

MINUTES-MONTHLY MEETING-WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH, 2003

Venue - Jolly Roger Mess MOG 5

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 1930 there being 32 members and three guests in attendance were: Minky Alarie, Jack Andrew, Wiggy Bennet, Mike Bidnost, Davie Brannen. Buster Brown, John Clahane, Scuzz Cleavelly, Ryan Conroy, Pete Dorrington, China Doutre, Beast Esatabrooks, Bob Evans, Sticky Fairbum (new), Griffy Gnu, Stu Hall, Gordie Hamilton, Jim Harris, Donnie Hood, Shane Irvine, Steve Jenner, Jonah Jones, Brian Lapierre, Andy Lovasi, Shawn MacDougal, John Madison, Jordi McDonald (new), Patty Patterson, Dave Robinson, Gerry Sigrist, and Willie Waugh. Guests were Dave Noseworthy, *Comer Brook*, Rick Wilnoff, and Bill (Timbit) Fairburn. The chairman welcomed the members tendering regrets from Father Frank on parish duties. Art Bodden with die flu, Jerry Conway out of town on business. He then announced that the ashes of Tony McCabe had been “scattered at sea” from HMCS *Fredericton*, the sudden passing of Central’s George Sullivan’s Marilyn, the recent successful operation of Dusty’s, Laura Miller and thoughts concerning Tony Poynter and his condition. He also reminded of the fund-raising auction for medical treatment in the U.S. for Eve, the wife of Jim Lucky Gordon to be held at Windsor Park Mess, 29 March at 1800. The chairman then called for a moment’s silence.
2. **Reports: Chairman**
 - a. pleased that at SAOC Central February meeting, a donation to the 2004 Anniversary was voted for and passed; and
 - b. letter passed on behalf of SAOC East to (editor) Halifax Herald regarding alleged sexual abuse and the irrelevancy of the person charged as a “former submariner”. Secretary: asked for errors and omissions of the Minutes of the February meeting as read and pre-distributed. There was one error in that the 50/50 winner was not Rick Wilnoff, but guest Ian Mitchell who donated his winnings to the Anniversary fund. Motion made by Minky Alarie, seconded by Peter Dorrington, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- a. message of condolence to George Sullivan and family;
- b. Get-well card to Laura Miller;
- c. e-mail from SAOC (West) announcing their new executive;
- d. e-mail from West member Stan McCulley announcing his retirement from DND;
- e. ex-RN Mr. Keith Prowse in search of Canadian oppo Big Pat, on exchange.

Treasurer: Combined with the absence of the Slops chairman, reported that as of 7 March, Jolly Roger pins \$496.80. As of 10 March, total account balance stood at \$3313.00 excluding G.I.C.’s. Then reported slops just purchased to a total of \$903.90, (11 March), post office box \$82.80. Encouraged sales of newly acquired stop supplies. Unable to provide an up-to-date balance for this meeting due to overload of present cash exchanges. (a loan of 2 X \$1,000.00 checks was made and deposited into the SAOC (East) bank account by two members so as to provide the down payment in advance for contract with Pier 22 for Anniversary 2004)

Social chairman: reported that the recent “wine & cheese” went over successfully with good attendance. Slops/Health & Wellness: Bill Kammermans was not in attendance but Bob Evans itemized the several new articles and their prices now available for sale.

Public Relations: Reported that Chicoutimi/Upholder remains at Barrow and should be arriving in Halifax mid-spring of 2004. Comer Brook sails 6 May for Ops. John then emphasized on the quality and operation of the new website saying that we have had many ‘hits’ several queries are being received regarding registration for Anniversary 2004. He then appealed to the m’ship for ideas, stories, pics, (fits etc. that might be suitable for the site and to our ‘webguy’ Ted Hirtle, we all wish you a Happy Birthday; 27th March. Member Shane Irvine (Cox’n COR) went on to say that die boat will commission at Comer Brook NF 1st July03. Everybody be there. John also stated that 2 boats got off the wall yesterday.. . on tugs, on a cold trot movement.

3. **Anniversary 2004 Update:** Committee Chair Jerry' Sigrist opened by praising the hard work of the committee and their monthly meetings and reminded of the (fates 19-22 August 2004 and registration 19th and 20* for latecomers. Pier 22 has been booked well in advance for fear that another interest might get ahead of us. Accommodation listings will be provided on the website shortly. He then spoke on a (Ryan Conroy) transportation contract with Air Canada ground transport and car rentals. He then spoke on the newly-formed Ladies' Committee (SubMaidens) about a dozen strong who are forming ideas on raffles and the procurement of home-made doilies, an Afghan', etc. PR Jerry Conway is in the throes of producing the souvenir programme and hard at work drumming up sponsors. Jerry went to state that he has received several e-mails seeking information and as a whole, there is an extreme amount of interest from people wishing to attend. Although not yet in receipt of the MOG5 response by letter, it has been verbally confirmed that the tentative programme has "green light" and that everything on the submitted programme is "do-able". Jerry then concluded his presentation in stating that we are only 15 months away from the event and the committee is making much progress and on time. In the meantime, Jerry and Buster will be visiting the Fleet Club and HMCS Scotian in pursuit of venues for certain events while invitations will be extended to outside nations. Ways & Means chairman Taff Jones closed the discussion on some of the other money-raising initiatives that include stone carvings.
4. **Stand Easy:** Winner of the 50/50 was Taff Jones, (\$37.00) donated to the Anniversary Fund.
5. **Outstanding Business:**
 - a. Constitution and By-Laws booklets now available. Have been mailed to members; and
 - b. new S/m school update: Opening date 26 June 03, scrap book, Top Student Award, School naming (submission letter passed to CMS with the name "Laverne MacLeod"), Glover SM6 collage to be presented at steady state 2004.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Support staff(s) attending Anniversary 2004. Proposed by John Madison. Passed to Anniversary Committee chairman for April 26th meeting.
 - b. John Madison (catering) exhibited a proposed Pier 22 menu.
 - c. GG approval of SAOC East Standard (Bob Evans) Chairman to seek process with DHH directorate in Ottawa.
 - d. Two volunteers to parade our standards on BOA Merchant Navy parade Saturday 03 May. (Bob Evans) No takers. To be further canvassed.
 - e. Serving members canvassed to lay wreath on association behalf, Jordie McDonald stated he would be honoured.
7. **Comments from the floor:**

Bob Evans saw Charlie Orr (just out of jail). At the Brier, **Griff** ran into **Carol Whitmore** who passed her regards. then he told 2 jokes. **Jim Harris** offers to donate gangway crests of CC1 & CC2 to the branch for future presentation. **Lapo** had submarine photo CD's for display on laptop, (one passed to **John M.** for archives). **Sticky Fairburn** (with son **Timbit**) told some truckin' adventures. Coxswain **Shane Irvine** thanked the members for welcoming Comer Brook's arrival and went on to talk of the boat's tentative commissioning at CB Nfld 01 July 03. Wants members to attend, **John Clahane** displayed a 'copy' of the A-boat painting donated by the SAOC to the SHC in Barrow. This will go up on the website. Prints are available from Barrow Br. at 40 pounds + S&H. Although the subject should have been raised at New Business, the following motion by **John Clahane**: "To look into feasibility of using the Website (Slops Page) to advertise other individuals' submarine related items for sale in yielding a small profit for the Association branch." Moved by **Pony Moore**, seconded by **Dave Robinson**. Motion carried. **Bob Evans** then suggested the possibility of approaching **Paul Connely** wrt appointing a painting etc. for Anniversary 2004.
8. We were led in A Submariner's Prayer by Sticky Fairburn.
9. **Meeting adjourned.**

Next Executive Meeting 15 April 03 Centennial Legion,
Next Monthly Meeting 30 April 03, MOG5 S.R.'s Mess