

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

1. The meeting was opened by the Treasurer at 2008. 47 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 18 members.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
**S/M Shoesmith welcomed new Full member Paul Daniels to the meeting.**
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Jan Isaac seconded by S/M Karen Miller. 39 for with 8 abstentions. There were no matters arising.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE  
Official letter to be sent to Lt Rachel Harris inviting her to be our guest of honour at the Trafalgar Night Dinner.
6. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING  
Area ReUnion Rally 2020.  
Trafalgar Night Dinner Guest of Honour.  
Diamond Award.
7. AREA REUNION RALLY  
Details are on the noticeboard. A £20 deposit required by the October meeting.
7. TRAFALGAR NIGHT DINNER GUEST  
Lt Rachel Harris has been invited to be our guest of Honour.
8. Diamond award  
Nomination tickets were given out to members for them to choose their candidate.
- CEREMONIAL REPORT  
S/M Cartwright sent his apologies for his non-attendance at the meeting.  
Your Standard was paraded at the Merchant Navy Day Service in Weymouth on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September and again at the Portland Merchant Navy Day Service in St George's Churchyard yesterday. Please accept my apologies for not informing you of this event but I knew nothing about it until Sunday (at the service in Weymouth) and only privy to the time of 9 o'clock early Tuesday.  
Upcoming Ceremonial events.  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September RNA Biennial Parade at the Cenotaph, Whitehall. Dorchester Branch are running a minibus which leaves Top of the Town Car Park at 0600.  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September Sea Sunday Service Avalanche Church at 1500.  
One for next year from Cllr Sandy West Events Brief Holder/Deputy Mayor of Portland.  
"I would like to invite your members to a church service to be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day," Ben has said that he will be available to parade the Standard.
9. FUND RAISING REPORT  
S/M Shoesmith said S/M Lynn Stanley has raised £426-81 since May 2018.
10. WELFARE REPORT  
Jan Evans is out of hospital hospital.  
John Rowden is doing well.  
Mick Harvey has been in Lulworth Ward, Dorchester Hospital for 10 days.  
Our Chairman Alex Oswald is getting on alright.
11. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY  
Nil report.
12. AREA REPORT  
The next Area meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> September at Upwey & Broadway Memorial Hall, Weymouth at 1400.0
13. TREASURERS REPORT  
The Branch Account stands at £3879-34. Proposed by S/M Dusty Miller, seconded by S/M Tony Seal. 44 for with 3 abstentions. There were no matters arising. The raffle raised £50.00 with donations of £8.50 to Branch funds.

The Treasurer asked members to make sure that any alterations on cheques have the full signature on them and not just initials.

13. SOCIAL REPORT

20/20 Cricket Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August was enjoyable, but unfortunately curtailed by the weather. It was more a mismatch than a match, with Somerset scoring 202 and then Hampshire capitulating to 60-odd for 6 before the heavens opened. Thanks again to Vaughan for hiring and driving the minibus.

Shep Woolley at the Trinity Club, Dorchester on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 1930. I only sold 4 tickets and I sent the money and unsold tickets to Jim Armstrong of Dorchester Branch.

Away Weekend at the Barrowfield Hotel, Newquay from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Thanks to all for paying in full. Daish's have been paid the total amount. I am informing everyone about pickups and the itinerary.

Trafalgar Night Dinner Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. Entertainers – Mike Walker plus the Dorset Wrecks. Cost £20.00 per person. Please put your names on the list.

Unfortunately Adrian has not yet replied to my email request about the menu. However, there will be a choice of 3 starters, 3 main courses or a vegetarian option, 3 sweet courses or cheese and biscuits, tea or coffee and a glass of port. The menu will be on our Facebook page and website as soon as possible. Please pay this evening or at the October meeting at the latest.

Xmas Social Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December in the Jubilee Hall. Entertainers Gut & Steel.

Annual Dinner 2020. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Shoesmith reminded members that the Bideford list is on the noticeboard also the list for 2020 diaries.

Next meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.

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

.....Chairman

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