMONIAL REPORT

S/M Cartwright said it has been a quiet month, the Standard not being paraded at all. RNA Circulars have published details of the Biennial Service to be held at the National Cenotaph on Sunday 8th September. If anyone wished to go, Dorchester Branch are running a mini-bus. On Thursday 25th July Alex and I attended a presentation at the Masonic Hall in Victoria Square where Masonic Lodges from all over Dorset and a RAOB Lodge presented a total of £9,300 to Portland Sea Cadets to enable them to purchase 2 new sailing dinghies, a launching trolley, sails, boat covers and a training video.
I have received e-mails from

 1. Sue Cockings, Portland Town Mayor thanking us for attending the D Day Service in Victoria Gardens.
 2. Stephen George at the D Day Centre , Portland thanking us for the “turn out” at Castletown.
 3. Paul Compton of the MNA reference proposed Dinner Ball for the 75th Anniversary of VE/VJ days.
 4. David James, a Pembrokeshire historian requesting the use of our article with regards to PO Harada. After researching him (he is with the West Wales Maritime Heritage Society) I replied that he could use any or all of the contents in his publication informing him that not all the photographs were mine and to give the appropriate accreditations to the Portland Branch of the Royal Naval Association. In his reply he sent assurance and thanks.
8. FUND RAISING REPORT

S/M Stanley thanked members for their donations of presents for the Southell Street Fair.
9. WELFARE REPORT

S/M Pete Connor is doing well.
Jan Evans has an infected bone in her leg and has been in hospital.
S/M Jeff Jowlett has gone back to his own home.

Valerie Baldwin is waiting for knee replacement.
S/M Roger Barnes has visited S/M John Jeffries in his nursing home.

10. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

S/M Karen Miller said we have 9 Life, 59 full ,40 Associate and 6 affiliated members.

11. NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Nil report.

12. TREASURERS REPORT

The Branch Account stands at £3565-84. Proposed by S/M Nige Rimell seconded by S/M Micky Fox. 44 for with 6 abstentions. There were no matters arising. The raffle raised £75.00 with donations of £14.50 to Branch funds.

13. WEBMASTERS REPORT

Nil report.

14. SOCIAL REPORT

20/20 Cricket Friday 9th August at 1900 – Hants v Somerset at the Ageas Bowl. I have got the tickets. Vaughan wants to get away early, so the first pickup will be at Pound Piece at 1400. Then to Southwell and on to Dorchester. I will collect the balance to cover minibus hire, fuel and parking on the way.

Shep Woolley at the Trinity Club, Dorchester on Saturday 31st August at 1930. I have some tickets for sale at £10.00 each on behalf of the Dorchester Branch. Proceeds to the Veterans Hub, Weymouth.

Away Weekend 2019 at the Barrowfield Hotel, Newquay from Friday 4th to Monday 7th October. The total cost is £143.50 per person. Please pay me the balance this evening.

Trafalgar Night Dinner Friday 18th October at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. Entertainers – Mike Walker plus the Dorset Wrecks. Cost £20.00 per person. List is on the notice board.

Xmas Social Saturday 21st December in the Jubilee Hall. Entertainers Gut & Steel.

Annual Dinner 2020. Saturday 25th April at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Rimell said volunteers for the skittles team would be appreciated.

S/M Copus said the Sea Sunday Service at the Avalanche Church would take place on the 15th September at 1500hrs.

Next meeting Wednesday 4th September 2019.

15. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2116.

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