

## **Submariners Association of Canada (East)**

### **Minutes of AGM Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 MOG5 HQ SR Mess**

**Opening** The Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order at 1300 hrs. The Chair welcomed and thanked the members. Special recognition has given for Luc Rollin for attending today. A moment of silence was observed for sick and ailing members and special recognition was given on the passing this year of Pony Moore, Keith 'Red' Lavers and Jean 'Peanut' Benoit; may they always be in our thoughts

**Attendance** 29 members were in attendance, Wade Berglund, Art Bodden, Peter Braun, Buster Brown, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Bill Cleal, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Dolly Grey, Wynn Jones, Gary Hopkins, Luc Rollin, Jordie MacDonald, John Meehan, James Miller, Marc Miller, Jim Northrup, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, David Russell, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh, Peter Weis, Tim (Slinger) Wood, and Phillip Wood.

**2014 AGM Minutes** were read by the secretary and approved as amended.

**Correspondence:** Tridents were not picked up the post office. A double order will be out for next meeting. No other correspondence.

**Annual Reports:** The Chair opened by thanking the Executive for the year of hard work and dedication. He reported that he and others and laid wreaths at the Battle of Atlantic Sunday at Point Pleasant Park and a delegation had attended at Bass River. 10 members SAOC (E) plus others Central and West made the trip to Rimouski "Meet the Submariners Event" at The ONONDAGA Site Historique de Pointe au Pèr, Que 5-6th June. There was a good turnout for the Summer BBQ on the 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Dube's. 11 members attended the HMCS Ojibwa's 50th anniversary and SAOC Central AGM and BBQ in Port Burwell. SAOC (E) held an Ojibwa 50<sup>th</sup> Commissioning Celebration dinner on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept held at MOG5 HQ cafeteria and C&POs. It was a great success and enjoyed by all members and their spouses. Buster Brown, Art Bodden and himself laid a wreath on Remembrance Day at Point Pleasant Park and a detachment attended and laid a another wreath at Bass River both on behalf of SAOC (E). He reported that he and Secretary have gone to the Submarine School to present SAOC (E) Top Student Award to all three Basic Submarine Courses taught at Stadacona. We do put in a plug for membership to association to the new grads of the courses. So far there have been no takers (a hard sale). Special mention was given to George Byzewski for his effort in helping out other members the Association in their day to day life. Special mention was made by Ron Cooper for the SAOC involvement in presenting the Crossing the Bar Ceremony and coin for passing of fellow submariners recently. It is offered to the families. There has been a very good turnout of members and submariners for the funerals of Pony Moore, Red Lavers, and Peanut Benoit.

**Secretary:** reported that all his major points were covered by the Chairman. He is still having

problems with his email sever and was hopefully going to upgrade to Windows 10 and MS Office 365 in the future with the help of his step son. He attends the graduations with the Chairman. He also pointed out that the submarine school is still pumping out between 20-24 students a course and is in constant contact with the senior instructor for coordination.

**Social:** Brum encouraged members to purchase their Christmas Dinner tickets \$15 ea or \$30 per couple for the event to be held Dec 18, 2015 at the Sackville Lions Club. 52 people attended last year's dance and without the Boddens it would have been 3. Brum hopes more will attend this year but he has to inform the club how many will attend by the 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Pot Luck was arranged for this year's AGM lots of food has shown up. 50/50 draws have gone very well for each meeting. Pony Moore's widow has donated a bottle of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Submariner's Rum which will be raffled off and proceeds given back so she can donate to charity of her choice. Dusty Miller Jr suggested that the raffle could be open up to submariners serving on HMCS Windsor as well. Ron will make up tickets for the raffle. Brum thanked Ron Cooper for taking on the organization for the 50<sup>th</sup> Ojibwas Bash in September while he was away which was well attended and received. There was a good turnout for the Summer BBQ on the 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Dube's. The same person who did the cooking is booked for next year and keg of Keith's beer is laid on for next year's BBQ as well. The annual summer BBQ will take place at the Dube's and he thanked Willie Waugh for offering his place as an alternative location. Brum brought up that he does not like the version of the submariner's prayer that is being read at the funerals. This will be brought up in the New Year at a MGM. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Brum finished off with a quote from Maggie Smith from the Movie Best Marigold Hotel 2. The line went "I went to United States with very low expectations and came back disappointed."

**Treasurer:** Ron Cooper gave out a detailed 2015 Financial Summary and Monthly 5 Dec financial report. The Annual summary after debits and credits leaves the Balance of \$15,190.08 and monthly summary of \$15,387.08. There is a \$200 difference between the two reports and he will investigate and come back with a corrected statement for the next meeting. He was asked why we are being charged for bank fees: Since we are not registered as non-profit organization we are not qualified for this exemption.

**Membership Report:** Ron Cooper gave a report on our current membership> Honourary Life – 3; Life – 48; Regular Paid – 41; for a total of 92. There was question on who are Honourary Life members and where did this come from. This may have come from the transition from the old association. A discussion was held who are a Honourary, Associate and a Regular Member. The bylaws will be consulted. We need new members.

**Slops:** Greg gave his regrets and no report was submitted for slops

**Amendments to the By-Laws:** Nil

**Non-Election Year:** No election of Officers required.

**Review of Dues:** Treasurer declared there is no need for dues to increase. Dusty Miller moved and John Clahane seconded that the dues remain at the current rate. Motion carried.

**The next AGM** will be held first Saturday 3 Dec 2016 at MOG5 HQ SR Mess. This will be an election year

**50/50** more tickets to be sold and draw will be done later.

**AOB** Buster brought up that the cost and size of wreaths is to be brought up for the Jan MGM and the raffle for the bottle Submariner's Rum. Buster also brought up the point about Brum's concern over the Submariners' Prayer. A Submariner related funeral proceeding/ceremony was originally developed by Harvey Waddell. There are 3 versions of the submariner's prayer. Terry Chatham stated the red, white and blue version is read by the US Sub Vets at the Annual Groton Pig Roast. The Chairman suggested that the choice for which prayer was to be read at a funeral should be given to the family of the departed.

John Clahane pointed out that the coins that we have been using have been just about all used up. John suggested that we develop our own coin for coin ceremony for the future. This will be tabled to the January meeting.

Keith Estabrooks reported that Wilfy Broyden is doing better as he is going to Florida for his annual winter vacation. David Brannen is out the hospital.

George Byzewski asked about Cyril MacDonald and was reported that he is out and about and undergoing Chemo therapy and is very positive on his outlook. Bazoo stated that our Vice Chair, Shane Irvine is absent still undergoing chemo for his cancer. He is here in spirit but his body is weak after treatments. Charlie Lonsdale had some hospital time lately. Pierre Doutré had a bit of a bad spell and is out the hospital. Dan Reid wife passed away of cancer. Condolences from the SAOC has been passed on by George. Ray Hunt sends his regrets as he is being prep for surgery. Dusty Miller's wife is going St John NB on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec for treatment

**The Submariners' Prayer** read by Dusty Miller Sr

**Adjournment** There being no further business it was moved Jim Northrup seconded Slinger Wood by that the meeting be adjourned. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 1350.

Robert B Fraser

Respectfully submitted,

SAOC (E) Secretary



Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC E Chairman