

MINUTES OF SAOC (East) AGM – SATURDAY, 04 DECEMBER, 2010.
Senior Rates' Mess, MOG 5

Meeting Called to Order at 1335: Rob Arbour; Art Bodden; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; John Carpenter; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Ron Cooper; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Lucky Gordon; Rob Gray; Taff Jones; Brian Lapierre; Keith Lavers; John Madison; Dusty Miller; Ian Mitchell; John Meehan; Pony Moore; Polly Parrott; Scott Parsons; Sylvain Rouillard (New Member); Brum Tovey; Soapy Watson; Willy Waugh & Mike Wigger. Visitors from SOAC (Central): Tim Kramble & Rick Morgan.

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. Members were then invited to rise to pause for a moment of reflection for our Brethren and family members who have "Crossed the Bar": in 2010: West: Jock Conlan, Len Gibbs, Jim Burnett; Central: Ray Firth, Brian Dagenais East: Don Hardy, mother of Margaret Parsons, John Lewis. Our fallen troops in Afghanistan; our sick and ailing at home: Paul Dube, Ryan Conroy, Luc Rollin, Wayne Presley & Lee Ritchie; and less fortunate comrades in their time of need.

Correspondence:

In: Nil

Out: Letter of Appreciation to CSD re M/S MacDonald for laying the wreath on November 11.

Minutes of AGM 2009: Chairman asked of any errors or omissions. There being none, moved by Pierre Doutre, seconded by John Meehan that Minutes be adopted as tabled. *Motion Carried.*

Annual Reports:

Vice-Chair: Sent by e-mail. Read by Secretary Moved by Dusty Miller and Seconded by Keith Lavers that the Vice Chairman's report be accepted as read. *Motion Carried.*

Secretary: During the year some of our members visited our American Brothers in Groton CT for their Anniversary and Pig Roast followed by a VJ Day Parade in Moosup CT. This is the last of these parades in the U.S. and next year will mark the 50th occasion for this activity. There is also a pig roast in Charleston SC that was visited by our members. Again outstanding. We conducted (2) meetings at other locations; Elmsdale Legion and RCNA Peregrine and were well attended. Attracting serving members to join the association continues to be a main concern although we have had strong attendance from the current membership. Well done let's keep it up and remember if transportation is a problem, just call our transportation coordinator, Brum Tovey @ 883-9572.

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

Secretary asked for a motion of his report for acceptance: Moved by John Madison and seconded by Dave Russell that the Secretary's report be accepted as tabled. *Motion Carried.*

Treasurer: The Financial Report was tabled and available for review. The Treasurer asked for a motion of his report for acceptance: Moved by Ian Mitchell seconded by Mike Wigger that the Treasurer's report be accepted as tabled. *Motion Carried*

Social: During the year, there were two notable events that took place. Due to non-availability of MOG 5 because of the Fleet Review, our June monthly meeting shifted to the Elmsdale Legion which included our WAGS. The meeting was followed by a steak dinner and dance which was

well attended. Unfortunately, our 3 Day Gathering in September was not as successful. Although the food and entertainment were excellent, we took a major financial loss due to poor attendance by the membership; enough said. Next year we plan on some meetings in venues other than the MOG5 Messes as the occasion may arise. Information will be ongoing. We will try a Dine the Wives/Ladies and dance and also a Summer BBQ and DTS (Dinner Time Sesh') date and venue TBD.

With winter upon us, Brum reminded everyone that if anyone requires a drive for meetings, give him a call @ 883-9572.

Social Secretary asked for a motion on his report for acceptance: Moved by Scott Parsons and seconded by Mike Wigger that the Social Secretary's report be accepted as tabled. ***Motion Carried.***

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 \$3912.00 dollars in inventory and said he would be opening shop in the adjacent wardroom on completion of the meeting. George asked for a motion of his report for acceptance: Moved by Taff Jones and seconded by Keith Lavers that the Health/Wellness & Slops report be accepted as tabled. ***Motion Carried.***

Chairman:

Chairman opened his report in that the membership recognize the Executive for a job well done throughout the year. In stating that except for himself, the entire executive work full time jobs and then emphasized on their combined efforts put forth. He then remarked that although the numbers at monthly meetings attendance is strong, there is an inconsistency of faces attending that if everybody showed up at the same meeting, we'd be near 50 members in attendance. Following Brum's previous remarks, Buster reiterated on the shortage of attendance at social functions, particularly the three-day get-together that left us with a **large financial loss**. Along with other events be they social or ceremonial, it is a complete disregard that the membership did not come forward with a greater show of support and appreciation of the executive's untiring efforts and accomplishments.

SAOC Top Student Award: At the rate of about three times a year, we continue to represent the entire SAOC in presenting the award to a deserving member of the BSQ course.

CDR Steven Jenner Sword: The sword and medals display case was mounted during the summer months at the Submarine School in Stadacona. The display was officially unveiled by the family of member, the Late Steven Jenner with the Chairman and ex-members of SM6 and Trident newspaper in attendance. Like the Top Student Award for the BSQ Course, the sword is symbolically awarded to the Top Student of the Submarine Officers' ORO Course.

The Chairman asked for a motion for acceptance on his report: Moved by Dusty Miller and seconded by Pierre Doutré that the Chairman's report be accepted as tabled. ***Motion Carried.***

AGM 2010 Minutes: Dusty Miller moved these AGM 2010 Minutes be tabled at the monthly meeting in January 2011 and accepted at AGM 2011. Seconded John Meehan. ***Motion Carried.***

Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws: There was one (1) submission by John Clahane and was voted in favour by the membership:

Add new article 8.04 to Section 8.00 Dues

8.04 Waiver of Annual Dues

Any Regular or Associate member when reaching a full 80 years of age and has accumulated a minimum of 10 years as a member in good standing; is thereafter waived of annual dues.

Election of Officers: In keeping with the agenda, the meeting was then handed to the Nominating Committee chaired by George Byzewski, assisted by Dusty Miller.

The Vice-Chairman, Pierre Alarie, Treasure, John Clahane & Social Chair Brum Tovey all re-offered and were elected by Acclamation.

George Byzewski offered to run for Secretary. The overall vote was unanimous.

Chairman Buster Brown, was asked if he was willing to re-offer and gracefully declined. Earlier canvassed by the Nominating Committee, Secretary Terry Chatham had offered his name as willing to run as successor to the Chairman, the overall vote was unanimous.

Review of Dues: At this time there is no need to increase dues.

Old Business: There was no outstanding Business.

New Business: Continued use of the MOG5 facilities as meeting venues was discussed at length. It was decided to stay the course and as provided in the By Laws conduct meetings at, or in, other locations as the need may arise.

The topic of GIC control arose for discussion. This was prompted by the inconvenient and lengthy procedure (having to come to the membership at our monthly meetings for approval) of moving funds from the GIC onto the Operating Account. Following informative input by the Treasurer a motion was made “The Executive has the authority to manage and move funds from the GIC to the Operating Account on an **as required basis** while informing the membership.” Moved by Scott Parsons and seconded by Keith Estabrooks. **Motion Carried.** This motion rescinds the motion of the 2005 October meeting that required a vote from the membership in order to approve the (time consuming and administrative difficulties) in transferring any funds from G.I.C.’s.

Set date for AGM 2011: To be held: 1300, Saturday, December 03, 2011.

Submariners Prayer: Dave Russell

50/50 Draw: \$65.00 was won by Sylvain Rouillard.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved Dusty Miller Seconded by Keith Estabrooks. Motion Carried. The bar’s Klaxon was pressed twice. for “a tot all round”

Next Monthly Meeting: 1930, Wednesday, January 26, 2011. Venue: J R’s Mess. MOG 5