

MINUTES OF SAOC (East) AGM – SATURDAY, 02 DECEMBER, 2006.
Venue-Senior Rates' Mess, MOG 5

Meeting Called to Order at 1330: There being 25 members. In attendance: Pierre Alarie, Art Bodden; Buster Brown; Paul Bramwell; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Ryan Conroy; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Bill Kamermans; John Madison; Bob Evans; Ernie Marcoux; Brian McEachern; Dusty Miller; Pony Moore; Scott Parsons; Roy Pepper; Conrad Petrikowski; Luc Rollin; Harry Suto; Boyd Thomas; Soapy Watson; Willie Waugh.

Chairman: Welcomed Members stating that it was good to see many old faces, ie: Boyd Thomas; Ernie Marcoux; Harry Suto; Paul Bramwell; Ryan Conroy. Remind: to check off on the attendance list; and to sign the "Guest Book" and not to forget the bartender. Members were then invited to rise to pause for a moment of reflection: CWO Robert Girouard and Cpl. Albert Storm KIA in Afghanistan; William (Knobby) Cole (Barrow) Submariners Association, "Loved ones" and military personnel who have passed away since last AGM and beyond.

Correspondence:

In: Update on Onondaga from Anne-Marie Bourassa at Musée de la Mer, Xmas Card from: Sheffield Br. SA. UK. Proposal from West re lightweight Standard and Staff, suggesting that East and Central, might be interested in also purchasing thus reducing costs. Emails from Central & West Re: Top Student Award.

Out: Condolences to William (Knobby) Cole family Xmas cards to MOG5, submarines, other associations: UK, US, Aus., etc. Response to Central & West Re: Top Student Award. Response to West regards Standard and Staff in that we are already equipped.

Minutes of AGM 2005: Chairman asked of any errors or omissions? There being none: Proposal by: Dusty Miller, Seconded by: Pierre Doutre that minutes are adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Notes regarding our meetings' Minutes are customarily not hand-recorded but instead, done by tape recorder in order to compile them. At about this stage of the meeting, outside contractors resumed work in the directly adjacent workshop areas within MOG5. With some difficulty, the meeting continued only to later discover that the intermittent clamour of a "windy hammer" breaking up concrete surfaces had drowned out the taped proceedings until adjournment. The remainder of the Minutes are therefore gathered through the best of memory by the Executive.

Annual Reports:

Vice-Chair: Stated that he had enjoyed a good first year on the executive, thanked the members for their understanding that due to business, he had to miss a couple of meetings. He went on to report on the trip to Augusta Maine where along with several members, on behalf of the Chairman represented the Association in honouring of Real Cyr as an Inductee to the US Subvets Holland Club.

Secretary: reported New Member: Steven McLellan. Paid for Life: Jim Brannen. As of: November 30, 2006. 144 Members in Good Standing, consisting of: 89 Regular Members; 44 Paid for Life; 3 Honourary Life; 7 Retirement Membership; 1 Paid for 2007; 23 Paid for 2008: He then informed the membership that those who receive minutes by Post and if dues are paid up in full after 30 November, 06 will not show on envelope of next mailing, as envelopes have already been addressed.

Treasurer: Distributed a summary of the year's transactions (*attached to these Minutes*) which showed Debits and Credits for the period 23 November 2005 to 23 November 2006. Bank Balance of \$4,622.83. GIC's \$15,383.23 After some questions regarding clarity, Motion By: Harry Suto; Seconded by: Conrad Petrikowski that the *Treasurer's Report be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Social: BBQ held this summer was successful, 50/50 draws we had a very good response this year; Pot Luck went extremely well. The Social rep concluded his report by announcing a Wine and Cheese Party will be held in the C&PO's Mess MOG5 at 1900, 09 February, 2007. Cost \$ 10 per person.

Health/Wellness & Slops: as an ad hoc appointee, Bill Kamermans stated that he had been handling slops for ten years in which time he had moved a lot of gear. However; he had decided it was time to retire. Chairman thanked him for an outstanding job. Bill was given a well-deserved round of applause. George Byzewski then offered to take on the responsibilities. The Chairman gratefully accepted his offer with thanks.

Chairman:

Completed the annual reports: He stated of the success of the 2nd Annual Mess Dinner and the plans set forth for next year's, planned for 21st June. As a result of the Social Rep's report regarding the Annual Xmas Pot Luck, he ruled that as there was no ensuing New Business presented, that a vote upon continuing the practice of future Pot Lucks remain separated by preceding the AGM on the eve prior to. It was voted in favour. *Inaudible tape did not identify the agreed to Motion and Secunder.* He then remarked on the results of the Way Ahead Report highlighting the need for a still required financial strategy, increased member participation, and the ongoing need of serving submariners as members. We have a very good record of book keeping where balances and projected operating costs are more definable due to the efforts of the Treasurer John Clahane. He remarked on our mere means of income verses the extent of our annual expenses. He reminded of our on-hand assets, re: stone carvings and slops inventory. In order that both, an informative and quality Newsletter be presented on a scheduled basis requires an editor to step forward, to relieve the sole efforts of the Secretary and Chairman as has been the case. The mandate regarding the "Top Student Award" has yet to be presented to the membership until such time as a formal presentation be forwarded by Central. We have expressed that the custodianship and maintenance of the Award can be established that includes the participation of all three branches of SAOC, and that once a mandate has been established by vote, East agreeable. The intent to participate in the RCN Centenary in 2010 is presently slowed due to Dockyard resources in getting gear ashore from N.A.D. to the Museum. It was stated that although we have received two updates from the organizing OPI, a Centenary Initiative Submission was passed through the Museum Curator last February, a delay in that submission has been encountered. The Chairman then concluded his report with the reading and acknowledgement of member from Long Island N.Y., Peter DeVallee's generous contribution to the association of Cdn \$280.00 and the accompanying request for Association rabbits, a shot at the 50/50 and 4 packs of Pony's Xmas cards. So looked after as a round of loud applause by the membership ensued.

Amendment to By-Laws: A single submission by Dusty Miller: Amendment to C & BL's: Section 5.00 "Committees"
Paragraph 5.02 Composition of Executive.

In amending the By-Law, Dusty detailed in length the purpose of his submission remarking of the fading need for a Public Relations representative and instead, substituting with the requirement for a Vice-Chairman as earlier appointed in this year by the Chairman.

Motion: "That the position of Public Relation Representative be deleted from the Composition of the Executive and instead, read to include Vice-Chair as follows: Chair Person; Vice Chair; Secretary; Treasurer, Social Representative. Proposed by: George Byzewski; seconded by: Luc Rollin that the amendment submission be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Election of Officers:

The Chairman handed the Meeting to Nominating Committee Chairman Dusty Miller and Co-Chair John Madison so as to conduct the Election of Officers which included the rules by which to do so IAW Roberts Rule of Order. With no other nominations, Social Rep Keith Estabrooks agreed to serve for one more year. Secretary Pony Moore did not re-offer, however Terry Chatham came forward as his replacement and was given an encouraging round of applause. With no other nominations, John Clahane then re-offered to continue as Treasurer as did Scott Parsons as Vice-Chair. As there were 3 nominations for Chairman, Dusty Miller then determined that ballots would be distributed to the membership in order to cast their votes. With difficulty in hearing the procedures to adhere to, it was decided to take a Stand Easy and re-convene in the quieter and adjacent Dining Room.

Stand Easy -10 Minutes

Meeting resumes: Open debate evolved and as a result of the ballots, Chairman Buster Brown was re-elected. The Chair was handed back by Dusty.

Review of Dues: The Treasurer stated that there was no need to alter annual dues at this time, he did however submit a suggested revision to the Paid for Life format, after discussion it was decided to be unnecessary. Treasurer's motion: that dues remain at current rate was seconded by Luc Rollin. Motion Carried.

Old Business: There was no outstanding Business.

New Business: There was no New Business.

Set date for AGM 2007: To be held: 1330, Saturday, December 01, 2007.

Submariners Prayer: Was then eloquently offered and led by Harry Suto.

50/50 Draw: the sum of \$51.00 was won by Soapy Watson....not Peter DeVallee unfortunately.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Keith Estabrooks; seconded by: John Madison. Motion Carried. The Klaxon was sounded for "One All 'Round"..... to go with the sarnies. It was a long and noisy one.

Next Monthly Meeting: 1930, Wednesday, January 31, 2007. Venue: J R's Mess. MOG 5