

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 2nd October 2019

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2010. 50members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 19 members.
3. CHAIRMANS REPORT
Not much to report since my two weeks of P7R, but a few members of the Branch attended the Avalanche Memorial Service at St Andrews Church on September 15th.
The time has come to present the Diamond Award to the Branch Member who goes “above and beyond” for the Branch. Voting slips were passed around at last month’s meeting, but if anyone missed out you can get one here.
Our next social event, on our return from Newquay, will be the Trafalgar Night Dinner. After the meal we will be entertained for a short while by a Group of singers known as “The Dorset Wrecks”. There was a picture of them in the Echo last week and a Right Motley Crew they look. Joking aside. I am sure they will be well worth listening to.
The Chairman read out a letter of invitation from Portland Sea Cadets.
He welcomed prospective new member Paul Whelan to the meeting.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Micky Fox seconded by S/M Steve Skerman. 40 for with 10 abstentions.
5. MATTERS ARISING
S/M Dennis Matthews said the Shep Wooley evening at Dorchester was quite successful.
6. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE
Homeport Magazine –Autumn 2019.
Email re Exeter Trafalgar Service.
7. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING
Sponsorship for RNA Gen Sec’s Charity Bike to Paris.
Toasts & Toastmaster for Trafalgar Night Dinner.
8. SPONSORSHIP FOR RNA GEN SEC’S CHARITY BIKE RIDE TO PARIS.
This was discussed and then proposed that £50 be donated towards this. It was then put to the floor and S/M Mike Beatty proposed that the donation be raised to £100. This was seconded by S/M Dave Thompson. Carried unanimous.
9. TOASTS & TOASTMASTER FOR TRAFALGAR NIGHT DINNER.
S/M Tony Seal will be Toastmaster and other Toasts will be carried out by other Branch members.
10. CEREMONIAL REPORT
S/M Cartwright said two Standards were paraded at the Avalanche Memorial Service in Southwell on the 15th September and they were accompanied by guide and brownies. Alex, Pam & Josie were also in attendance. Tea & stiickies were provided on completion.
The next Ceremonial item is a Dedication of a Field of Remembrance, which takes place in Littlemoor on Friday 25th October which will be followed by the unveiling of a First World War Australian Memorial. Tea & stickies are being provided on completion.
11. WELARE REPORT
Jan Evans is now back home.
Yvonne Copus has been in hospital and is now out and doing well.
Mick Harvey has been in hospital and is now back home.
John Rowden is getting on alright.
Valerie Baldwin is going in for a knee operation shortly.
Les Ames was sent a birthday card on his 100th birthday.
12. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
Nil report.
- 13 DIAMOND AWARD
The winner of the Diamond Award is S/M Lynne Stanley. The Chairman presented her with the award and thanked her for all her work for the Branch.

14 AREA MEETING

S/M Shoemith gave a brief report of the No 4 Area Meeting held in Weymouth.

15 TREASURERS REPORT

The Branch Account stands at £3884-34. Proposed by S/M Charles H Thompson, seconded by S/M Nige Rimell. 44 for with 6 abstentions. There were no matters arising. The raffle raised £75.00 with donations of £12.60 to the nominated Charity fund. 50% of the raffle proceeds and all donations go to the nominated charity.

16 SOCIAL REPORT

Away Weekend at the Barrowfield Hotel, Newquay from Friday 4th to Monday 7th October. We depart from Victoria Square at 0900. I have informed everyone about approximate times for pickups. Luggage labels have been handed out, one per person. I will leave the location of the lunch stop to the driver. You may want to bring a bag meal if you do not fancy a meal at the service area. We plan to visit Falmouth on the Saturday and stop at Healeys Cornish Cyder Farm on the way back to the hotel. I have booked a group visit to the Lost Gardens of Heligan on Sunday at £10-50 per person. Most of us will be going. There is an optional one hour guided tour for an additional £3-00 per person. We have reached the limit of 25 for the tour, which starts at 11-30. I will need to collect your cash on the day and pay it in one transaction.

Trafalgar Night Dinner Friday 18th October at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. Entertainers Mike Walker plus the Dorset Wrecks. Cost £20 per person. We now have 53 on the list.

The menu is on our Facebook page and on our Website. I also have some copies with me. Please pay and give me your menu choices this evening. We cannot set up until 15-30 on the day.

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

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

Social Programme for 2020. If anyone has any ideas please let me knowe.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Matthews from Dorchester Branch said they are thinking or organising a Social to celebrate the Death of the Tot.

Next meeting Wednesday 6th November 2019.

18 CHAIRMANS CLOSING REMARKS

Are you all happy for Pam and I to carry on with the raffle at the December meeting. There was unanimous agreement for this.

Here's hoping for fine weather for the Weekend, but I am sure everyone going will enjoy themselves regardless. Those going to the Lost Gardens of Heligan, rig of the day is welly boots.

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

.....Chairman

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