

**MINUTES OF SAOC (East) AGM – SATURDAY, 05 DECEMBER, 2009.**  
**Senior Rates' Mess, MOG 5**

**Meeting Called to Order at 1335:** Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; Ryan Conroy; Keith Estabrooks; Gary Hopkins; Ray Hunt; Taff Jones; John Madison; John Meehan; Dusty Miller; Pony Moore; Polly Parrot; Scott Parsons; John Smith; Cary-Ann Stewart; Brum Tovey; Soapy Watson; Willy Waugh & Slinger Wood.

**Chairman:** Welcomed Members stating that it was good to see some old faces Cary-Ann Stewart; Ryan Conrad; Slinger Wood & Scott Parsons. Reminded members: to check off on the attendance list; and not to forget the bartender. Moment's Silence for our departed members and family in 2009: Bill Kamermans, Topsy Turner, Steven Jenner, Millie Hopkins, Donna Smith, Susan Blagdon, and the mothers of Keith Estabrooks and yours truly. For our fallen troops in Afghanistan and members afflicted: Paul Dube, Luc Rollin, Wayne Presley, Lee Ritchie and others.

**Correspondence:**

**In:** QE II Foundation

**Out:**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**I. Adopt Minutes of AGM 2008:** Chairman asked of any errors or omissions. There being none, moved by Pony Moore, seconded by John Madison that Minutes be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

**II. Annual Reports**

Before the Annual Reports were presented, the Secretary informed the attendees that this year the presentation would be done a little differently. The members would receive a booklet containing the Executive Reports. This booklet was assembled by Pony Moore. BZ Pony on an excellent product.

**Chairman:** Welcome to the 2009 Annual General Meeting. The year has passed quickly and **attendance at General Meetings is good.** It has consistently remained at and average....at an average that seems accurately mysterious. As an illustration, Red Watch will attend one meeting then substituted at the next one by an almost equal number from White watch and so it goes with Blue, that each meeting consists of similar numbers, but with different yet familiar and smiling faces. Wouldn't the 50/50 be a good one if we all showed up at the same meeting! I'd like to remind everyone that your Executive works extremely hard. And as I am completely retired, the **members of the entire committee are all employed.** I've always questioned about how they can allocate their time and divide their responsibilities between the work force and the Association. It can only be answered with the words of **dedication and loyalty** to our objectives in serving the needs of the membership. You have to admire them. Please join me with a **BZ** to Minky, Terry, Brum, John C. and George. We thank you.

Next year's **AGM 2010** includes **elections** to the Association's Executive and it might be a good idea for all members to think about our destiny in the future in another light. Nothing to do with the extra duties that accompany one's being chosen to serve on the Executive, but all members

should dwell in thinking about new ideas and concepts as well as having to adjust for changing times. New blood, fresh ideas, and doing things differently are all things that make an Association vibrant, enjoyable, and forward-looking. Please do think about your individual possibilities and what you could offer to make us better while perhaps it's deserving for some to step down and while in continuing support, enjoy the Association from another dimension and a different perspective.

**On the ceremonial side**, we remain consistent in our **wreath-laying commitments** to Remembrance and Battle of The Atlantic. We have been successful in having a uniformed submariner lay our wreaths but one of the shortages is the presence of more members at the Sailor's Memorial at Point Pleasant Park. Due to the distance to walk from the parking lot and return is just not achievable for some who have gotten pretty rickety as time trots on. Therefore, I intend to liaise with other associations in approaching the City with a proposal in providing return transportation from the Halterm area parking lot to the Memorial. A long old trot for many of the members who if they could avoid the foot march, they'd certainly beef up our attendance and recognition by the public. The **Top Student Award** continues to be a success and is well-recognized in the Submarine School. Add that the Steven **Jenner Sword** is now re-established and also awarded to the top candidate of the annual Perisher Course. We are in touch with the Jenner family and they are quite taken with the fact that we have agreed to foot the expense of having Steven's medals re-mounted. The family has yet to decide on what to do beyond that but perhaps Steven's medals be contributed to the Museum might be in the offing. More to follow. Of late, there has been much **inter-activity with other associations** namely the US Subvets in Groton and Charleston, along with the annual Diesel Boats Re-union in Guzz' .....and let's not forget the 'Kootenay 40' pilgrimage to U.K. which was bolstered by two of our members in attendance. It was also gratifying that **Subvets Charleston** has declared that all members of SAOC (East) have been granted the title as **Honourary Members** of their organization.

Word is extended that the **Museum** project will be soon underway but we are now confronted with the possibility that 'the crypt' will not be made available as originally announced. As we have a considerable amount of artefacts, space is necessary so we'll have to do some more negotiating. As usual, more to follow. The **2010 Centenary** is just ahead of us while dedication to a yet to be chosen proposal requires attention.....and as a footnote, be reminded that the **Canadian Submarine Centenary** falls upon us in the year 2014. Stand by on this one too. In the meantime, the year has passed quickly while the Association remains reasonably steady and financially sound. Observations regarding membership recruiting are further addressed in other Executive reports.

In closing I sincerely wish you all and your families in having a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. I intend to.

Buster

The Chairman then asked for a motion to accept his report. Moved George Byzewski Second Scott Parsons **Report Accepted.**

**Vice Chairman:** Welcome to the 2009 Annual General Meeting. It was my pleasure and honour to be part of the executive. I am pleased to report on an achievement which began with humbling failures. This being submarine Onondaga given a second life as museum at Point

au Pere in Rimouski PQ. It demonstrated that with a little vision and a lot of tenacity you can't fail. Members from East, Central and West including submariners from all provinces gathered in Rimouski for the inauguration. I would like to report that all had a great time. To date the Onondaga exhibit has more than surpassed the expected attendance.

Already at the end of the year, it is time to reflect on the achievements of the membership. Let's take note of the direction our organization wishes to take for the coming year. I believe we should make a special effort to recruit new members in the coming year. How this can be achieved will have to be seriously looked at if we are to survive as an Association.

I extend to all the membership my best wishes for the holiday season and good health to all.

Minky

The Vice-Chair asked for a motion to accept his report. Moved Scott Parsons Second Gary Hopkins **Report Accepted.**

**Secretary:** During the year many of our members got a touch of wanderlust, traveling from Rimouski QC to Plymouth England, Charleston S.C. and Groton C.T. spreading our homespun hospitality which was warmly received. Enough of the fun stuff and on to more serious business that being **Membership** as it stands now, we are failing to attract and retain paid up members. In 2009 the Association attracted 14 new members of which: six (6) were retired submariners (who don't pay for first year); four (4) were regular paid up members from SUBBASE Groton C.T. of the USSVI of those 4, one is a Life Member; and four (4) joined as regular paid members. On our books we have 242 members of which:

Due to annual Dues restriction amendments in Constitution & By-Laws at AGM 2008:

**90 are deemed to have resigned as members** which means they did not pay their dues by December 31 of that year. (Art 3.04 refers)

**20 are lapsed members for 2009** which means they did not pay their dues by March 31 of that year. (Art. 8.02 refers)

46 Life Members; 2 Honourary Members; 62 Paid up Members; 16 have moved away; 4 have resigned and 2 are pending payment.

To date the Association have given out thirty-four (34) retirement memberships twenty-five (25) are either lapsed, Dink or moved away so we have managed to retain nine of the 34. We must, as an Association, try harder to attract and retain new blood.

At this time, I would like to again pass on my heartfelt thanks to Maurice "Pony" Moore for all his assistance in getting the C&B Laws put in a book and also assembling the 2008 AGM Minutes, Executive Reports and the Agenda in a booklet. Well done shipmate.

In closing I would like to wish all of the membership and their families a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Respectively submitted....Terry

Terry asked for a motion to accept his report. Moved John Madison Second Taff Jones **Report Accepted.**

**Social Chair:** The monthly 50/50 is keeping our heads above water as far as the sandwiches for the General Meetings are concerned and on occasion we have made a profit to off set other endeavours.

The July 17-19 Three day get together was well attended and enjoyed by all, the few things that were overlooked i.e. "not enough duff" will be rectified next year as I fully intend to make this an annual event and hopefully go from strength to strength with it.

I missed the deadline to get a facility to have a dinner dance this November to which I apologize to the members but a dinner dance is in the forecast for the Valentines time of year, this will probably take place at a venue not associated with the military.

There was a good turn out for the "PIG ROAST" in Groton this year and maybe I should look into having a bigger turn out next year, the "UP SPIRITS" (Stand fast the Holy Ghost) was enjoyed by our hosts and by some enjoyed a little to much!!!

Thank you for your support.

Yours Aye  
Brum.

Brum asked for a motion to accept his report. Moved John Madison Second Gary Hopkins ***Report Accepted.***

**Slops:** Slops on Hand-Inventory as of November 25, 2009.

\$3452.00. On Order are tee shirts and Jackets and caps and decals. I am presently looking for a supplier of Blazer and beret badges.

Bazoo

George asked for a motion to accept his report. Moved Ryan Conrad Second Art Bodden ***Report Accepted.***

**Treasurer:** (Absent) The Treasurer's Report was handed out to the members present. As John was absent, Dusty Miller moved that the Treasurer's be adopted as tabled. ***Motion Carried***

	Debits	Credits	Totals		
Bank Charges	-\$ 54.00		-\$ 54.00		
Donations	-\$ 288.53	\$ 25.00	-\$ 263.53		
Dues (2009) 43 Members	\$ -	\$ 878.00	\$ 878.00		
Dues (2010) 9 Members	\$ -	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00		
Lifetime Dues - 1 Members	\$ -	\$ 107.00	\$ 107.00		
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Reunion 2009	-\$ 3,789.76	\$ 1,215.00	-\$ 2,574.76		
Misc.	-\$ 98.32	\$ 40.00	-\$ 58.32		
Stationary	-\$ 202.27		-\$ 202.27		
Web Page	\$ -		\$ -		
Hospitality	-\$ 331.95	\$ 780.00	\$ 448.05		
Slops	\$ -	\$ 1,623.40	\$ 1,623.40		
2008 AGM Wine & Cheese	-\$ 364.50		-\$ 364.50		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>-\$ 5,129.33</b>	<b>\$ 4,853.40</b>	<b>-\$ 275.93</b>		
Opening Balance	Debits	Credits	Closing Balance		
3707.52	-\$ 5,129.33	\$ 4,853.40	3431.59		
	<b>AGM 2008 VALUE</b>		<b>Interest 2008-2009</b>		<b>AGM 2009 VALUE</b>
GIC Mature 08-Dec-07	\$1,265.87		\$37.98		\$1,303.85
GIC Mature 12-Nov-08	\$12,034.80		\$192.56		\$12,227.36
GIC Mature 28-Jun-08	\$1,426.42		\$32.09		\$1,458.51
GIC Mature 05-Jan-08	\$1,543.75		\$46.31		\$1,590.06
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$16,270.84</b>	<b>2009 Interest</b>	<b>\$308.94</b>	<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$16,579.78</b>

**AGM 2009 Minutes:** Dusty Miller moved that (these) AGM 2009 minutes be tabled at the monthly meeting in January 2010 and accepted at AGM 2010. Seconded by Bazoo. *Motion Carried.*

**III. Amendments/Adopt By-Laws:** Nil submissions. Motion to adopt By-Laws as of 2008 AGM. *Motion Carried.*

**IV. Elect and install officers** (not an election year: C&B.L.'s Art. 5.01 refers)

**V. 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 stationery. 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.

**VI. Old Business:** Nil

**VII. New Business:** Nil

**A.O.B.** After a quick go around of the membership to spin a little dit Carey-Ann spoke of her ride aboard a skimmer. She then described of her volunteering as the Decorating Chair for the Brier coming to Halifax March 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. She said that there is an opportunity to man a booth there. She will bring it up again at the January meeting in 2010.

**VIII. Set Date for AGM 2010:** To be held: 1300, Saturday, December 04, 2010.

**Submariners Prayer:** Dusty Miller

**50/50 Draw:** winner not recorded the sum was \$55.00

**Motion to Adjourn:** Moved George Byzewski Seconded by John Madison. *Motion Carried.*

The Klaxon was pressed for a Xmas drink all round.

**Next Monthly Meeting:** 1930, Wednesday, January 27, 2010. Venue: J R's Mess. MOG 5