

MINUTES OF SAOC (East) AGM – SATURDAY, 06 DECEMBER, 2008.
Senior Rates' Mess, MOG 5

Meeting Called to Order at 1335: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Lucky Gordon; Mike Gould; Gary Hopkins; Bert Houde; Shane Irvine; Bill Kamermans; John Madison; Geoff Mawdesley; Dusty Miller; Ian Mitchell; Pony Moore; Scott Parsons; Conrad Petrikowski; Roy Pepper; Boyd Thomas; Harry Suto; Nigel Walsworth & Willy Waugh.

Chairman: Welcomed Members stating that it was good to see many old faces. Reminded members: to check off on the attendance list; and not to forget the bartender. Special Thanks to Conrad for a "One All Around" & Pierre Alarie for donating the returned money from the Mess Dinner to the Association. Members were then invited to rise to pause for a moment of reflection for our Brethren who have "Crossed the Bar": Brian McEachern, Jim Hinds, Doris & Sharkey Ward, Liz Pike, Roy Konrad John Dykes, Russian S/M NERPA 3 crew & 17 Civilians. (Non submariners, but well-respected Fred McKee, RAdm William Landymore) Canadian Soldiers killed in Afghanistan (to date 100) and our ailing "Topsy" Turner, Paul Dube, Ryan Conroy, Luc Rollin and less fortunate comrades in their time of need.

Correspondence:

In: Nil

Out: Letter of Appreciation CO Corner Brook, re M/S Carey-Ann Stewart.

Minutes of AGM 2007: Chairman asked of any errors or omissions. There being none, moved by Dusty Miller, seconded by Harry Suto that Minutes be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Annual Reports:

Vice-Chair: Vacant

Secretary: The Association had three successful 50/50 ticket sales at the Halifax Mooseheads hockey games since the last AGM which put \$1720.00 into our account

Treasurer: The financial report was tabled by the Treasurer: Paid out \$500.00 to Camp Hill Hospital. GICs \$488.25 in interest, overall GIC value \$16,308.82. As of end November 2008 Bank Balance \$3567.52. Moved by Pony Moore Second by Conrad Petrikowski that the Treasurer's report as tabled be accepted. Passed.

Social: Brum stated that after he took over from Keith he was disappointed by the turn-out for the first couple of get togethers, especially the Mess Dinner which had to be cancelled. Fortunately, the Association didn't lose any money. The pre-AGM Wine & Cheese/Pot Luck was a very good success and we even had some food left over for the AGM. One thing he would like to do this year is to hold a lunch time session like they do in UK for Diesel Boats in a pub downtown date and time to be determined. With winter upon us, Brum reminded everyone that if anyone requires a drive for meetings, give him a call @ 883-9572. He announced plans for a three-day weekend to be held later in the year consisting of a Meet & Greet, BBQ and Mixed Dinner.

Health/Wellness & Slops: George Byzewski throughout the year has procured a variety of new and appealing merchandise to be sold at cost price. Items are three season black nylon jackets

with a variant submarine design and our logo, various coloured golf shirts c/w ball hats and also new tee shirts. He also stated that he had just got into inventory Ball Caps with a submarine logo on them for OJ, OK, & ON. George also indicated that there was \$4000.00 dollars in inventory and said he would be opening shop in the adjacent wardroom on completion of the meeting.

Chairman:

The Chairman started his report by thanking the Executive for a job well done throughout the year. He reported Keith Estabrooks had to step down after ten (10) years and Brum Tovey was very enthusiastic to jump in and has done a yeoman's job to date. Also due to work commitments Scott Parsons had to resign as Vice-Chair. As most of the executive work full time jobs he appreciated the effort that has been put forward and impressed upon the membership that because of all their work, a good attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Annual Mess Dinner had to be cancelled due to lack of commitment from the membership, could not get 30 members to attend. Fortunately, we were able to get a full refund. In lieu of a Mess Dinner next year there will be a three (3) day affair as earlier suggested in Brum's report.

SAOC Top Student Award: We will present the Top Student Award in February 2009 to a deserving member of the BSQ course.

Museum/Centenary the equipment is all ashore and the crypt is heated and ventilated and in the process of being insulated. Once secured, work parties can begin to assemble the various displays with an eye to an opening in 2010 for the Naval Centenary. On another note ONONDAGA is out of the water safe and upright and Rimouski will start building retaining walls around her. SAOC (Central) is planning a re-union in 2009, more to follow.

Camp Hill Veterans Hospital, QEII Foundation, an "A" Frame Planter was donated to the Memorial Gardens on behalf of SAOC (East). This will allow vets in wheelchairs to bring their chairs under the planters and do some gardening. The \$500.00 cost came from the monies raised doing Moosehead 50/50 Draws and was approved by the Executive.

Newsletter is still ongoing and if anyone would like to take this task on please come forward.

Adapt By-Law Changes: Amendment submission: There were four (4) submissions:

(3) by John Clahane; and

(1) by George Byzewski.

AGM 2008 By-Law Submissions - member John Clahane

1. ARTICLE 4.00 RIGHTS AND ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS

4.01 Regular/ Life members

Regular/ Life members have a voice and the right to vote. They are eligible for election to the executive and may serve on appointed committees. Follow-on addition to the current article:

For this purpose, they must be "a member in good standing" and be active in association activities and/or attend meetings during the preceding months of the election year.

2. Article 3.00 Disposition of members

3.04 Submission of dues

Any member who fails to pay annual dues, and not having complied at the fruition of (30) days of notification by the treasurer, is deemed to have resigned from the association.

Amendment to the current article:

Any member who fails to pay annual dues as outlined in article 8.00, sub-para 8.02 is deemed “Lapsed” through the current year until December 31st at which time the member is deemed to have resigned from the association.

3. Article 8.00 Dues

8.02 Submission

Regular and Associate members shall submit dues by December 31st of each year as prescribed in article 3.00, sub-para 3.04 above.

Amendment and follow-on addition to the current article:

by March 31st of each year as prescribed in article 3.00, sub-para 3.04 above. With or without notification by the treasurer, a member who fails to do so is deemed as “Lapsed”.

AGM 2008 By-Law Submission - member George Byzewski

1. Article 10.00 By-Laws

10.01 Amendments

Amendments to the By-laws are to be reviewed and adopted at every AGM. Members may submit amendments to the By-Laws to the Chairman in writing (by the deadline issued at the call for AGM agenda items.) Such submissions will be tabled as a motion for adoption or rejection by the membership in attendance at the AGM. Submissions from the floor at the time of the meeting are therefore inappropriate and shall be ruled as “out of order”.

Amend to the current article:

Members may submit amendments to the By-Laws to the Chairman in writing and must be tendered by the last General Meeting prior to the AGM. Such submissions will be tabled as a motion for adoption or rejection by the membership in attendance at the AGM. Submissions from the floor at the time of the meeting are therefore inappropriate and shall be ruled as “out of order”.

The aforementioned amendments were voted on and passed unanimously. They will be published shortly and displayed on the SAOC(East) web site....also available in hard copy for those members wishing a copy.

Election of Officers: At this point the meeting was handed over to the Nominating Committee Chair – George Byzewski.

Secretary – Terry Chatham – Acclaim

Treasurer – John Clahane- Acclaim

Social – Keith “Brum” Tovey - Acclaim

Vice Chair – Pierre Alarie – Acclaim

Chairman – Pony Moore had his name stand and the incumbent Donald “Buster” Brown was nominated from the floor by Bert Houde. Both candidates declined to address the Membership but took questions from the floor. “How do you propose to attract younger members”. Each spoke for five minutes on the question. There being no further questions the membership voted. Buster Brown in winning the ballot and was re-elected Chairman. Buster thanked all members present for their confidence in him and congratulated the participants. All ballots were destroyed by Pierre Doutre, witnessed by Conrad Pretrowski.

Review of Dues: At this time there is no need to increase dues; however, the Secretary reported that the cost of handling the membership mail-out of the regular monthly Minutes has become a concern due to the increase in cost of stamps and stationary. He asked if any of the members on the mailing list had access to e-mail to please let him know so he could include them on the e-mail list.

Old Business: There was no outstanding Business.

New Business: There was no New Business.

Set date for AGM 2009: To be held: 1300, Saturday, December 05, 2009.

Submariners Prayer: Ian Mitchell

50/50 Draw: winner and sum not recorded.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved Pierre Doutre Seconded by Scott Parsons. Motion Carried.
The Klaxon was sounded for “One All ‘Round

Next Monthly Meeting: 1930, Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Venue: J R’s Mess. MOG 5