

MINUTES OF SAOC (East) AGM – SATURDAY, 03 DECEMBER, 2005
Venue-Senior Rates' Mess, MOG 5

Meeting Called to Order at 1330: There being 31 members. In attendance: Pierre Alarie, “Art” Bodden; “Buster” Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Ryan Conroy; Pierre Doutre; Paul Dube; Keith Estabrooks; Keith Griffin; Steve Higdon; Ray Hunt; Steve Jenner; “Taff” Jones; Bill Kamermans; Cliff Killam; John Madison; Brian McEachern; Ken McMillan; “Dusty” Miller; Ian Mitchell; “Pony” Moore; Dick Newman; Tony Palmer; Scott Parsons; Roy Pepper; “Skip” Phillips; Frank Ralph; Marcel Simard; Boyd Thomas; “Soapy” Watson.

Chairman: Welcomed Members stating that it was good to see those who hadn't been seen for a while, ie: Boyd Thomas; Dickie Newman; Steve Higdon; Marcel Simard; Keith Griffin, most pleased in seeing ailing Ryan Conroy and Paul Dube. Members were then invited to rise for a moment silence remembering: members Bill Ritchie; Yorkie Gowthorpe; Ken McNorgan; Central member Yogi Ayotte all of whom had passed away in 2005.

Correspondence:

In: Good Wishes for coming year from Dan Daly. Email from SA Scotland North East Re: Proposed memorial to Submarine Service to be erected in Dundee. Further information Re: International S/M Congress to be held in Moscow. E-mail Re: National AGM to be held in Brisbane Australia June 09/12 2006.

Out: Sympathy card to McNorgan Family. Donation to London Regional Cancer Program in memory of Ken McNorgan. 26 Xmas cards mailed/to be mailed to other associations, boats, messes, etc. The chairman added that he had received a package from Musée de la Mer, Rimouski (new owners Onondaga) who have requested to make a presentation. We have agreed to at the January monthly meeting.

Adoption of Minutes of AGM 2004: Moved by Boyd Thomas; seconded by: Pierre Doutre; that minutes of AGM 2004 be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Annual Reports:

Chairman: Review of the past year.

A. We are well recognized as an active organization within the naval community and supportive of the submarine service illustrated by our past involvement and recent presence at the Chicoutimi CDS Awards, with Machinists Mate Joe Ashley and the San Francisco accident, etc. as examples.

B. Our Mess Dinner in the summer was very successful and as a result, has been voted as an ongoing SAOC (East) annual event.

C. The Paul Dube fund-raiser was a success unfortunately due to short notice and previous commitment many could not attend. Our thanks to George; Brum and others involved.

D. Ted Hirtle: John Clahane was asked to convey our sincere thanks for the great work he does on our website, of late, dealing with “the hacker” business.

E. A new local magazine “Tour of Duty” is soon on the street. We were asked and have submitted a short story on the association, its history and what we do.

F. Marcom Museum: as *Onondaga* has been purchased, efforts are now under way in moving the submarine exhibits to the museum’s basement in an ante room. Adjacent is the former crypt which houses 3 alcoves and a narrow passageway. The area has been gutted out and will be pressure washed, painted and checked for air flow quality.

G. Finances: we have a good handle on them. Balances and operating costs are better definable. Reminded that we have established guide lines for donations \$ 200 plus “whip around” for tragedies, \$ 25 to charity of choice on the passing of a member. Chairman will be discussing costs with Trident for the advertisement for B. O. A. Sunday and Remembrance Day. We need to be able to standardize our annual social events. Having established the Mess Dinner, annual Wine and Cheese and summer BBQ as examples, means that in order to stay in the black, we must bolster our funds. We are proposing to have an Auction and probably a social event with it that would supplement our expenses. Stone Carvings: Jerry Conway (absent) notified that he has retrieved them. George Byzewski confirmed that he will make arrangements to put them on E-bay.

Vice Chairman: Stated that he was the youngest on the executive and hoped this didn’t work against him. (Noted that the executive were all stokers) Expressed that he was looking forward to serving the members for the next two years.

Secretary: 2 new members: Rick Fisher also Joe Haddock retirement. **Membership:** 159: 103 Regular; 42 Paid Life; 3 Honourary Life; 10 Retirement; 1 Services in lieu of dues. Paid for life membership: Tony Gowthorpe and Ken McNorgan (deceased). Three members granted Life membership: Lloyd Blagdon; Ernest Harris and Peter DeLavee USN.

Treasurer: Reminded that annual dues of \$20.00 should be paid by end of December.

Ladies: \$350.00; Hospitality: \$592.50; Operating account: \$3397.90 **Balance: \$4302.27.**

GIC’s: (1) \$1,186.50 (2) \$1,446.96 (3) \$1,320.20 (4) \$11,181.50. Total value: **\$15,135.16**

Slops in hand have a resale value of: **\$ 5,569.00.** It was pointed out that this appears to be a large amount of stock but a considerable amount was purchased for Anniversary 2004 with anniversary funds then after the anniversary was passed to the association at no cost. Carvings: as yet, undetermined value.

Total of Bank Account, G.I. C’s and Slops: \$24,786.43

Noted that 2 in no. cheques: (\$235.00) and (\$25.65) have not been cashed at time of statement.

Motion that Treasurer’s annual report be accepted as tabled. Moved by Soapy Watson; seconded by Keith Griffin. Motion Carried.

Social: Pot Luck today. Wine and Cheese is not sorted out yet but will be combined with the proposed auction in February. Further information will be available by the end of January. Annual Mess Dinner will be held 22 June 06 and there will be a BBQ sometime later.

P.R: CDS Unit Commendation HMCS *Chicoutimi*: 16 members attended the Awards Ceremony. *Windsor* just arrived home after a successful trip. She had a couple of minor glitches that were sorted out with a little ingenuity.

Amendments to By-Laws:

(1) Art. 2.01: Life Member application prerequisite; the By-Laws define the status of a Life Member as having been “a Regular Member in good standing”. The definition neglects to include a period of time for a qualified applicant to establish that he or she is in fact, “a member in good standing”. The shortcoming can be rectified through impending applications for Life membership as being accepted from Regular members only.

It is proposed that the following be included as an addition to the By-Laws under Article 2.01 Categories, para b) Life. Add to existing sentence, “and shall have been a Regular member in good standing”.

Moved by Boyd Thomas, seconded by Art Bodden that amendment be adopted. **Motion Carried.**

(2) Art’s. 5.02/ 5.04/5.05: Addition of Vice-Chair; Based on submission by Dusty Miller regarding addition of Vice Chair and follow-on discussion on additional requirements of the proposal by the Executive.

Miller written submission reads in part:

- a. to restore numbers of the executive
- b. ease the workload of the Secretary/ Treasurer in that the Vice-Chair in the Chair’s absence, will substitute

By Executive: Proposed Duties and responsibilities are drafted for adoption and accordingly, the C&BL’s will require the following amendments:

1. Under Article 5.02 Composition: insert “Vice Chair” between words “Chair” and “Secretary”
2. Under Article 5.04 Terms of Reference Duties and Responsibilities insert:

“Vice Chair:

- a. acts as Chair in his/her absence;
- b. assists the Chair in his/her duties and responsibilities; and
- c. in conjunction with the Chair and Treasurer, is empowered to release cheques.”

3. Under Article 5.04 (1) The Chair: line f.: insert “Vice Chair; and” between words “the” and “treasurer”;
4. Under Article 5.04 (2) The Secretary: delete line “k. acts for the chair in his or her absence.”
5. Under Article 5.04 Terms of Reference: sub-paras (2) thru (5) be re-numbered to (3) thru (6)
6. Under Article 5.05 Substitution: line 5, delete “Secretary”, insert “Vice Chair”

Moved by Boyd Thomas, seconded by Art Bodden that amendments be adopted. **Motion Carried.**

Art. 5.01 Executive Committee-Mandate

In allowing that the stability of the Executive Committee be maintained and provide continuity through the flexibility of electing (a) new officer(s) as the need should arise within the elected term of (2) two years.

The Article presently reads: “The association shall be managed by an executive committee as elected by the overall membership. Executive shall serve for a period of two (2) Years.”

Proposed by Pony Moore that: The association shall be managed by an executive committee as elected by the overall membership. Executive member(s) shall **normally** serve for a period of two (2) Years

Moved by: George Byzewski, seconded by Ryan Conroy that amendment be adopted. **Motion Carried.**

Appointment of Treasurer and Vice Chair: in compliance with C & BL article 5.05 the Chairman appointed the following: John Clahane as Treasurer effective January 01, 2006 to replace Pony Moore who has been acting as Treasurer on a temporary basis. Scott Parsons was reaffirmed Vice Chair.

Review of Annual Dues: It was recommended that the fee of \$20 for annual dues is considered sufficient.

Old Business: There was no outstanding business from AGM 2004

New Business: The chairman informed of correspondence received from Dusty Miller suggesting that an ad hoc committee be formed to look at “the way ahead” for the association stability and future slate of nominees for AGM 2006. George Byzewski, Tony Palmer and Keith Griffin volunteered to form this committee. They will be issued with draft Terms of Reference and will activate by end January 2006, reporting back to the Executive Committee by 31 August 2006.

Top Student Award: It was reported that the Top Student Award would be made by John Clahane and Scott Parsons on Behalf of Central on December 16, 2005.

Prayer: A Submariners Prayer was then offered by Father Frank Ralph

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Dusty Miller seconded by Pierre Doutre. Motion Carried.

The members then joined their guests for a Pot Luck Supper.

50/50: Winner of the sum of \$82.50 was Taff Jones.

Future Meetings:

Next AGM: 1330. Saturday 2 December, 2006.

Next Monthly Meeting: 1930. January 25, 2006. Venue: J. R's Mess MOG5

Next Executive Meeting: 1300. January 19, 2006. Venue: C & PO's Mess CFB Stadacona