

MINUTES OF SAOC (East) AGM - SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER, 2004
Venue-Senior Rates' Mess, MOG 5

Meeting Called to Order at 1330: There being 40 members and 1 guest. Members in attendance were: "Minky" Alarie; Ray Beaudin; "Art" Bodden; Jerry Bourgeois; "Buster" Brown; George Byzewski; Alvin Carrier; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Jerry Conway; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Bob Evans; "Lucky" Gordon; Rob Gray; Keith Griffin; Jim Harris; Don Hood; Ray Hunt; Steve Jenner; "Taff" Jones; Bill Kamermans; Fern LaVictoire; Shaun MacDougal; John Madison; Brian McEachern; "Pony" Moore; Tony Palmer; "Scotty" Parsons; Greg Pease; Roy Pepper; Bertie Phillips; Frank Ralph; "Tex" Ranger; Jerry Sigrist; Harry Suto; "Topsy" Turner; "Soapy" Watson; "Willie" Waugh. Guest: J.A.D Lavoie.

Chairman: Welcomed Members and Guests stating that it was good to see many who hadn't been to meetings. Reminders: check off on attendance list, sign guest book and not forget the "Tip" jar. He went on to state that there were three draws that would take place after the meeting. All were invited to rise and pause for Reflection In Memory of Keith Forbes, Peter Whitehead. Dave Burgher (Central), Bill Crockett (West), of whom passed away in 2004. Also, loved ones of members and fellow submariners. Paul Dube who is still hospitalized (members are invited to visit him).

Correspondence:

In: Apologies from: Conrad Petrakowski; (working off Norway); Carey Ann Stewart; (trip to Texas); Dave O'Connell (Rimouski): Letter from US Sub Vets Groton, with \$100 donation to Saunders Trust. Best Wishes and thanks for concern from Dan Pecore; Best Wishes from Bob Foster; Xmas Cards. At the request of Central's President, George Sullivan, the Secretary read to the members present, a letter of appreciation for SAOC Anniversary 2004 dated 03 Dec 04. Also read, an Email from Bob Emery, SAOC West regarding assistance in preparing an Appeal with VAC. Dwight Brewster wishes to contact shipmates who were in HMCS Ojibwa during October 1977. Particularly Captain JTO (Terry) Jones, an AB McCabe & Doc Neufeldt.

Out: 25 Cards mailed to other associations, boats, messes, etc.

Adoption of Minutes of AGM 2003: Moved by "Dusty" Miller; Seconded by: John Madison; that minutes of AGM 2003 be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Chairman's Report: Chairman explained the AGM date shift was due to all-ranks functions at MOG 5 on 4 December. Confirmed that the date change notification seemed to have reached all concerned. He then gave a review of the events of the year, which was highlighted by the success of the Anniversary; thanking all concerned for their efforts once again. Reported a good turn out for Remembrance Day when Brum Tovey did an outstanding job laying a Wreath on our behalf. Clarification was then made regarding the recent donations to "The Saunders Trust". The motion that a donation of \$ 500 be forwarded from the Memorial Fund was in excess of the fund's \$460.00. Included within the fund is the US \$200 contribution from the WW2 US Vets, carried at the September monthly meeting, to be dispensed jointly on behalf of both associations. In order to allay the shortcoming, HMCS Chicoutimi's donation which was proposed to be returned to the submarine, was countered with the suggestion by Cox'n Shane Irvine, that the

donation should remain with the Association and be utilized as the association sees fit. Subject funds were then transferred into, so as to bolster the Memorial Fund, thereby preserving the joint WW2 Subvets commitment as well as honouring the \$500 motion. Further personal donations totalling \$422 were also made by members at the October monthly meeting. It was also stated that the Chairman was shortly to be in receipt of over \$US 3600 for the "Saunders Trust" from the US Sub Vets. The Thames Chapter WW2 US Sub Vets also forwarded a further US\$100 via the association.

Secretary: Membership stands at 207 on the register. Breakdown: As of December 7, 2004: 161 Paid up members consisting of: 3 Honourary Life (Grandfather), 40 Paid for Life, 117 Regular. 25 members who have failed to pay 2004 dues, 3 transferred to West, 4 deceased, 2 resigned, 12 considered resigned (due to memberships given on retirement but resulted in not joining)

Members were then reminded that in order to be eligible to cast a nomination or exercise their voting right, to date, dues must be fully paid up.

Lost Contacts: Bob Bramwell, Matt Davidson, Harry Martin. All have changed address without notifying association. Secretary asked that if anyone knows of the current address of any of these members to please pass the info to him.

Moved by John Madison, seconded by Jim Harris, that Secretary's Report be accepted. Motion Carried.

Treasurer:

Deposits 2004:	\$ 18,581.49	
Withdrawals 2004:	\$ 18,109.00	
Bank Balance as of 23 November, 2004:	\$ 2,840.85	Operating Acct. \$1910; Hospitality \$ 160; Memorial Fund \$ 724.85
GIC Statement to December 2004:	\$ 14,895.23	

Moved by Rob Gray, seconded by Harry Suto, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion Carried

Social: Reported that all events during the year were successful, that the next function would be a Valentines Wine and Cheese, 1900, Friday 11 February, 2005. Senior Rates Mess, MOG 5.

Cost \$ 8 per person.

Moved by "Soapy" Watson, seconded by "Taff" Jones, that Social Report be accepted. Motion Carried.

P.R: Informed members that Chicoutimi is scheduled to be transported back to Halifax at the end of the month arriving sometime in January. Tony Palmer was asked if he could add to this. He reported he had recently returned from UK. When he left the 16 crew members who had gone back to UK had done an absolutely impressive job on their submarine and combined with the efforts of a civilian cleaning company, is now looking like a submarine again. The scheduled return may have changed slightly to enable a crew change during the Christmas period to allow the crew already there to return home for the New Year holiday. The website of the company

that has been awarded the contract is www.edimarine.com where the transport vessel can be seen.

Slops: Reminded members that excess slops, “T” shirts etc. that were not sold at the meeting would be donated to charities ie: Oxfam, CUSO, etc.

Election of Officers: The Chairman handed the meeting to the Nominating Committee for election of officers.

There were no changes to the Executive Committee, all chairs filled through acclamation.

Proposals: Proposed by D.H. Brown: Regarding Article 2.0 Membership, Categories of membership, sub-paras I & III.

Regular membership category be amended to read: “A member who is qualified and serves, or has served in submarines of allied navies”. If carried, that the following amendments to the above articles therefore be administered.

I Regular: delete “the British Commonwealth” amend to read “allied navies”

III Associate: delete lead passage: a member who is qualified, and serves or has served in submarines other than those of the British Commonwealth, or,

Following discussion regarding “allied”, it was moved by Alvin Carrier to amend the proposal to read “of any navy”

Seconded By Jim Harris. Motion to amend the proposal carried.

The amended motion to read:

I. Regular: a member who is qualified, and serves, or has served, in submarines of any navy. (The regular member is active and has a voice and vote)

III. Associate: a member who is, or has exceedingly performed in a supporting role of the Submarine service, or is considered to have been or is exceedingly supportive and/or a benefit to the association. (The associate member as a voice but no vote)

Proposal to Adopt the Amended Proposal:

Moved by Buster Brown; Seconded by: John Madison. Motion Carried

Old Business: There was no outstanding business from AGM 2003

New Business:

(a) Top Student award on behalf of SAOC Central. Volunteer Scotty Parsons stated he would gladly present the award.

(b) Steve Jenner presented a copy of he and Peter Hayden’s book “Ambrosia” a scrap book of 6 S/M Squadron to the association. He informed the members, that it was available at \$21 + tax He noted that \$1 of which is to be donated to the “Submariners Benevolent Fund” which is run by the Submarine Museum at Gosport for the benefit of all submariners.

(c) John Madison reminded members that at the last meeting he had asked for opinion on having a Mess Dinner in the new C & PO’s Mess CFB Stadacona at the end of April. Unfortunately, the mess has revamped their reserved calendar until 1st June. He suggested that this be further discussed at the January 2005 monthly meeting.

Submariners Prayer: The ladies and guests were then invited to join the meeting for A Submariners Prayer and Christmas Blessing administered by Father Frank Ralph.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Dusty Miller, seconded by Soapy Watson at 1455. Motion carried.

Members then joined the Ladies and Guests for “Pot luck” with cash bar. Treasurer sounded the Klaxon informing the members that the “Hospitality Fund was buying a round of drinks.” **Winners of the 3 draws:** 50/50: Jim Harris \$71. Ladies Christmas Basket: CPO1 Ian Ronaldson, PMC. C & PO’s Mess Windsor Park. Submarine Crib Board: Tex Ranger.

Next AGM: 1300, Saturday 03 December, 2005

Next Executive Meeting: 1300, 11 January, 2005. Windsor Park

Next Monthly Meeting: 1930, 26 January, 2005. Junior Rates Mess, MOG 5