

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 26 JULY 2003

Venue "Escape Tower" Senior Rates Mess MOG 5

1. **Meeting called to Order at 14:00.** There being 57 present; 32 members and 27 guests. The chairman welcomed the ladies and members, remarking that it was good to see such a good turn out and that the meeting would be brief in order to have the maximum time for the BBQ which would commence at 15:00 if not sooner. The ladies were asked to sign the guest book which John Madison the archivist had brought out. It was noted that Tony Poynter who while not a member was a submariner well respected by his peers had passed away in Saskatchewan after a lengthy battle with cancer. A sympathy card had been sent to the family on behalf of the association; Members were then asked of pause for a moment of reflection for those members who had passed away and those, or family members suffering from various afflictions, with special thoughts attributed to Kay McVarnock and Eve Gordon.
2. **Chairman's Report:** It was noted that the Treasurer and Public Relations Rep. were both out of town, the Treasurer visiting family in the west and the PR Rep who works for BAE is on the west coast getting set up for HMCS Victoria's arrival, Victoria had recently passed through the Panama Canal Chairman went on to report on the opening of the new school which was well represented by members of the association, stating that Admiral Davidson certainly recognized the association for its support, the "Top Student" award was presented (this being an initiative of Central) by the Chairman; it is now displayed adjacent to the conference room in the submarine training section of the trainer. Attempts are being made to obtain pins of Grilse and Rainbow to add to the others on the board so that the nine boats are represented. Members were reminded that recently a number a photos had been located in what used to be the vault, these would in the future be sorted and displayed. Commissioning of HMCS Comer Brook, we had 2 members in attendance: Willie Waugh and Steve Higdon, Willie gave a brief report in which he stated that he was really impressed by the outstanding smartness of the crew quoting "Smart as a Guardsman" Willie then explained to the amusement of all how Steve asked Willie if he wanted his picture taken with the Admiral? Then asked would you like to have your picture taken with the Mayor of Comer Brook? Willie then stood by the Mayor; Steve then asked the Admiral if he would like his picture taken with the Mayor? Thus, Willie still being there; he had his picture of him with the Admiral. He went on to mention that he was pleased to see 2 female members of the crew who he understands are now qualified and wear "Dolphins".
3. **Minutes of June meeting:** It was stated that due to the executive being misinformed, there was an error in the name of the new school, it should read: Victoria Class Submarine Trainer. There being no other errors or omissions, motion to adopt made by Taff Jones seconded by Tex Ranger. Motion Carried.
4. **Old Business:** Presentation of commemorative plates, it is recommended that these be presented to Senior and Junior rates messes at the Christmas "Open House*" this was agreed to by those present.
5. **New Business:**
 - (a) A rum tasting, members are invited to a rum tasting festival to be held 14:00, Friday, 8 August at Windsor Park. Mess, free admission.
 - (b) Commissioning of HMCS Windsor, to take place at Jetty Bravo, on 27th or 28th September 2003.
 - (c) Retiree submariners as new members, we have not been diligent enough regards "who and when". The chairman has had discussions with MOG 5 Coxswain who

recommends that he arrange for the mess presidents to keep us informed of upcoming retirements.

(d) Anniversary 2004, good news in that association member, Cdr. Bill Woodburn, former commander submarine division, now commanding officer HMCS Montreal has given us a peek at the draft response to our request for the navy participate in the anniversary next year. Jerry Sigrist then gave a brief update on the progress of the anniversary committee and various initiatives to promote the event and raise funds being undertaken by Jerry Conway and Taff Jones. Commander Woodburn was given a vote of thanks by the members, for his efforts on our behalf during an extremely busy period.

(e) Members were informed by Soapy? That he had been talking to Roy Konrad who sends his regards to all.

(f) Comer Brook has supplied samples of: ball caps, T shirts, coins etc, which are available to purchase.

6. **A Submariners' Prayer:** Was gracefully led by Kathy Marcoux.

7. **50/50 Draw:** Was held \$52.50 won by Chooch Chatham.
Draw for Whale hanging won by Bill Layden

8. **Motion to Adjourn:** Made at 14:40 by Ernie Marcoux, seconded by Jerry Conway, Carried.

9. **Next Meeting:**

Monthly: 19:30, Wednesday 27 August 2003. Junior Rates Mess

Executive: 13:00, 12 August 2003. Centennial Br. RCL

Anniversary: 13:00 6 September 2003. RCNA Peregrine (to be confirmed later)

10. **BBQ:** A very enjoyable BBQ was then held thanks to the efforts of Beast (organizer), Shaun MacDougal (bartender) John Madison and Boyd Thomas (Chefs), Petty Officer Bruce Grainger (senior cook) and staff MOG 5. Dolphin Code 72A