

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 29 SEPTEMBER 2004

### VENUE-SENIOR RATES MESS MOG 5

**Meeting Called to Order at 1930:** There being 38 members and 1 guest; in attendance were: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; Pierre Doutre; John Drake; Roger Dube; Keith Estabrooks; Bob Evans, Eddie Farrelly; Gordon Hamilton; Ian Hughes; Ray Hunt; Steve Jenner; Taff Jones; Bill Kamermans; Roy Konrad; George Lane; Bill Layden; Dave Logan; Ed Loveless; Shaun MacDougall; John Madison; Ian Mitchell; Pony Moore; Bryan Noble; Dave O'Connell; Tony Palmer; Eric Parsons; Roy Pepper; Conrad Petrakowski; Frank Ralph; Brum Tovey; Topsy Turner; Soapy Watson; Willie Waugh. Guest: Art Champagne. Secretary informed members that the Chairman was en-route from attending a funeral in PEI and he would be late in arriving. As two members had later commitments on completion of meeting, the Secretary considered to get the meeting underway.

**Secretary:** welcomed the members; reminding them to check off on the attendance list; and to not forget the "Tip" glass for the bartender. He then informed the members that Bill Layden's sister had recently passed away; members: Bruce Bennett; Robbie Welsh and Paul Dube with health problems; (George Byzewski informed the members, that Paul was improving and was now recovering at home) Jerry Sigrist in hospital following surgery; Jerry's daughter in Newfoundland also in ill health; non-member Tom McVarnock's wife Kay's health deteriorating. Members were invited to rise for a moment of reflection on these and any others or loved ones suffering from various afflictions.

**Minutes of July Meeting:** There being no errors or omissions, motion by Ray Hunt, seconded by George Byzewski, that the minutes be adopted as tabled. **Motion Carried.**

#### **Correspondence:**

**In:** Several letters, cards, and e-mails containing BZ's for Anniversary: Fred Atkinson /Manchester Br; Deen Brown & Gumba in the States; Jim Burnett /West; Alvin Carriere; Ken Collins /Barrow Br.; Tom Goddard; Yorky Gowthorpe; Ray Hunt; Steve Jenner; Dicky Lake; Brian Lapierre; Ron MacAlpine; Bruce MacLean; Geoff Meek; Ray Middleton; Bert Phillips; Gilles Poirier, Sandy Sadler; Doc Scott; Glenn Steen; George Sullivan; Ross Webb and others. Letter of thanks from: Ernest Harris regarding being granted membership.

**Out:** Letters of acknowledgement to: Maritime Campus Store; Chief of Staff for Marlant, Stadacona Band; Base Commander; ComCanfltant; MOG5; Comdt. CFNOS for S/m School; Fleet Club.

#### **Reports:**

**Secretary:** 2 new members: Dermot Mulholland (transfer from Central); Leslie Richards; rejoined: Paul Renner.

**Treasurer:** Expenditures of: Slops \$845.00; 25 Dolphin Pins \$187.50; Secretarial supplies totalling: \$70.98. Leaving, the operating account with a balance of: \$790.18. Reminded members that dues are coming up.

**Health /Wellness & Slops:** Stated that we are overstocked on 'T' shirts and ball caps; (231 white 'T' shirts; 38 S/m target 'T' shirts and 67 ball caps). After a brief discussion, Motion by George Byzewski; Seconded by John Madison: To reduce stock by selling 'T' shirts @ \$5 each or 2 for \$8, ball caps @ \$10 each plus shipping. **Motion Carried.** Second Motion by: Keith Estabrooks; seconded by: Bill Kamermans that should excess shirts still remain at time of AGM consideration be given to donating them to Disaster Relief. **Motion Carried.**

**Social:** Reminded members that the AGM is followed by a "Pot Luck", requesting that members let him know soonest what they intend to bring in order that we do not have an overage of some items and a shortage of others.

**PR:** (Absent) Nil report.

**Old Business:** Pattern for Association Badge: Secretary informed members that this continues to be looked into by John Clahane, who has a local contact for a pattern maker. In his absence, deferred to October meeting.

**New Business:**

(a) Nominating Committee: Volunteers for this odious task were sought. **THE SILENCE WAS DEAFENING!**

(b) Members were reminded that submission of proposals or items for discussion at the AGM should be submitted in writing NLT the October monthly meeting. Reminded members: that IAW the C & BL's, submissions from the floor are not acceptable.

(c) A request was made for a serving senior rate to volunteer to lay the wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony. Brum Tovey stated that he would be honoured to do this. Further to this, the preference of whether to take part in ceremonies at Grand Parade or Point Pleasant (assuming they are held at Point Pleasant) was sought. **Point Pleasant** was the overwhelming choice.

**A.O.B:** Topsy Turner commented that after the success of the anniversary in which we had a block of members from Barrow and other places attending, would it be an idea to reciprocate in some way? e.g: the Sidon Memorial dedication next year. This was considered a good thought in view of there being RCN members of Sidon crew. It was suggested that this be deferred to a later meeting. (Secretary's note: The Sidon Memorial Dedication is to be held 19 June 2005 at Portland)

**A Short Break:** was called to allow use of facilities and refresh beverages.

**Meeting Resumed:** The Secretary introduced guest Art Champagne apologising for not introducing him to the members at the opening of the meeting. Art was greeted with a round of applause. The Secretary then handed the meeting to the Chairman.

**Chairman's Report:** The chairman thanked the members and apologized for his delay. Reported: Full report of Anniversary to be tabled at the October meeting. Committee Chairman Jerry Sigrist unavailable due to surgery. At the conclusion of the report it is anticipated that a detailed financial statement shall be presented following which, any residual funds will be transferred to the Treasurer for inclusion in the Association's funds. At a post mortem Anniversary Committee meeting 8 September, it was moved and carried unanimously: "To forward to SAOC Central soonest a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 in compensation for their \$1,000 grant in the very early stages of planning for Anniversary 2004". So since done. He went on to inform members that he had received a letter from J "Deen" Brown, Deputy State Commander, CT. US Submarine Veterans World War 2 which he read to the members. Included was a Thank You card and a check donation of US \$ 200. (It is intended to have a copy of this letter in the "Trade" which with any luck accompanies these minutes) The Chairman then read his written response to Deen, which included proposals as to how the donation could be utilized. This was greeted with a round of applause.

Therefore, Moved by Pony Moore, seconded by Ray Hunt: "That this money be placed in the SAOC East Memorial Fund and that any donations made using this money be accompanied with the acclamation : "As a joint contribution on behalf of SAOC East and Thames Chapter of the US Submarine Veterans of WW2." Motion Carried.

The Chairman then apprised the members of letters of thanks (Out Correspondence above) sent by him on behalf of the association for their outstanding assistance and contributions to making the anniversary a success. As a sample, the letter to COS was read, followed by congratulations and thanks received from the CMS, VAdm. Bruce MacLean.

**50/50:** Was then held, the winner of \$ 40 being Topsy Turner who graciously donated \$20 to the Memorial Fund.

**Submariners Prayer:** Father Frank Ralph informed members that he had earlier this day conversed with Tom McVarnock, who informed him of Kay's deteriorating condition, Frank asked the members to join him in a prayer for Kay. He then led the members in a Submariners Prayer.

**Motion to Adjourn:** made at 2020 by: Bob Evans; Seconded by: Billy Kamermans. **Motion Carried.**

### **Future Meetings:**

**Executive:** 1300, Tuesday 19 October, 2004. C&PO's Mess Windsor Park

**Monthly Meeting:** 1930, 27 October, 2004. J.R.'s Mess MOG5

**Annual General Meeting (AGM):** 1300, Saturday 04 December 2004 S.R.'s Mess MOG5