

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD JANUARY 26, 2005.

VENUE JUNIOR RATES MESS

1930 Meeting Called to Order: There being 31 members; in attendance were: Pierre Alarie; "Buster" Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Paul Dube; Keith Estabrooks; Bob Evans; Ray Hunt; Shane Irvine; Bill Kamermans; Cliff Killam; Shaun MacDougall; John Madison; Brian McEachern; John Meehan; "Dusty" Miller; "Pony" Moore; "Chester" O'Connell; Gilles Poirier; Wayne Presley; Frank Ralph; "Tex" Ranger; John Smith; Boyd Thomas; Paul Tolson; "Brum" Tovey; Paul Turner; "Soapy" Watson.

The Chairman: Welcomed the members stating how pleased he was the so many faces including Wayne Presley and especially Paul Dube. He then informed members of the Memorial Service for Bill Ritchie which was well attended by members of the association. Members were reminded to tick off on the attendance list; and to not forget the "Tip" bowl for the bartender. Chairman then asked the members to rise for a moment of tribute to Bill Ritchie; Charlie Orr, fatality MM2/ P02 Joe Ashley aboard USS *San Francisco*, Roger Beaupre's mother; with thoughts to members or loved ones suffering from various afflictions.

Minutes of October Meeting: Chairman asked: were there any errors or omissions? There being none. Motion by: Tex Ranger. Seconded by: Frank Ralph; That minutes be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

In: Christmas Cards from other Associations and friends of the association. Cards received were then passed around for viewing.

Out: Email and Sympathy Card to the family of Bill Ritchie, Christmas cards as previously mentioned.

Reports:

Chair: Due to numbers attending meetings getting greater, it was decided at the January Exec meeting that the practice of going "around the room" for "Any Other Business" be replaced by a show of hands by members instead.

Treasurer: Reported \$3,734 in the operating account and \$500 in the memorial fund for a bank balance of \$ 4,234 plus \$15,000 in G.I.C's. He went on to state that he was going to drop what is called the hospitality fund as it is part of the operating account, the Memorial fund will still be separate but is in the same account.

Secretary: Informed members he hoped to have the next newsletter out with the March monthly meeting minutes. He asked that anyone with contributions for the newsletter forward them to him. Mailings to members: secretary stated that for some time now we have been mailing minutes, newsletters etc. to members who had not paid their dues, on the theory that if they are getting the mail they will be encouraged to pay their dues. This has not worked, therefore will be discontinued. Sending correspondence to members who do not pay their dues is a disservice to the members that do. The current printing of C & BL's it states dues should be paid by January 31, this is an error, it should be December 31. With a one month a grace period, for dues in the mail possibly not arriving by December 31. Because of this error, for this year anyone whose dues have not been received by February 28 will be removed from the mailing list. Future years will be January 31.

Health/Wellness & Slops: Nothing to report.

Social: Reminded members that a Wine and Cheese social evening will be held at 1900 Friday, 11 February in the Senior Rates Mess MOG 5, cost \$8 per person, guests are welcome. Those wishing to attend; please let Keith know by 8 February at the latest. Phone: 866-1609. Or Pony 434-6997 email mead@accesswave.ca . There is a proposal to

have a Mess Dinner for association members only, July 14, 2005 in the new C&PO's mess Stadacona, more discussion on this will take place at a later date, to this point it is only a thought for members to consider.

PR: Reported not too much going on, Chicoutimi in good shape on its way across, has had to head further south to dodge bad weather is now expected to arrive Halifax Monday, 31 January. Believed to be going to Bedford Basin, # 6 Buoy where it will be for about two days for undocking and tow to the dockyard.

Website: Unfortunately, the website guestbook being open to anyone, they can go in there and make rude or improper comments, every effort is made to clean these out. On one occasion a hacker got into the page with pop ups that locked everything up, it was removed but he was back again the next day, the page is now locked up so that this person can no longer do that.

Note: From Webmaster; Due to excessive problems with our friendly hacker we have had to take our guestbook down completely. hope to have it backup and running soon. This was not part of the minutes of this meeting but info all members should know.

Mould Pattern for association crest: Lucky Gordon has taken on this task, he displayed his progress to date with a laser burned pattern stating that he would now be moving to carving tools, hoping to have in completed in about a month.

Old Business: SAOC Funeral Service, as mentioned at a previous meeting. With many members getting advanced in years it would be desirable to have a funeral service along the lines as used by RCL, Father Frank Ralph informed the members that has was working on two services, one for a funeral service the other for a memorial service pretty much along the lines as used by the Legion but with modification suitable to Submariners. This being a work in progress, more information will be available at a future meeting.

Soap Stone Carvings: The 3 carvings are presently being held for sale by a store in Historic Properties on consignment, it was intended to discuss whether these should be left there. However, it was decided to delay discussion until Taff Jones was present, he and his wife Suzanne being the donors of one.

New Business: Video's of Anniversary Parade: The Chair informed the members that he had received from Public Affairs a VHS, mini DVD tape and DVD recordings of the parade. These have been cleverly edited by removing the fun parts "cock ups." It was intended to view it on completion of the meeting, under the impression that a VHS player was available. Only to find that the mess has a DVD player of course, the DVD CD wasn't brought to the meeting. It is intended to have copies made.

PO2 Ashley USS *San Francisco*: The Chair asked were all aware that PO Ashley died aboard San Francisco when she collided with an underwater mountain? He then gave a brief update on what happened and the reaction of US SUB VETS. There is a Scholarship fund established to the benefit of the Akron Ohio High School which PO Ashley attended (PO Ashley was unmarried) In view of the outstanding donations made by US SUB VETS to the Saunders Trust, the Chair suggested that it behoves us to reciprocate, bearing in mind that we could not hope to equal their contribution with our submarine population relative to the US. We have not made a move on this to this point. At the Executive meeting it was felt that we should wait and have a discussion with the members. After the members discussed several suggestions. Shane Irvine on behalf of HMCS Chicoutimi donated \$200. Proposed by: Dusty Miller; Seconded by: John Clahane that the association match Chicoutimi donation of \$200 plus a whip round. Motion Carried.

A whip round raised \$200; Shaun MacDougall on behalf of HMCS Corner Brook donated \$100. For a total donation of: \$700. (*since these Minutes were printed, Windsor has been approached for their participation*)

A.O.B.

Proposed by: Brum Tovey: Seconded by Dusty that a thank you letter be sent to Ted Hirtle for his efforts clearing the Website of viruses and assistance given to various members. Motion Carried. The Chairman undertook to do this.

Shane Irvine informed the members that Chicoutimi Quebec has invited crew members to attend their Winter Carnival, 10 crew members will be attending.

Upcoming retirements: Mike Wigger January 28, 2005 and Cliff Gariepy 18 February 2005 both to be held C & PO's Mess MOG 5

50/50 Won by Boyd Thomas

A Submariners Prayer: was offered led by Frank Ralph

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Dusty Miller; Seconded by: John Clahane.

Future Meetings:

Executive: 1300, Tuesday, 8 February, 2005. C & PO's Mess, Windsor Park

Monthly: 1930, Wednesday, 23 February, 2005. Senior Rates Mess, MOG 5