

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 27 OCTOBER, 2004

VENUE JUNIOR RATES MESS MOG 5

Meeting Called to Order at 1930: There being 35 members and 1 guest in attendance: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; Jim Brannen; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Bob Evans; Chuck Forrest, Cliff Gariepy; Keith Griffin; Lucky Gordon; Stu Hall; Bill Harris; Don Hood; Ray Hunt; Shane Irvine; Steve Jenner; Billy Kamermans; Bill Layden; John Madison; Ernie Marcoux; Dusty Miller; Pony Moore; John O'Dwyer; Roy Pepper; Gilles Poirier; Tex Ranger; Jerry Sigrist; Carey Ann Stewart; Boyd Thomas; Topsy Turner; Soapy Watson; Willie Waugh. Guest: Kathy Marcoux (in attendance to provide an update on ladies' activities). The Chairman welcomed everyone, and seldom-seen members Tony Halvorson, Lucky Gordon, Keith Griffin and Jimmy Brannen. Special mention: Shane Irvine and Chuck Forrest (Chicoutimi) who received an enthusiastic round of applause. Members were reminded of the "Tip" jar for the bartender and the attendance list tick-off. Members were then invited to pause for a moment of reflection. Lt. Saunders and crew of HMCS Chicoutimi, Father Frank Ralph ailing with double pneumonia, Paul Dube re-admitted to hospital, Kay McVarnock in deteriorating health and loved ones suffering from various afflictions.

Minutes of September Meeting: The Secretary reported: 2 errors. The names of Ian Hughes and Roy Konrad were incorrectly spelled, also stated that there was a possibility that some members shown were not actually in attendance as check marks on the attendance list were found to be incorrectly placed. Motion that minutes be adopted by: Dusty Miller; Seconded by: Roy Pepper. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

Out: Sympathy card to family of Lt. Saunders.

Thank you letters Mr. & Mrs. John Heard (carvings),
Peacock-Serge Lamirande for Pete Southern

In: Several condolences (e-mail)- Saunders family and crew of Chicoutimi.

Letter from Bob Foster, MRU to attend Anniversary. In the US welcoming his son
(Major ,US Army) returning from a year in Afghanistan.
OPORD HMCS Scotian- Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Reports:

Chairman: Stressed to the members that as several individuals have been, or may be approached by the media regarding Chicoutimi, comments that could deter from our Constitution (in support of the Canadian Submarine Service) are a personal opinion and not that of the Association. Trident newspaper, the chairman explained to the members, that the association is billed \$ 50 plus tax for memorial tribute at Remembrance and Battle of Atlantic Sunday. These costs aid in allowing Trident in providing free subscriptions as well as financial assistance to the MFRC.

Treasurer: Reminded members that 2005 dues are coming up. As of October 25, balance of \$ 546, in the operating account, \$ 460 in the Memorial Fund (which includes the WW2 vets US \$200 donation) and \$ 260 in the Hospitality account for a total of \$ 1, 268.96 excluding \$ 3,800 plus in G. I. C's. Motion to accept the financial report made by: Tex Ranger; Seconded by: Dusty Miller. Motion Carried.

Secretary: Reported 3 new members: John (Bob) Barrett; Rodney (Rod) Lake and Donald Courcy.

Health Wellness/ Slops: Lapel Pins; Tee Shirts, Ball Caps available...but weren't.

Social: Reminded members that it would be greatly appreciated in giving advanced notice of intended contributions for the "Pot Luck" following the AGM December 4. Both hot and/or cold dishes are acceptable.

PR: The rep was out of town on business, therefore update on the association badge pattern was further deferred.

Submaidens: Kathy Marcoux informed the members that it is intended to create a Christmas Basket with tickets for sale. Ticket Sellers are required, so if members or their ladies can help out, please contact Kathy at 462-4778.

Old Business:

- (a) Remembrance Day Ceremony. The association will attend Point Pleasant Park. (dress: SAOC blazer and medals) Bob Evans has organized the Wreath. Attendees are asked to meet at the canteen at 1015. Brum Tovey has volunteered to lay the Wreath. It was noted that the OPORD issued by HMCS Scotian includes a Colour

Party. Members were asked if our two standards should be paraded and if so, volunteers were required. "BZ" to George Byzewski and Terry Chatham who quickly volunteered their services. A reception to be held at HMCS Scotian on completion as well as WP C&PO's Mess and RCNA Peregrine.

- (b) Members were reminded that 27 October, 2004 was the cut off date for submission of proposals for the AGM, mail in and email proposal cut off date Wednesday, November 3, 2004.
- (c) Nominating Committee: Dusty Miller and John Madison are co-chairs for the committee, Dusty reminded the members that anyone may nominate themselves or any other member for any position on the executive, please contact him at 455-9494 or email jdustysr@hfx.eastlink.ca or John at 435-5788 jmad861@eastlink.ca Nominations from the floor are acceptable.

New Business:

- (a) Saunders Trust: The chairman stated of the difficulties presented. Normally the memorial fund makes a donation of \$ 25 to the charity of choice in memory of deceased members. But because of the magnitude of events leading to the death of Lt. Saunders and the fact that Lt. Saunders was not a member, the executive committee had previous lengthy discussions on the matter. Various factors had to be considered regarding a decision and it was decided to present it to the members for resolve at the October meeting. After a great many suggestions and extremely lengthy discussion, proposed by John Madison, seconded by Topsy Turner: That a donation of \$ 500 be made from the memorial fund (fund as earlier reported at \$460.00). Personal donations were then contributed for a total of \$432.00.
- (b) Secretary announced Christmas cards for sale @ \$3 per pack of 5, after recovering 50% of cost of materials used, proceeds to go to the memorial fund.

Presentation: By Shane Irvine and Chuck Forrest both of HMCS Chicoutimi; Presented the "Shovel" It was in Faslane locked up and supposedly not available for theft. Somebody made the mistake of mentioning that it was there, and so Shane accepted the challenge and liberated it. On behalf of Chicoutimi and the thieves of Chicoutimi it gave Shane great pleasure in presenting it for the wall. Shane went on to explain that Canada Customs in Newfoundland were confused and questioned why he was carrying a shovel in a golf bag. Shane went on to say, that he really wanted to thank the association, the navy and the people of Canada from the crew of Chicoutimi, for the support shown to them. Shane and Chuck were rewarded with a heartfelt round of applause.

Anniversary Report: Anniversary Chairman Jerry Sigrist gave a very complete and detailed final report in thanking the committee, donors and all those involved. He then presented the final financial report stating that the Anniversary Bank Account had been closed out and presented a money order for a balance of \$12,298.31 to the chairman.

Proposed by Jerry Sigrist; Seconded by Tex Ranger: That the Anniversary report and financial report be accepted as tabled and that the Anniversary Committee be dissolved as of 27 October, 2004. Motion Carried
The Chairman then on behalf of the membership thanked Jerry and the members of the committee for an outstanding job.

Finally, Jerry Sigrist then proposed that in light of the recent tragedy aboard Chicoutimi, the Anniversary donation of 250 pounds (\$631.00) be returned to the ship's company. In response, Shane Irvine stated that the submarine's welfare finances were stable and that the entire donation should remain with the association for any activities or purposes that the association may wish to pursue.

10 minute Stand Easy -

50/50 Draw: Winner of \$ 62.50 Keith Griffin

Any Other Business: Clarification was sought by George Byzewski of the earlier motion made on the Saunders Trust that: "Were the personal donations amounting to \$432.00 in addition to the \$500.00 from the Memorial Fund or as subsidizing the \$40.00 shortage in the Memorial Fund?" The Treasurer's response was that the personal donations were to be directed to the Memorial Fund as previously passed. Much discussion and vocal misunderstanding of the motion then ensued with much unrest, after which the Chairman was obliged to rule as follows: Both, the \$500.00 proposal and the \$432.00 personal donations be forwarded as two separate checks, each made payable by (1), the Association and (2), by members (of the Association).

The Submariners Prayer: Led eloquently by Willie Waugh.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Ernie Marcoux; Seconded by Tex Ranger. Meeting Adjourned

Future Meetings:

Executive Meeting: 1300, Tuesday, 23 November, 2004. C & PO's Mess, Windsor Park

AGM: 1330, Saturday, 4 December, 2004. Senior Rates Mess, MOG 5

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