

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING - 30 MARCH, 2005
Venue-MOG5 Junior Rates Mess

1930 Meeting Called To Order: There being 32 members and 2 guests; in attendance were: Pierre Alarie; Don Beale; Art Bodden; "Buster" Brown; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Bob Evans; "Chuck" Forrest; Don Hardy; Ray Hunt; Shane Irvine; Steve Jenner; "Taff" Jones; John Madison; Brian McEachern; Ken McMillan; "Dusty" Miller; Ian Mitchell; "Pony" Moore; Tony Palmer; "Scott" Parsons; Frank Ralph; "Tex" Ranger; Luc Rollin; "Jerry" Sigrist; "Dr John" Smith; Carey Ann Stewart; "Soapy" Watson; "Willie Waugh. Guests: Dennis Bodden, and Mark Vanderhayden (Central). Apologies unable to attend: Chester O'Connell; Bill Kamermans.

The Chairman: Welcomed the members and guest stating pleasure at seeing some members who had not attended for some time. Introducing guest Dennis, brother of Art Bodden. Reminded to check off on the attendance list and not forget the "Tip" bowl for the bartenders who volunteer their time and services. Members were then invited to rise and observe a moment of silence and reflection in honour of deceased members, fellow submariners and loved ones.

Minutes of February Meeting: The Chairman asked: were there any errors or omissions? There being none; Motion by: "Tex" Ranger; Seconded by Terry Chatham: That minutes be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

In: Response from Dorset branch SA (UK) re: accommodation for Sidon memorial dedication.

Out: As moved & passed at previous meetings, letter of appreciation and cheque for \$50 forwarded to Ted Hirtle (Webmaster) for his efforts in ridding the website of a persistent hacker.

Reports:

Treasurer: Outlined the association's income and operating costs. Income for the period December thru February was \$2,246.84 and expenses were \$1,196.20. There was \$988.45 issued in cheques and \$ 207.75 cash for mostly AGM expenses, wine, bartender etc. Projected expenses for the next three-month period will include \$397.03 for a replacement printer and toner cartridge for the secretary, and \$119.60 for the Post Office Box. Since 12 Dec. 2004 we are in receipt of dues from 53 members and a \$200 Life membership. Slop sales \$470; portion of 50/50 draws \$126; there is also \$350 in the account belonging to the Ladies fund. Total bank balance at end of February: \$4,545; G.I.C's: approximately \$15,000. As passed at the February monthly meeting, Financial Guidelines have been established by the Executive at the March Exec Mtg. Two items follow:

- (a) as a result of the recent tragic accidents aboard *Chicoutimi* and USS *San Francisco*, the executive have determined that in future, when a Trust Fund is set up as a result of personal death in a submarine tragedy, a \$200.00 be passed as a donation from association funds. The

donation can then be further supplemented by personal donations by members as was the case (with some confusion) both the Saunders and Ashley Trusts; and
(b) upon the death of an SAOC (East) member, the association will forward a donation of \$25 as per the family's choice of charity or as published in the obituary.

Secretary: Reported that members, who had not paid their annual dues by 28 February, 2005 had been removed from the mailing and attendance lists until such times as their dues were paid. The question was raised by "Dusty" Miller; "In the case of a member who has not paid dues for a lengthy period of time, did that member have to pay retroactive to whenever they last paid?" It was determined that in order to encourage the member to rejoin, that no retroactive dues shall apply as he shall have been removed from the mailing and attendance lists during his lengthy period of delinquency.

Health/Wellness & Slops: Rep absent due to commitments. Chairman informed the members that a dozen dolphin insignia and a lapel pin set had been sent to Central, reminding members that they are available: Dolphins \$5, Pin Sets: SAOC pin and 9 boats crests \$25, include Dolphins, \$30.

Social: Outlined the information regarding **Sidon Memorial Dedication** 16 Jun 05.

Proposed SAOC East Mess Dinner: New C & PO's Mess, CFB Halifax Thursday, July 14, 2005 with TBD keynote speaker. Dress: Association dress or suit. It will be the first time that such an event has been undertaken by the Association and it is hoped to continue to do so on an annual basis. To be a success requires full participation by the membership. Failing to reach 50 attendees reduces the mess dinner grandeur while increasing the costs. Then unfortunately, we would have to cancel. Good quality five course dinner with wine. Cost: 60% by member / 40% by association. In the planning stages, the exact cost per member is based on larger demand but should be in the region of \$25 - \$30.

PR Rep: Reported 2 upcoming retirements, Geoff Mawdesley; 28 April, 2005 and Tony Palmer; 5 May, 2005.

Archivist: DVD's of 2004 Anniversary Parade available at a cost of \$2.50

Old Business: Association Chaplain Frank Ralph gave a briefing on the general concept of an SAOC Funeral/Memorial Service that he has put together. He wishes to present it to the executive at the April Exec meeting for input and consideration before bringing it to the membership.

New Business: The chairman informed that on behalf of Central, a member was sought to address the Basic Submarine Course and present the "Top Student" Award Friday, 22 April 05. John Clahane volunteered to do so. Members were notified that the Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony at Pt. Pleasant Pk. will be conducted Sunday 1 May, 2005. Noting that as we alternate, a serving junior rating is required in laying a wreath on the association's behalf. Member Carey Ann Stewart stated she would be honoured to do so. Once we are in receipt of the OPORD, desirably the association standards will this time, be paraded in a formal and well-

organized Colour Party. It is hoped that the standard bearers will be Terry Chatham and George Byzewski.

50/50: The sum of \$55 was won by Ian Mitchell.

Prayer: Members were led in A Submariners Prayer by Father Frank.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by “Dusty” Miller; seconded by: John Smith. Motion Carried.

Future Meetings:

Executive: 1300, 19 April, 2005. Venue TBD 1930, 27 April, 2005.

Monthly: Venue: Senior Rates Mess, MOG5.