

**SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**  
**(EAST) BRANCH**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 03 Dec, 2011**  
**MOG 5 HMC DYKD**

1. The Chair Terry Chatham brought the meeting to order at 13:22. The Chair welcomed the members in attendance and remarked it was good seeing Ryan Conroy, Don Hood and John Madison at the meeting. The Chair went to state this AGM was a non voting AGM and he thanked the members and guests for the "Pot Luck" that would follow. The chair stated a bartender was available from MOG5 and was set up in the Wardroom bar.

2. Members in attendance were Pierre Alarie, Art Bodden, DH (Buster) Brown, George (Bazoo) Byzewski, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ryan Conroy, Ron Cooper, Pierre Doutre, Keith Estabrooks, Barry Galbraith, Ken Griffin, Cmdre Larry Hickey, Don Hood, Gary Hopkins, Raymond Hunt, Wynn Jones, John Meehan, Ian Mitchell, Polly Parrot, Scott Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, JJ Surette, Keith (Brum) Tovey, Irv (Soapy) Watson, Willie Waugh and Slinger Wood.

3. The Chairman thanked the members in attendance for making the effort to attend and that it was good to see so many "old" faces. The Chair reminded members to check off the attendance roll and not to forget the bartender. All in attendance were invited to rise and pause for a moment of silence for our Brethren and their family members who have "Crossed the Bar" in 2011, those who are ailing at home or in hospital and for our fallen troops in Afghanistan.

**Correspondence:**

**In:** Thank you card from the Tim Kramble Family

**Out:** Nil

**Minutes of AGM 2010:** The Chairman asked if there were any errors or omissions. There being none, it was moved by Pierre Doutre and seconded by Conrad Petrikowski that the Minutes be adopted as read. **Motion Carried.**

**Annual Reports:**

**Vice-Chair:** Minky welcomed all and apologized for missing so many meetings in 2011 due to work commitments. The Vice noted membership attendance was down and wondered if members wanted more social events and ruminated as to whether security entering the Dockyard was an issue. He wished all a Merry Christmas and good year in 2012.

**Secretary:** George stated that 2011 had been an interesting year with new members joining, trips to Groton Sub Vets for the Old Salts Pig Roast as well as

the on-going effort with the Submarine Museum project. Regular Monthly Meetings were also held “out of town” and at RCNA Peregrine. The Secretary also thanked members for attending and wished all a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2012.

**Social:** Brum wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He raised the possibility of having a Pig Roast or BBQ during the upcoming summer. Brum also stated he would like to re-instate Guest speakers for meetings. Brum encouraged members to purchase their Christmas Dinner tickets for the event to be held Dec 16, 2011 at the Sackville Lions club. He stated he was looking for 100 guests to attend to keep the costs per person down. Brum reminded the membership in attendance that anyone needing a ride for meetings can give him or any member of the executive a call.

**Treasurer:** The Financial Report was tabled and available for all to review. (Enclosure)

**Health and Wellness:** Bazoo updated the AGM on the Health and Wellness issues. He spoke of Jim (Dusty) Miller and Jim Northrup who had been hospitalized in the fall of 2011. Dusty passed his regret but said he will be back in the New Year. Jim Northrup is home recouping and Brett Aubrey is improving.

**Slops:** Bazoo informed the members that on Oct 6, 2011 his residence suffered a serious fire in the heating system causing extreme damage to his house and contents as well as taking the life of his cat. Amongst the lost or damaged contents were SAOC (E) slops items. Bazoo stated he initiated an insurance claim but that his insurance policy would not cover SAOC (E) Slops losses. He stated he will be proceeding with legal action in an attempt to recover Slops losses. He said this process could take some time to resolve and that he would keep the membership informed as events unfolded.

The Chair then invited Don (Buster) Brown, Immediate Past Chair to address the AGM with an update of the Museum. Buster went on to say there had been little progress. A meeting had been held of interested parties to plan the “Way ahead”. Brian (Lapo) Lapierre would be photographing and cataloguing items for the display. Buster said there will be a Group meeting to be held in Jan 2012. Buster said all wishing to help were welcomed.

**Chair:** Terry expressed his regret for the 6 months or so he was away on the Left Coast with Victoria. He remarked on the two Top Student presentations presented in Halifax and one Top Student Award presented in Victoria. The chair stated the Executive was open to any and all suggestions to increase membership and would entertain ideas for meeting venues and social events. Terry also mentioned that the “Way Ahead” for the 2014 Centenary celebrations

would start in 2012.

The Chair asked for a motion that the annual Reports be adopted as read. Moved by John Meehan and seconded by Ryan Conroy that the annual reports be adopted as read. Motion carried.

The Chair then invited Cmdre Hickey to address the AGM. He commenced with a talk about the Canadian Submarine Centenary in 2014. Cmdre Hickey informed the AGM that CDR Max Harvey had been named Project coordinator and he encouraged the SAOC to work with CDR Harvey to make the Centenary a success. Cmdre Hickey noted we face competition from Sea King 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration in 2013, 100<sup>th</sup> year of the War of 1812 celebration as well as the Commonwealth Games, Winter Olympics and FIFA. He went on to encourage the SAOC to offer ideas and to work with the Navy to make the Centenary a success. Cmdre Hickey mentioned the Navy were considering several options and investigating commemorative stamps and coins.

Cmdre Hickey spoke of HMCS Victoria's Workups and getting to sea after many years alongside. He also spoke of HMCS Windsor and the risk of her being delayed and he went on to say the goal was to have two boats running in 2012. He said the government would be holding the Navy's feet to the fire on this one especially in light of the W5 program with regards to the state of the Submarine Service of Canada.

Cmdre Hickey spoke on the Navy's restructuring with having a single Sub authority for both coasts. Cmdre Hickey closed his presentation with the news he was retiring in Jan 2012 but that he would remain active in the submarine community. The Chair thanked Cmdre Hickey for his presentation and the membership showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

**Old Business:** There was no Old Business.

**New Business:** The Secretary updated the AGM on the state of Ojibwa and the attempts to get her to Ontario in 2012. He mentioned e-mails and Face Book pages from the Ojibwa Project and that Rick Morgan would keep the SAOC informed as events developed.

Wynn (Taff) Jones passed his regret for missing some Monthly General Meetings due to work commitments. Taff went on to speak of his and Polly Parrott's trip to the Diesel Boat reunion in Plymouth, UK. Taff also displayed a Dolphin themed Remembrance Day Poppy that was favourably received by the members and the consensus was perhaps we could secure a supply for the SAOC. Taff finished his talk with a display of some old RN day's photos of Buster Brown, Gary Hopkins and Art Bodden. They were well received.

**Set the Date for AGM 2012:** To be held Saturday December 1, 2012.

**Submariners' Prayer:** Don (Buster) Brown

**50/50 Draw:** \$100.00 won by

**Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Taff Jones and seconded Ryan Conroy. Motion carried.

**Next Monthly General Meeting:** 19:00 for 19:30, Wednesday, January 25, 2012. Mog5 Senior Rates Mess