

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2005

### VENUE SENIOR RATES MESS MOG 5

**1930 Meeting Called to Order:** There being 21 members; 1 new member; and 2 Guests; in attendance were: Pierre Alarie; "Buster" Brown; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Don Hood; Steve Jenner; Bill Kamermans; Brian Lapierre; Bill Layden; Shaun MacDougall; John Madison; "Dusty" Miller; "Pony" Moore; John O'Dwyer; Tony Palmer; Eric Parsons; Conrad Petrakowski; John Smith; "Soapy" Watson. New member: Ken McMillan. Guests: Tony Fee; Mark VanderHayden.

**Chairman:** Led the members in singing "Happy Birthday" to John Madison (age: 39 yet again). Announced that: "The heads had vanished. . . disappeared but if need be, there's a portable bog on the jetty!" He then welcomed the members stating his pleasure at the turn out during predicted bad weather; special welcome to Ken McMillan who was joining, then reminded the members to not forget the "Tip" jar, and to check off on the attendance list. Informed that member Cliff Gariepy had retired from the service on 18 February and Mike Wigger had been given retirement membership earlier in the month. Then informed that the Mothers of Roger Beaupre Coxswain of Windsor and Pete Hagen Coxswain of Victoria had both passed away from cancer in the last month; L.S. Leblanc lost overboard from HMCS Montreal. Tony Gowthorpe in hospital after heart surgery\*\* Members were invited to rise for a moment of reflection and any others or loved ones suffering from various afflictions.

\*\* Later in the evening, the secretary at home received from Tony's wife Barbara, sad news that Tony had passed away in the early hours of 23 February 2005.

**Minutes of January Meeting:** The Chairman asked: were there any errors or omissions? There being none: Moved by: "Dusty" Miller; seconded by: Pierre Doutre that minutes be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

#### **Correspondence:**

**Out:** Letter to family of MM2 Joseph Ashley USN. Sympathy cards to Roger Beaupre and Pete Hagan. "Thinking of you" card to Tony Gowthorpe. Email to Dorset branch Submariners Association requesting updated information Re: Sidon Memorial dedication.

**In:** Thank you card from the family of Bill Ritchie. Reply to request for information Re: Sidon memorial. Report from Shane Irvine Re: Ashley trust. Secretary also had personal emails and phone calls with the family of Tony Gowthorpe.

#### **Reports:**

**Chair:** Welcomed late arrival out-of-town guests Tony Fee & Mark VanderHeyden. **Ashley Trust:** members were reminded that Shane Irvine had undertaken to coordinate the fundraising for the Ashley Trust as he has a US bank account in simplifying the transfer of funds. As Shane was in Ottawa, it was reported that a money order had been sent. Contributions: MOG 5 C & PO's Mess \$ 200, Windsor's wardroom & C & PO's \$150, Corner Brook \$ 100; Chicoutimi \$200; SAOC \$200 & "Whip round" \$200. **Grand total: \$1050Cdn/\$836.92 US.** It is understood that Pete Hagan is also getting Victoria's crew together for a donation, that SAOC West had already sent a donation of \$300 US and Central will be deciding on a donation at their next meeting. The Chairman then read part of the accompanying letter to the Ashley family that relayed our response as fellow submariners by the US SUBVETS and their donation(s) to the Saunders Trust. **Funeral Service:** the Chair went on to inform members that Father Frank Ralph could not be at the meeting due to parish duties, but that he has prescribed a Submariner's funeral/memorial service similar to the objectivity of the R.C. Legion service, for future presentation for the membership's consideration.

**Stone Carvings:** They (3) are at the "Atlantic Emporium", Privateers Wharf for sale and remain an asset of the association. Chairman concluded by announcing that the CSD, Cdr. Steve Virgin had been awarded the US Meritorious Service Medal.

**Treasurer:** Nil report. The Treasurer was absent due to illness.

**Secretary:** Reported that he had printed a revised version of **C & BL's**. They were distributed to members present and the remainder to be mailed out with the current Minutes.

**Membership:** as of February 23, 2005, total of membership cards issued to date 209; consisting of: Paid 84; Life 44; Other 2; Deceased 5; Resigned 3; Transferred to West 3; Delinquent 2004 or longer 27; Delinquent 2005 43. Defining a member as one who has paid his/her current dues; membership stands at 128.

**Social:** Wine and Cheese went well; a lot of people who had not stated their intent turned up, also others who had did not turn up; so, it worked out in the end. A small profit was shown. Next social event will be May or June, but June looks dicey as rep intends going to UK for Sidon Memorial in June.

**Slops:** Reminded members that crests can be put on sweaters etc at individual request; quite a few pin sets, ball caps, Jolly Roger and association pins, dolphins, knives available. Displayed 2 ties seeking opinions as to most suitable as association tie, is attempting to get a cost for having them made.

**PR:** Reported not a whole lot going on submarine wise. Web Site: has been updated with latest minutes etc. Ted has been putting a lot of time into the webpage we have had a hacker constantly causing problems with the Guest Book, Guest Book has been temporarily shut down and hopefully, the hacker will get discouraged. With luck it will be back in business in a couple of weeks. "Dusty" Miller stated that technicians and programmers are paid in the region of \$60 plus an hour. He then made the motion that a cheque for \$50 be forwarded to Ted in the letter of thanks that was decided upon at the January meeting. Motion seconded by Tony Palmer. Motion Carried.

**Archivist:** Informed members that copies of the Anniversary Parade DVD were being made, he had 15 available at this time at a cost of \$2.50. The DVD would be played for members to view during the break.

**50/50** Was then drawn, Pierre Dautre being the winner of \$38

**A 20 minute break:** the Anniversary Parade DVD was shown. (We were very smart)

**Old/Outstanding Business:** The Chairman explained that there was some outstanding business that was not discussed at the last meeting due to time taken regarding costs of producing the DVD's.

**RCN Centennial in the year 2010:** Chairman stated that there was an initiative in Hamilton considering that Onondaga be included with HMCS Haida. A further initiative is the possibility of a Mr. Rick Welsford of Bridgewater, owner of Fraser and Cormorant, by adding Onondaga and a Sea King helo in constructing a theme park display. If . . . if, this should transpire, the association might wish to get involved but it all remains to be seen.

**Year of the Veteran:** Veterans Affairs have declared this year the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW2; the year of the Veteran, with the week preceding Remembrance Day as the Week of the Veteran. They are encouraging organizations such as ours to participate. Chairman stated his we might give it a rest as we had successfully achieved our goal with Anniversary 2004 due to 2 years of hard work. However, if there were any ideas, they would be welcomed if anyone wishes to run with it.

**Sidon Memorial:** Secretary had been in touch with Dorset branch SA (UK) and received updated information. Members were informed that the 16 June, 05 dedication will combine with other events during the International Military and Veterans Week 11-17 June, 2005, jointly conducted by Portland and Weymouth. Anyone wishing to attend and requires accommodations, should get reservations soonest. Keith Estabrooks and "Lucky" Gordon have offered to run with this. Information available from: Keith at 866-1609.

The February executive meeting dealt with much discussion on finances.  
Determinations/  
proposals/recommendations:

## **New Business:**

(a) to simplify accounting requirements, that the "Memorial" fund be dissolved and the balance be included in the operating account.

(b) Incident donations: a cap of \$200 per incident plus a "Whip Round" by the members.

(c) Memorial donations to the memory of deceased members to a value of \$25. and hospitalization for prolonged periods: flowers, fruit basket etc. also \$25. Chairman asked for discussion of the above.

Among a number of several members, Conrad Petrakowski questioned whether \$25 was a sufficient amount for flowers etc. at today's prices? He pointed out that if he was to take a \$25 bunch of flowers to his wife at the cost of them today, she would probably ask "Where's the rest of them?" The Chairman agreed to take this under advisement for the next executive meeting.

Billy Kamermans moved for an interim vote on a \$200 donation cap and members' "whip round" (tragic incidents e.g. Saunders/Ashley) with a view to amend and add to the By-Laws at the 2005 AGM?

After much debate and the conclusion that the By-Laws were inappropriate as the document for such a proposal the discussion then led to a motion that instead, "a formal set of Financial Guidelines be established that would regulate ALL forms of donations." These would include (1) "a \$200 donation cap and members' "whip round" per incident; (2) a TBD donation cap as per max. allowed regarding member long-term hospitalization, and (3) max. donation to charities/ foundations/ flowers etc. as per a member Obituary invitation. This shall be reviewed by the Exec Committee at the March meeting and recommendations be presented to members at the 30<sup>th</sup> March General Meeting. Motion seconded by: Tony Palmer. Motion Carried.

## **A.O.B.**

1. Terry Chatham asked if the executive would present to the membership, "Ideas and proposals regarding the allocation of funds, i.e. bursaries, charities, social events, long-term goals, etc.", as a result of the significant increase to our operating account following SAOC Anniversary 2004. The Chairman responded in saying that the desire was to do so as early as last October, but the delay is caused by needed communication, the incompleteness of the entire executive committee at recent exec meetings, along with personal priorities and time availability. A presentation will soon be forthcoming which should fuel discussion and the opportunity for any suggestions from the membership is strongly encouraged.

2. Steve Jenner informed members that there would be a sequel to his book Ambrosia (Scrap book of 6 SM) dits or photos would be appreciated.

**Prayer:** A Submariners' Prayer was led by Birthday Boy, John Madison.

**Motion to Adjourn:** 2045 Moved by: Pierre Doutre; Seconded by: Bill Layden: That meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried.

## **Future Meetings:**

**Executive: 1300 Tuesday, 15 March, 2005. Venue: Windsor Park Availability TBD**

**Monthly: 1930, 30 March, 2005. Venue: Junior Rates Mess, MOG 5**