

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 24 SEPTEMBER, 2003
VENUE 'ESCAPE TOWER' SENIOR RATE'S MESS

1. **Meeting called to order: 1945;** 38 members 2 new members and 5 guests; in attendance were: Jack Andrew; "Wiggy" Bennett; Mike Bidinost; "Art" Bodden; "Buster" Brown; "Bazoo" Byzewski; Ryan Conroy; Jerry Conway; "Skull" Crowell; "China" Doutre; "Beast Estabrooks; Bob Evans; Cliff Gariepy; Don Hood; Ray Hunt; Shane Irvine; Steve Jenner; Bill Kamermans; Cliff Killam; Bill Layden; Shaun MacDougal; "Dolphin 39" Madison; Ernie Marcoux; "Pony" Moore; Tony O'Hara; "Scott" Parsons; Conrad Petracowski; Bertie Phillips; Frank Ralph; "Tex" Ranger; Luc Rollin; Jerry Sigrist; John Smith; Boyd Thomas; "Soapy" Watson. New members: Roger "Boots" Beaupre; Jim "Lucky" Gordon. Guests: Tony Dawson; Isaac Hayes; Mike McConaghy; Rick Wilnoff; "Slinger" Wood.
2. **The Chairman** welcomed the members, new members and guests; remarking that some of us had been in the dark for years, therefore the power outage shouldn't bother us. Commenting it was good to see "Lucky" Gordon who had recently suffered the loss of his wife Eve, also Frank Ralph who had recently lost his son Michael, a "Thank You" card from Frank and family to the members for support he received, was then read. Members were then informed that "Teeny" O'Reilly, wife of JJ O'Reilly, had passed away in the early hours of the day. JJ, an ex Cox'n although not a submariner, is a great help to us in supplies to the secretary. It was also reported that Kay McVarnock is not in a good state of health. Members were then invited to rise for a moment of reflection. The chairman then stated his pleasure at seeing faces that had been missing for a while, Doctor John, 3 Coxswains in our midst; Shane Irvine; Kevin Crowell and Roger Beaupre. Going around the room, welcomed Tony "Dicky" Dawson, Isaac Hayes, "Slinger" Wood; asking to be forgiven if anyone was missed. He then informed members that he and the secretary had attended the retirement luncheon for Luc Rollin, where Luc was presented with first year membership. Commenting that several membership applications were passed out at the luncheon, one of which had already been returned by David "Chester" O'Connell.
3. **Minutes of Meeting 27 August:** One omission was reported by the secretary in the Dave Robinson was missing from the attendees, reminding members of the need to check off their names on the check list to prevent this happening; there being no other errors or omissions, Proposed by: "Tex" Ranger; seconded by Cliff Gariepy minutes be accepted. Motion Carried.
4. **Correspondence:** Afore mentioned Thank you card from Frank, also, letter of thanks from Ted Hirtle our website manager, this had been included in the newsletter.
5. **Reports:**
 - a) **Treasurer: Operating account:** \$2,304.49. Memorial fund \$90. Hospitality fund \$162. G. I. C's are approximately \$3600. Dues are starting to come in for 2004.
 - b) **Health/wellness and Slops:** Bumper stickers, "RCN Submariner Retired", "RN Submariner Retired" & "Submariners Do It Deeper" have been received from Pierre Doutre, Proposed by: Pierre Doutre; Seconded by: Cliff Gariepy that stickers be sold at a cost of \$1.00 each, proceeds to the anniversary fund. Motion Carried.
 - c) **PR:** Unable to attend, but reported to the chairman by phone: Chicoutimi undocks this week. Windsor docks mid to end of October, Victoria undergoing changes to group exhaust valves on the west coast.
 - d) **Anniversary:** Things are running along very well, a meeting with Admiral Davidson had been held, he was very receptive to the whole thing, did ask that some items be changed in the tentative program, parade on Friday instead of Sunday for example. Applications are starting to come in mostly from out of town, would like to start seeing some from local. \$ 2,000 that was loaned by two members to put the deposit for Pier 22 had been paid back to the members. The two members were thanked for their great support. Next anniversary meeting including the ladies committee, 18 October, RCNA Peregrine.
 - e) **Social:** BBQ, to be held 1700, Saturday 18 October, at a cost of \$8 per person, time being chosen to accommodate the anniversary committee who are meeting earlier in the afternoon. Bar opening at 1500. If you wish to attend please contact Keith (Beast) at 866-1609.

6. **A Break:** was called due to emergency lighting failure.
7. **Meeting Resumed:** The meeting resumed after Shane Irvine went down the boat to get some Chem-Lights.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a) Windsor Commissioning: members attending are requested to wear blazers with medals.
 - b) Christmas cards that "Pony" was conned into attempting to design. Two versions were shown each displaying an O-boat and a Victoria Class surface running side by side, one captioned Merry Christmas the other Season's Greetings, with suitable message inside, plus the association crest. Cost per card to produce 500 approx \$0.24 or 1,000 approx \$0.16. Motion to produce 1,000, to be priced at \$10 per pack of 10, proceeds to go to the anniversary fund. Made by: Bob Evans; seconded by "Boots" Beaupre. Motion Carried. "Pony" asked: which card was preferred or should it be a combination pack? Motion made by: "Boots" Beaupre; seconded by Cliff Garipey; that combination pack be made. Motion Carried.
9. **New Business:**
 - a) Ambush Print, currently Soapy Watson is having the print framed; at the 2003 May meeting it was decided to raffle the copy off to make money for the anniversary committee, it has been considered since by various other people that now that we have the print how can we all share it, along with all the other "Rabbits" that we are accumulating, the chairman was wondering if we should revisit that vote to raffle the print. Motion made by: Bill Kamermans; Seconded by: Frank Ralph; to defer until the AGM. Motion Carried.
 - b) Memberships categories: the suggestion made at last meeting by Jerry Conway, that Phil Wood, be approached with an offer of honorary membership. It was determined this would be contrary to C & BL's article 2.01 (memberships) which defines members as: Regular; Life (a member who has submitted dues for life) and Associate. It was suggested that Phil be written a letter of invitation to a meeting and seek his interest in joining as a Regular Member.
 - c) Chairman reminded members that there are many items held by the museum that need to be sorted and checked ready for display on the tri-walls, along with this is the McLeod memorial which is sitting there doing nothing; we want to get this put into the school as it is part and parcel of the memorial to Canadian's who have died in active service in Submarines. Volunteers are going to be needed to complete this task; contact John Madison at 435-5788 if you are available.
 - d) Steve Jenner passed around literature regarding a book to be published by SA (UK) Gatwick Branch. A copy is enclosed.
10. **50/50 Draw:** The sum of \$ 63 was won by: Don Hood, Don graciously donated \$40 of his winnings to the anniversary fund.
11. **A submariners Prayer:** was led by Father Frank.
12. **Adjourn:** Proposed by Frank Ralph; seconded by Bob Evans; that the meeting adjourn at 2100. Motion Carried.
13. **Next Meetings:**
 - a) Monthly: 1930. 29, October 2003, Junior Rates Mess MOG 5.
 - b) Exec: 1330. 15, October 2003, Centennial RCL.
 - c) Anniversary: 1300. 18, October 2003, RCNA Peregrine