

2002

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2002

Meeting held in Senior Rates Mess MOG 5

The meeting was called to order at 13:45. There were 35 members and 3 guests. In attendance were: Tony Anthony; Wiggy Bennett; Art Bodden; Paul Bramwell; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; Ron Carrier; John Clahane; Ron Cleavley; Ryan Conroy; Jerry Conway; Pierre Doutre; Keith Esatabrooks; Pete Hagan; Don Hood; Steve Jenner; Taff Jones; Bill Kamermans; Cliff Killam; Bill Layden; John Madison; Ernie Marcoux; Brian McEachen; Dusty Miller; Pony Moore; Roy Pepper; Conrad Petrikowski; Bertie Phillips; Johan Post; Jerry Sigrist; Boyd Thomas; Soapy Watson; Tramp Yemen.

Guests from Central: Pete Dorrington; Gilles Poirier; Ray Hunt.

16 Ladies attended the "Pot Luck Supper" In attendance were: Doreen Bodden; Gerri Brown; Marie Carrier; Sandra Clahane; Joan Cleavley; Leslie Conroy; Elizabeth Conway; Donna Doutre; Doreen Hood; Linda Madison; Kathy Marcoux; Trudy Mc Eachen; Joan Moore; Mary Murray; Kim Petrikowski; Jocelyn Poirier.

The Chairman welcomed the members: Stating his pleasure at seeing our guests from Central also many faces that hadn't been seen for a while; it was mentioned that Patrick Laverne Andrews is suffering from cancer, Pat resides in Edmonton AB, the secretary was asked to pass this information to West, the chairman went on to tender apologies from Tony McCabe who was unable to attend, he was reported to be not in the best of health, as also is Sheila Evans. The members were then invited to rise and observe a moment of reflection for the afore mentioned and any other friends and loved ones suffering from various afflictions and to remember our friends who have "Crossed the bar" on completion the members were asked to please be seated and attention was drawn to the "Tip" jug. Members were reminded to please register and those members who had lady guests were asked to please place the guests names alongside their own on the attendance list

The chair went on to state that this was the first AGM since reforming as SAOC (East) he then gave a brief update on the various tasks that were set, stating that he was proud to be able to report that all these tasks such as proposed Constitution and Bye-Laws, these had been met within the time frame as required, plus other accomplishments since then and reminding members that they had all received copies of the proposed C & BL's also reminding members that there had been a deadline set for written submissions for amendments and that motions from the floor would be deemed out of order. At this point the Parliamentarian, Dusty Miller raised a point of order, pointing out that as the C & BL's had not yet been ratified this was not the case, but stated that when ratification of the bye laws was reached on the agenda his would go further into the subject.

Correspondence: The secretary reported that there was no correspondence to this point.

It was reported that cards celebrating the season had been sent on behalf of the members to the appropriate people and other branches as befitted us.

Thanks were tendered to: The Chef for the refreshments he so graciously provides, Jennifer Robb for dealing with the list of members for the gate, the Bartenders Shaun MacDougall has done a classic job all year, Mess Presidents for their support, CPO Pete Hagan, and MS Marty Martin it was mentioned that Pete had taken to the mess committee a proposal that all members of the association with the exception of serving MS and below be granted life membership to the Escape Tower (C&PO's mess) this was accepted by his committee; the membership extended their heartfelt thanks for this honour.

Minutes of 2001 AGM: The secretary reported that there was an error in the membership report in that it stated that there were 106 members, this was incorrect, there were 92 members. Motion to accept the amended minutes as read made by: Roy Pepper seconded by George Byzewski, Motion Carried.

Reports:

Treasurer submitted: Operating account stands at \$ 4301.36; G I C's \$3775.19; Total funds \$ 8076.55; 2 items are outstanding, (1) Colours estimated approximately \$ 700 and (2) Scrap Book for presentation to New School, cost still undetermined. Motion to accept as tabled by Tramp Yemen, seconded Pierre Doutre, Motion Carried

Membership: It was reported that membership now stood at 135; consisting of: paid for life 47; regular 83; transfer from Central 1 and first year free 4.

Social: Wine and Cheese to be held February 14, Senior Rates Mess MOG cost \$ 8.00 per head.

BBQ to be held late May early June with another BBQ in the Fall. Consideration to be given to repeating the Ladies attending the meeting followed by BBQ as held last year proving extremely popular

Slops / Health and Wellness: Tee shirts, Lapel pins and Ball Caps are now available, Jolly Roger Pins, Decals on order, last batch of Blazer crests were defective, replacements due shortly. It was asked how desirable a ball cap with Jolly Roger emblem on front and lettering HMC Submarines on the back? License Plates are still being looked into. // It was reported that John Rogers is making a recovery and appears to be progressing well.

Public Relations: On the boats front the Victoria is just about wrapping up "Candianization" which has taken 3 or 4 times as long as was originally expected, there are still some major pieces of work that they have to get over hopefully to sorted out by early this spring then get to sea and out west before this summer. Windsor no date set yet for start, depending on Victoria's finish they don't want to put it on the Synchronlift until April because of weather conditions which can cause

More hiccups so there may be more delays there; Corner Brook on December 5th BAE passed it over to MOD they did the acceptance etc. there, the inspector claims it is the best one he has ever seen. They are now going through the motions with RCN signing the agreement to hand it over, the naming ceremony is believed to be sometime in early January with at the moment a sailing for home date of around 17th January. At this point it is intended to keep in running when it arrives home, at this point until at least July. Chicoutimi it is debatably when it will be finished and get home at this point

Elections: The nominating committee, Dusty Miller and John Madison were then asked to conduct the election of the executive committee.

Nominees were:

Chairman:	Buster Brown
Secretary:	Pony Moore
Treasurer:	Bob Evans
Social:	Keith Estabrooks
Public Relations:	John Clahane

All were elected to office.

The chairman then invited: Bill Kamermans to continue as Slops / Health and Wellness Rep. And John Madison to continue as Archivist. Both stated they would be honoured.

At this point, a 10 minute "Stand Easy" was called, enabling members to attend to the glasses of the ladies and other necessary "comfort" items.

Meeting Reconvened and proceeded with:

Constitution and Bye – Laws: A motion was made by Pierre Dautre seconded by Brian McEachern that the proposed Constitution and Bye Laws be debated, motion carried.

First Item for debate: motion to include in section 9 of the BL's to be called 9.05 shall read executive committee spending not to exceed \$500.00 inclusive. Amounts exceeding \$500 must be approved by the membership. So moved.

Second item, motion to include in section 5.01 that executive committee be elected for 2 (two) year term. So moved. Chairman asked that the C & BL's be accepted with these two items included. Motion Carried.

2004 Anniversary Chairman gave a brief update on commitments made during meetings held with various representatives of the Navy by himself and co chair Jerry Sigrist. Volunteers were called requested for various sub committees 12 were forthcoming. A meeting was called for 13:00 January 11, 2003 at RCNA "Peregrine" Executive committee also shall attend.

50 / 50 Draw was then held: John Madison being the winner of \$ 67.00 which he without hesitation donated to the "Colours Fund"

A Submariners' Prayer was offered led by Ray Hunt

Motion to Adjourn: Made by the Chair, seconded by Treasurer at 15:15 motion carried.

Next Meeting: 19:30 January 29, 2003 J R's Mess MOG 5

Next Executive Meeting: 13:30 January 14, 2003 RCNA Peregrine

A Pot Luck was then held with cash bar

Discussion

Below is what I am thinking about since I often cannot make Wednesday meetings and other out of town people have advised that traveling on Wednesday's is a problem. The last part of the proposal would, in addition, give us the latitude to hold meetings out of town as this has also been suggested to me.

I would propose the change to 6.01 to read " The Association shall normally meet on the last Wednesday of each month except in November and December, where annual general meetings will convene on the first Saturday of December and at the discretion of the executive committee to hold two meetings on the last Saturday of each month in lieu of the last Wednesday of each month. The location of these Saturday meetings to be voted by the members prior to being held."

Ernest M. Marcoux

After review by the Executive in preparation for the AGM, Ernie has agreed to the following:

Amendment to Article 6.02 Venues. Insert word "Normal" between "The" and "venue". This shall allow for other meeting venues as moved and voted upon by the executive/membership while Article 6.01: Timings, currently provides flexibility of other dates, once so moved and voted upon.

I would like to move the following motion.

That the executive of this branch for the year 2002 include a Vice-Chairman for the following reasons.

To act in the capacity in the absents of the Chairman. (2) The Executive have a odd number for the voting of the Executive. (ie; no tie votes) and last but not the least, this would add more strength to the executive as a whole.

Note:: The Executive has the authority to add to it's number, subject to a affirmative vote. The Vice-Chairman's position may be by appointment for the year of 2002 and then should be placed on the election slate for the AGM of 2003

read if vote passes..

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Remember the amount of work that there is to be done by the new executive with the drawing up of new by-laws and constitution for the new proposed branch of the Canadian Submarine Association of Canada and the short time that we have to accomplish this most important task. Thank you..

MOTION

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11. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

- i. The motion made in June by Bill Kamermans was as follows: "That we disband from the Submariners' Assoc. (Canadian Br.) and form as an East branch with the Submariners' Association of Canada". Results: Nine responses were received by mail as a result of the invitation to do so as per the special newsletter, all choosing to support the motion. The choice by members present to support the motion was 31 vs. 5 against. There was no voluntary offer to accept office to continue to fulfill administrative requirements with the Submariners' Association (UK).
- ii. The motion by Conrad Petrikowski, seconded by Dave Robinson. "That first year free membership to enter the SAOC (East) be offered to retiring submariners to be reviewed by, and at the discretion of, the executive committee".
Motion carried.
- iii. To look at the possibilities of hosting an 'O' Boat reunion in Halifax in the near future.
- iv. 'Dusty' Miller stated that as we are to form as SAOC (East), a revision to the Constitution and By-laws is required. After detailed discussion, it was concluded that a draft of the revised Constitution and By-laws should be made available to the membership within 60 days. The Chairman then determined that the Executive Committee would provide the draft proposal for approval not later than 28th February, 2002.
- v. Review of membership dues. No change. To remain at \$20.00 per annum.
- vi. The 50/50 draw was won by "Tramp" Yemen. Dave Robinson won the CD donated by Mrs. Cleaveley.
- vii. Buster emphasized on the need for increased attendance at the "Battle of Atlantic/ Remembrance Day Services in the future.

12. **There being no further business**, the chairman led the congregation with "The Submariners' Prayer" and declared that the meeting adjourn with the next AGM for the year 2002 scheduled for 7 December.

**The membership then retired to the bar for 'a tot all round' followed by Pot Luck Scran in the mess with the ladies...(not the 'sparker' variety).

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

1. It is time for an update so that everyone is abreast of association progress and activities. Your hard working committee has determined that we should send out a special newsletter to all members, including those who attend the monthly meetings regularly. Unlike the customary broad account of news, this one consists of the 2001 AGM minutes, a series of correspondence, and the recently drafted Constitution & By-Laws.

a. **AGM 2001 Minutes:** details the minutes to be tabled for adoption at the AGM 2002

b. **Covering letter to Letter of Notice:** as illustrated, dated 27 Jan. 02

c. **Letter of Notice to the Submariners' Association, NMC:** this is a copy of the e-mail attachment passed to the S.A. (UK) Secretary, where a formal letterhead and signature block was snail-mailed under the covering letter.

d. **Response from the Secretary, Submariners' Association:** dated 05 Feb, 02 as the letter provides.

e. **Submariners' Association of Canada (East), draft Constitution and By Laws:** as indicated at the AGM 2001 minutes, agenda item #11, sub-para iv of outstanding business, the proposed C.&B.L.'s were completed in draft by the imposed deadline 28th February, 02 and tabled for members in attendance at the February monthly meeting. These C. & B.L.'s are considered to be critical in our transition to the SAOC thereby providing us with required continuity and ultimately, the ability to reinforce our new-found association's 'localized' objectives of the Constitution by way of the guidelines provided in the By laws. It now remains to have the C&B.L.'s ratified by the membership as a whole at the AGM 2002, 01 December. It is also at this point where members are encouraged to submit their motions to any amendments when the call for agenda items is announced later this year. (see By Laws, Article 10)

To summarize on the document, much of the content remains similar to the former S.A. (Cdn Br.) C&B.L.'s, but note that the revised Constitution's objectives provide increased interaction with the east-coast navy and indeed, with the submarine service and surrounding serving submarine community. Also, you will note that within the By Laws, **Associate** membership status has been introduced that includes increased rigidity in the process of application acceptance. Similarly applied, there is no longer an invitation for bestowing Honourariums, and **Regular** members enjoy equal status with **Life** members but the latter have the lone distinction of the waiver of annual dues.

2. **News: (one-liners)** (Wine & Cheese party cancelled-Social Chairman at sea) (Return to the fold: Bob Welch, Chooch Chatham, Jimmy Brannen, Tony O'Hara, Don Hardy, Jerry Sigrist, and a few more. . .think, think. Senior's moment). (We've twinned with S.A.Barrow Branch) (Looking at re-union in Halifax, 2004. . . double-whammy, ie: 50th anniv. of 1st block draft of RCN submariners, 25th anniv. of the association's founding) HMCS/ m *Windsor* returns to harbour with a couple of glitches. "C'est le vie!"

Mind yer bubbles,.....Buster