

Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of AGM 3rd December 2016

MOG5 HQ SR Mess

Opening: The Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order at 13:30 hrs. The Chair welcomed members and their guests. A moment of silence was observed for ailing members and the names of those deceased in 2016 were read. Including Moe Ferguson, James Ferguson, Eddie Temple(RN), Paul Bramwell, Les”Downtown” Brown, Bryan”Ginger” Ormsby, Bruce”Wiggy” Bennett, Gilles Lucien, Jack Alexander, Gilles”Pierre China” Doutre, Shane Irvine, SAOC(E) Vice Chair, “Basic” Bob Snider, Dave”Justice” Hawkins, John Rogers. May they always be in our thoughts. A special mention for James”Dusty” Miller, SAOC(E) Parliamentarian, Jerry Sigrist, Phil Wood and Ray Hunt who sent regrets.

Attendance: 23 members were in attendance. Pierre”Minky” Alarie, Art Bodden, Cliff Boettcher, DH ”Buster” Brown, George”Bazoo” Byzewski, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Paul”Fossil” Dube, Keith”Beast” Estabrooks, Greg Hallonquist, Brian “Lapo” LaPierre, Ken McMillan, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Marc Osmond, Conrad Petrikowski, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Keith”Brum” Tovey, Irv”Soapy” Watson, Willy Waugh, Tim (Slinger) Wood.

2015 AGM Minutes: Minutes were read by the secretary and approved as tabled.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Annual Reports: The Chair opened thanking the Executive for their year of hard work. He said a Pot Luck was arranged for the AGM and thanked all for the delicious food. The chair reported he and others had laid wreaths at Point Pleasant Park for Battle of Atlantic Sunday and Remembrance Day whilst others attended in their local communities. The Chair went on to thank Paul and Helen Dube for hosting the summer BBQ and of the good turnout. Sylvain went to say the Top Student Award continues to be presented to the Basic Submarine Course. The Chair closed his report with information on Central's AGM at Onondaga Aug 25 thru 27, 2017. Members can go to SAOC (C) <http://www.saoc-central.ca/html/agm/agm.html> and register your intention to attend the Central AGM. Information on ONONDAGA at the Pointe-au-Pere website www.shmp.qc.ca .

Secretary: Robbie Fraser sent regret as he is on vacation in the Caribbean. George “Bazoo” Byzewski sat in his place. Bazoo encouraged all members to check the veracity of their information on the SAOC (E) Web Page and pass omissions/errors to any of the committee.

Social: Keith”Brum”Tovey encouraged members to purchase their Christmas Dinner tickets @\$20 ea or \$40 per couple for the event to be held Dec 16, 2016 at the Sackville Lions Club. 50 people attended last year’s dance. Brum hopes more will attend this year but he has to inform the club how many will attend by the 10th Dec. Keith stated Dec 2017 was already booked. Brum went on to say there was a good turnout for the Summer BBQ on the 18th July at the Dube’s. The same person who did the cooking is booked for next year and keg of beer is laid on for next year’s BBQ as well. The annual summer BBQ will take place at the Dubes'. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Brum finished off with a well-received joke.

Treasurer: Ron Cooper disted a detailed 2016 Financial Summary and Monthly 3 Dec 2016 financial report. The Annual summary after debits and credits leaves the Balance of \$14,631.08 and monthly summary of \$14,631.08. Ron closed his report with the “heads up” with Onondaga's 50th plans this upcoming summer in Halifax. More to follow.

Membership Report: Ron Cooper gave a report on our current membership. Honourary Life – 1; Life – 46; Regular Paid – 53 for a total of 100.

Slops: Greg Hallonquist had a full slops display. Sales were brisk. Greg had samples of the “New” SAOC (E) Jackets and they are being offered with crests and names for about \$70.00. Greg asked George Byzewski if Charlie Lonsdale would authorize the use of his well-received SAOC (E) logo he used on the Black shirts. George responded he would ask Charlie but was sure Charlie would be “Chuffed”!

Amendments to the By-Laws: Nil

Election Year: The Chair turned the meeting over to George Byzewski and Terry Chatham for elections. There were no nominations and all of the executive stood.

Review of Dues: Treasurer declared we are holding our own financially and he felt no increase required.

The next AGM: Saturday 2, Dec 2017 at MOG5 HQ. Non election year. The minutes of the 2016 AGM will be tabled for approval.

50/50 Draw: \$80.00 went to the winner Minky Alarie and he rang the bell.

AOB: Buster Brown reported a 32 foot White Spruce tree from his yard is proudly standing at Sullivan's Pond, Dartmouth, NS. The tree can be viewed on HRM Web Cams. Don went on to talk of the loss of USS Thresher and News Paper and CBC News spot on the tragedy. He encouraged all to search this out.

Brian LaPierre spoke of his trip in Nov to Europe and he recounted the morning of Nov 11th and all the Canadians in the tour sporting Poppies and how proud he felt when at 11:00 they stopped and REMEMBERED.

Keith Estabrooks reported that he hasn't talked to Wilfy Broyden in a while and that he had visited Jerry Sigrist in Camp Hill. Marc Osmond thanked the meeting for the Best Wishes during his recent stent adventure. A special wish to Phil Wood on his 95th birthday from all.

Jim Northrup reported Cyril MacDonald was released from hospital and that he is out and about doing his Civic duties with his usual positive outlook.

Ken McMillan recounted a visit to China and return visit of Chinese to Victoria and how wearers of Dolphins regardless of Country share the World Wide bond of “Brothers of the Pin”.

The Submariners' Prayer: Read by Keith Tovey.

Adjournment: There being no further business it was moved John Meehan and seconded by Slinger Wood that the meeting be adjourned. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 13:56.

George Bazoo Byzewski; for

Robert B Fraser

Respectfully
submitted,

SAOC (E) Secretary



Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman