



Royal Naval Association Portland Branch
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Masonic Centre
Wednesday 7th February 2024

The meeting was opened by Chairman S/M Dusty Miller at 20.00. 32 Members were present.

1. **Apologies:** were received from 12 Members.

2. **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the AGM this evening. It has been a good year with more Shipmates attending the monthly meetings and social events we have had. Unfortunately, we have had another Shipmate Cross The Bar recently. S/M Russ Wigley's funeral will be held at Weymouth Crematorium at 11.30 on 16th February and the Standard will be paraded.

There have been other Shipmates who have Crossed The Bar during the last year. At this point, could I ask you all to be upstanding for a few moments of respect for the following:

S/M Richie Paull
Mrs Sue Featherstone, wife of S/M Bob
S/M Keith Tubbs
S/M Dick Pearce
Mrs Prim Sanford, wife of S/M Steve
S/M Joan Stevenson
Mrs Margaret McMurray, wife of S/M Bill
S/M Russ Wigley

Thank you Shipmates

S/M Dave Prowse once again did a sterling job on the Social Secretary's side. The Away Weekend to Eastbourne was a great success and those that attended had a great time. The Chairman stressed that he was looking forward to the Away Weekend to Torquay this October and if Members had not yet put their names down and would like to go, then see S/M Dave at stand easy.

S/M Dusty thanked the Committee for all their hard work and support throughout the year, commenting that he would be lost without them. Also the non-committee members that have assisted during the year, making the Branch run smoothly and the various functions we have had throughout the year memorable events. Thank you also, to those who attend the General Meetings each month.

The Chairman commented that he hoped everyone was enjoying the Monthly Newsletter, which hopefully you are receiving. If not, please see S/M Karen Miller at stand easy and

Assistant Secretary S/M Bob Featherstone
For 32 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Carried unanimously

Welfare & Wellbeing Rep S/M Gill Essom
For 32 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Carried unanimously

Committee Member S/M Steve Skerman
For 32 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Carried unanimously

Conference Delegate S/M Nigel Rimell
For 32 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Carried unanimously

Area Delegate S/M Peter Shoemith
For 32 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Carried unanimously

A mandate was given for the delegate to vote for the Branch as he sees fit at the National Conference.

A mandate was given for the delegate to vote for the Branch as he sees fit at the Area Meeting.

A mandate was given for the Branch Committee to carry out the day to day business of the Branch.

6. **AOB**: Nil

7. **Date of Next Meeting**: - Wednesday 5th February 2025.

8. **Meeting Closed at**: 20.25.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....