

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING 28 JANUARY, 2004

VENUE - JR's MESS "JOLLY ROGER"

1930 Meeting called to order: There being 38 members, 1 new member and 1 guest. In attendance were: Roger Beaupre; Mike Bidinost; Art Bodden; Jerry Bourgeois; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Paul Connolly; Ryan Conroy; Jerry Conway; Kevin Crowell; Pierre Dautre; Roger Dube; Keith Estabrooks; Keith Griffin; Gordon Hamilton; Don Hardy; Don Hood; Ray Hunt; Steve Jenner; Taff Jones; Bill Kamermans; John Madison; Harry Martin; Pony Moore; Dave O'Connell; Greg Pease; Conrad Petrakowski; Bertie Phillips; Frank Ralph; Tex Ranger; Jerry Sigrist; John Smith; Paul Tolson; Soapy Watson; Willie Waugh; Tramp Yemen. New Member: Vernon Forrest. Guest: Bill Crockett (SAOC West).

The Chairman: Welcomed the members and guest, tendering apologies for the Treasurer who was unable to attend; however, dues would be accepted by the Secretary. He then reminded members of the "Tip" glass located on the bar. In ill health: Robbie Welsh either has recently had or is about to have further surgery for his ongoing problem, Dusty Miller suffering from Meniers disease, Pete Hagen with heart problems, John Clahane's Mother in Law recovering from heart attack, Kay McVarnock is responding well to Chemo treatment, Ernie Marcoux's sister in ill health; A moment of reflection was held with thoughts attributed to: Cpl. Jamie Murphy RCR and members or loved ones who have passed on.

Minutes of October Meeting: Members were asked if there were any errors or omissions, there being none. Motion made by Ryan Conroy, seconded by Tex Ranger that minutes be accepted as tendered. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

Out: Christmas cards to: Boats, MOG 5 Messes, Central, West, various UK branches, Windsor Park C&PO's Mess, RCNA Peregrine, RCL Centennial Branch, Canadian Association of Veterans in UN Peacekeeping, Emails to others including Australian, US and UK associations. A combination Christmas, Thank You card was sent to Jennifer Robb who deals with the Dockyard gate list on our behalf.

In: Christmas cards and email greetings.

Reports:

Chairman: Pointed out that the Commemorative plate was now mounted on the bulkhead behind him, these were well received by the messes, when asked if the Wardroom had also received one, members were reminded that there were only 2 available and these were presented to the messes that were used as meeting venues, he went on to report that George Byzewski had recently represented the SAOC by presenting the "Top Student Award" on behalf of Central to MS Thibeau. SM 6 Collage, reminder that the collage, HMS Ambush print and McLeod memorial are to be presented to the school this summer when the school is at steady state.

Treasurer not being available, Secretary reported that treasurer had stated that we were in good financial shape.

Secretary: Nothing to report at this time

Entertainment: 1. Now that "the Auction" is re-scheduled for March 20 at the Fleet Club, leaves us little space and resource in planning for February 13th "Wine and Cheese" function. Members were solicited and the consensus being that the "Wine and Cheese" be postponed until a later date. *(At the time of assembling these Minutes, it has since been suggested that a Wine and Cheese be incorporated with a Casino Night combined with a Mother's Day Basket raffle at Windsor Park)* **2.** As Manpower Co-ordinator for the Anniversary, asked members to think about volunteering for various tasks in the near future. He would like to draw up a list of volunteers at the March meeting.

Slops Rep: informed members that he had a quote for Association Lapel Pins of &1.95 +tax for a minimum order of 200, he would like to order 300 feeling certain that we would be able to sell that many with the anniversary, he pointed out that to do this it would require a vote in accordance with: By – Law for expenditure over \$500. Motion made by George Byzewski seconded by Taff Jones: that order be placed for 300 pins. Motion Carried.

PR. Rep: Gave an update on the state of the boats stating that *Windsor* was slated for a Basin Dive later this week, after which a few minor jobs were to be completed with hopes of getting to sea by the end of February. At this point he asked Bill Crockett if he would care to give an update on *Victoria*. Bill reported that all was going well.

Old Business:

- (a) Minutes on the website, members were reminded that all get minutes either by postal or electronic mail, in view of this was it necessary to have them on the website? Secretary stated that he had a problem with the fact that they were not password protected. John Clahane stated that minutes not being protected, was an oversight, he would arrange with the webmaster that this be corrected. Many members requested that minutes continue to be available on the website, therefore they will remain available, password protected.
- (b) Work parties for the school and museum, help working on the museum is required to have the submarine section brought up to par before the anniversary. Also, in the Admin. Building which is now the Submarine Section Administration part of the school, in the old pay office vault there is a bunch of black and white photos that we will be looking at, (John Madison is working very diligently putting together albums for the archives which we hope to get on display) also the display cabinet in the gangway of MOG 5 needs to be retrofitted this is the sort of help being sought.

New Business:

- (a) Engraving and presentation of Central's "Top Student" Award. The chairman stated that he would discuss arrangements with George Sullivan in Ottawa.
- (b) Proposed by Bill Kamermans that we place an Ad' (SAOC (East)) being supportive to a Minor Hockey Team in a tournament scheduled in March. (Cost \$86.00) Bill noted that the team will be playing at a minimum, 12 games, and that in addition to local competition, some are scheduled for out of town and as far away as Yarmouth. "Good publicity for the Anniversary!!" Motion made by Bill Kamermans, seconded by Bert Phillips. Motion carried.

Anniversary: The anniversary chairman stated that: "The Committee' meets once a month and are working very hard. Not seeing too much coming from other people as yet. To give some idea as to why we are holding various things such as the auction to raise money, we worked out a bit of a budget we are charging \$ 85 per head for 4 days of events with a food venue on every day. This is working out to about \$ 70 a head, so we have to raise extra money. We want to put on good entertainment. We already have the Stadacona Band 18 piece combo for the ball at a cost of \$100 per musician and also want to put on other entertainment. Regarding the souvenir pamphlet, unfortunately no response has been received from businesses that were solicited as advertising sponsors. Cheques are starting to come in for reservations, mostly from away from the area. Response from branch members is slow. Members are urged to get their applications and money in, you are reminded that there is an "Early Bird" draw for those submitted by the end of April. Members were urged to talk to friends and pass out the Who, Where, When and Why, it is intended to have a card available for members to hand to these people giving them the Website address and contact information."

Buster explained at length, possible reasons for lack of response by corporations, and also his dismay at lack of response from the RCL Provincial Command, let alone acknowledgement. He suggested that the package to corporations be revamped and sent again and that letters be sent to individual branches of RCL in the immediate HRM area. An article will be published in the March issue of the Legion Magazine giving a very brief history of Canadian Submarine Service from 1954 to the present day. The article shall also feature an assortment of photos.

Taff Jones reported that the Christmas basket that the ladies put together raised \$890 clear. These monies are for the use of the ladies for their meet and greet of other ladies and ladies entertainment programs.

We are hoping to have an auction on Saturday March 20th at the Fleet Club. Doors open at 1400, auction from 1500 to 1800. At the moment there are about 15 items donated. This is nowhere near enough. We need at least twice as much as that and more. We are not looking for expensive products or services. Things in the \$20 to \$30 range are excellent. Items must be brought to the February Meeting at the latest. Members were informed that "appeal for auction items" letters have been printed and were distributed. Members were urged to take these to

business places where they do business. Monies raised will be used for entertainment. The more we raise, the better the entertainment.

So, IT'S UP TO YOU TO DO YOUR BIT!

50/50 Draw was then held the winner of \$42 being Mike Bidinost.

Submariners Prayer: Led by Father Frank.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Pony Moore, seconded by Ryan Conroy, Motion Carried

Future Meetings:

Monthly Meeting: 1930, 25 February, 2004 C & PO's Mess, MOG 5

Executive Meeting: 1300, 9 February, 2004 RCL Centennial Branch

Anniversary Meeting: 1330 21 February, 2004 RCNA Peregrine.