

MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING - MAY 28, 2003

Venue "Jolly Roger" J. R's. Mess MOG 5

1. **Meeting** called to order at 19:30, there being 30 members, 3 guests and 1 new member present; in attendance were: Jack Andrew; "Wiggy" Bennett; Mike Bidinost; "Art" Bodden; "Buster" Brown; "Bazoo" Byzewski; "Chootch" Chatham; John Clahane; "Spud" Connolly; "Pierre" Doutre; "Beast" Estabrooks; "Fast Eddie" Farrelly; Gord Hamilton; Bill Harris; Ray Hunt; Steve Jenner; Bill Kamermans; Cliff Killam; Bill Layden; "Dolphin 39" Madison; Harry Martin; Brian McEachern; "Dusty" Miller; "Pony" Moore; John O'Dwyer; Greg Pease; Gerry Rutherford; "Soapy" Watson; "Willie" Waugh; Guests: Harvey Waddell; Rick Wilnoff; Dave Rutherford and New Member: Kevin (Skull) Crowell.
2. **Chairman:** welcomed the members and guests, commenting on his pleasure at seeing (Cdr.) now Reverend Harvey Waddell; Gerry Rutherford member of Central and East accompanied by his son Dave who refers to himself as the DD; faces that hadn't been around for a while; Greg Pease; and Spud Connolly. The chairman noted that the treasurer was unable to attend due to out of town commitments. Members were reminded not to forget the "Tip" glass situated at the bar and the attendance list. On a sad and shocking note members were informed of the passing of Trudy McEachern, wife of Brian. Also, Gordon Howe, member of SAOC (West) who served in HMS Artful. The father of "Pony's" daughter-in-law Kelly, who as well lost her husband in a 4 month period. Members were then asked to rise and observe a moment's silence for all who have crossed the bar or are suffering from afflictions.
3. **Secretary:** Reminded members the minutes of the April meeting had been mailed out asking if there were any errors or omissions, there being none, Motion by "Dusty" seconded by Bill Layden that the minutes be adopted: Motion Carried.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a) **IN:**
 - i. Thank You card from Andy Lovasi for the condolences received from members on the passing of his Father.
 - ii. Email from "Shady" Lane troubles downloading newsletter, "Hi" to all.
 - iii. Emails from SA Australia and U.S. SUBVETS in Groton Conn. Acknowledging receipt of Anniversary 2004 package, both stating their intention to post it in as many newsletters etc as possible.
 - iv. Phone call from Ed Sharples Re: badge for Father Frank's Tippet.
 - v. SAOC (Central) Newsletter.
 - vi. SAOC (West) Newsletter.
 - b) **OUT:**
 - i. Sympathy Card to Brian McEachern.
 - ii. "The Trade" Newsletter.
 - iii. Thank You Letters to: CMS; Comd. Marlant; CO Corner Brook.
 - iv. Email to Submariners' Associations UK; Australia, New Zealand, Holland, U.S. SUBVETS Groton Conn. Central and West: SAOC (East) Anniversary 2004 registration package.
 - v. Email to SAOC Central and West: Slop price list.
5. **Reports:**
 - a) **Chairman:** Asked if members had received newsletter, requesting that members wishing to contribute send in contributions, reminding that news is preferred over features. He went on to report that BOA Sunday went extremely well with an estimated 10 members attending. Member MS 'Digger' Noseworthy of S/m Corner Brook laid the wreath for SAOC (East). Favourable comments were noted of our wreath layer as a serving member and that Cdr. Stephen Jenner had justifiably represented us in this capacity for many years and applauded him on behalf of the members. Members were informed that in future, our 2 standards are to be displayed at monthly meetings, John Madison having volunteered as Yeoman of the standards and

'keeper of the key'; a brief summary of the acquisition of the standards was given for the benefit of guests and new members. Members were requested to pick up the SAOC Anniversary registration package before they departed.

- b) **Treasurer:** Not available to report. It was however reported by anniversary secretary John Clahane, that he had been in contact with Terry Wyss. Central has voted to issue a cheque for \$1,000 as a contribution to the anniversary fund, but needed clarification on "payable to". The condition of the contribution is that should East realize a profit after the Anniversary is staged, the amount would be reimbursed to Central. Central/East member Gerry affirmed of the contribution and a round of applause followed. For those wishing to make donations, cheques should be made payable to: **SAOC Anniversary 2004**, and forwarded to committee chair, Jerry Sigrist. Mailing address: RR#1 Blockhouse, NS. B0J 1E0.
- c) **Health & wellness / Slops:** Nothing to report on H&W. Then reported that, license plates; Jolly Roger pins, decals; blazer badges; "T" shirts were available. 'Skull' Crowell displayed a whoopee-size glass beer mug glass-etched with dolphins. Available at a cost of \$ 35.
- d) **Social:** Beast reported attempting to make contact with Cox'n. Rob Oyler to firm up plans for our invitation to the farewell BBQ for S/m Victoria, Friday 20 June. When more details are known, they will be passed to members immediately. The event will be placed on the website. It was requested that as many members and wives/girlfriends as possible attend, as this event is an invitation to us. Cost: \$8.00 per person. As this is an invitation from the boat, our participation is confined to members and wives only...no guests.
- e) **P.R. Rep:** Informed members that the anniversary registration package was now on the website. Add that SAOC East membership application forms are displayed for download as well. In conversation with Terry Wyss, John was informed that the print of the Ambush painting was being mailed to Central and that Terry would arrange for it to be sent to East. The limited edition commemorative plates displaying both the Upholder. . .and Victoria class badges, (with UK and Cdn. Dolphins) had arrived and were shown to members. As determined at the February meeting, these are purchased for presentation to each of the C& PO's and J.R's messes. . . time and venue yet TBD.
- f) ****Anniversary 2004:** As committee chair Gerry Sigrist was out of town, Taff Jones was asked to give an update reporting the following: The 6/49 raffle to date has \$250 half of which \$125 will go into the Anniversary fund. If any more tickets are wanted, get them tonight or prior to closing, Friday 31st May. For more tickets, Harry Martin can be contacted by cell phone. Doilies donated by Harry's mother-in-law, Mary Pottie. 1st raffle mostly for the ladies, members were asked to take tickets and sell them at \$1 each, draw to be held June 25. The Soapstone carvings draw will be held August 21, 2004 at pier 22. Price of tickets yet TBD. Taff also suggested of the feasibility of getting a colour party with association standards into the Nova Scotia Tattoo 2004 as a build-up to Anniversary 2004. This suggestion shall certainly be considered.

6. Stand Easy: 10 minute break for a Pee, a Pint and a Puff.

7. Old Business: New School. John Madison and Buster are to meet with school commander to discuss association participation in the school opening. A memorial will be instituted commemorating past Canadian submariners who have died in active service. Our list is confirmed by Cdr. Bob Bush as corresponding with the list he has. This will provide that the MacLeod Memorial may be highlighted and erected in the school? John Madison gave an update on the progress of the scrapbooks, stating that copies of photos would be used in order to preserve the originals in association archives. Small ceramic Kisby rings of CC1 and CC2 in 1917, donated by R.J. 'Dummer' Harris were passed around, one of which had been dismembered whilst on loan to the museum. John should to be able to restore it. Final destination is yet to be decided but should remain as an SAOC East archive . Motion by Taff Jones: "Proceeds from raffle of the S/m Ambush print go to Anniversary 2004 fund: Proposed by Taff Jones, seconded by Pony Moore. All in favour. Motion carried.

8. **New Business:** Chairman informed members that the S/M section of Marcom Museum is in need of a sort out. Three tri-walls of shiny bits are held by Curator, Marilyn Gurney. Members were canvassed for volunteers in September to participate in giving the S/m section a face-lift in prep for Anniversary 2004. Brian McEachern took

the opportunity to thank members for their kind messages of sympathy regarding Trudy. They were most heartening to Brian and family.

9. **50/50 Draw:** Sum of \$36 won by Buster, who graciously donated it to the anniversary fund.
10. **A Submariners' Prayer:** led by Rev. Harvey Waddell
11. **Motion to Adjourn at 21:10:** by Dusty Miller, seconded by Art Bodden, Motion Carried.
12. Next Monthly Meeting: 19:30 June 25, 2003 Senior Rates' Mess.
13. Next Exec. Meeting: 13:00 June 10, 2003 Centennial Legion Westphal.
14. Next Anniversary Meeting: Who and Where to be determined.

Note to **SAOC Anniversary 2004 reports above. With the absence of committee chair Gerry Sigrist at this meeting, much Anniversary information clouded the agenda and congests these minutes. For future agendas and for clarity, it is better that all discussions and decisions regarding the Anniversary be confined to the agenda's Anniversary report.