

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – 27 APRIL, 2005
Venue-MOG5 Senior Rates Mess

1930 Meeting Called to Order: There being 40 members; 1 guest; in attendance were: Art Bodden; Paul Bramwell; “Buster” Brown; George Byzewski; Alvin Carrier; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Paul Dube; Keith Estabrooks; “Chuck” Forrest; “Stu” Hall; Gordie Hamilton; Don Hood; Shane Irvine; Steve Jenner; Bill Layden; Shaun MacDougall; John Madison; Ernie Marcoux; Geoff Mawdesley; Brian McEachern; Ken McMillan; “Dusty” Miller; “Pony” Moore; Bryan Noble; “Chester” O’Connell; Greg Pease; Roy Pepper; Warren Petrie; Bert Phillips; Gilles Poirier; Wayne Presley; Frank Ralph; “Tex” Ranger; Luc Rollin; Brian Smith; John Smith; “Topsy” Turner; “Soapy” Watson; “Willie” Waugh. Guest: Jim Embury.

The Chairman: Welcomed the members stating his pleasure at seeing some members who had not attended for some time; special welcome to new members Geoff Mawdesley and Brian Smith and rejoined member Warren Petrie; asked members to not forget the “Tip” jar for the bartender and to please ensure that they checked off on the attendance list. Then informed members that Bob Bramwell was in ill health; also that we no longer have a current address for him; should anyone know his address would they please let us know; Ryan Conroy has undergone surgery in Fredericton. Mother of Davy and Jim Brannen and Father of former member Mark Holmes have passed away recently; with these and any other submariners or loved ones suffering from various afflictions in mind, members were invited to rise for a moment of reflection.

Minutes of March Meeting: Chairman asked: were there any errors or omissions? There being none Motion by: “Tex” Ranger; seconded by “Willie” Waugh: That minutes be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

Out: Sympathy cards to Brannen family; Mark Holmes. Get Well card to Ryan Conroy.

In: OPORD for B.O.A. Sunday; email from Jim Brannen thanking the Association for kind thoughts.

Reports:

Chairman: Reported for those not familiar with the Top Student Award for the Submarine School BSQ course at Fleet School. This is Central’s award that is presented by East on their behalves. This was once again, presented on Friday 22 April by John Clahane accompanied by the Chairman. John did an excellent job, being current with what is going on enabling him to answer questions from the graduates. Prior to, the chair received a phone call from “Butch” Liebelt, the daughter of Laverne McLeod who requested to see the McLeod Memorial Display along with husband Terry, they being in town from Ontario. Both were overcome with emotion as the request was granted, accompanied by the Chairman and School CO.& staff. The display is now permanently mounted in the school’s Main Conference Room. The new C & PO’s Mess is now open and the Association will make an official presentation of a very traditional “Rum Barrel” on the afternoon Friday 29th at their weekly “Kitchen Party”. The barrel has been refitted and bears a brass tally-plate which reads: “ Presented to the C & PO’s Mess CFB Halifax 28 Apr 2005, by the Submariners’ Association Of Canada, Dolphin 52 C” It has been arranged that we can do the Rum Issue at 1600 Friday, it would be good if members could attend in Blazer and tie to “Bos’n the issue”. Last: We are about to receive written correspondence from the CMS inviting us to participate in the 2010 RCN Centenary.

Secretary: Reported retirement memberships given to Geoff Mawdesley and Joe Laprade.

Treasurer: Nil report. Member absent. Secretary stated that at the last bank statement that we had received (March), although April’s was due. There is \$ 3,933. 92 in the operating account at latest report.

Health/Wellness, Slops: Nil report. Member absent. In his absence, John Madison had picked up a large selection of slops, which he would be selling on completion of the meeting.

Social: Stated the intended July 14th Mess Dinner at the new Mess is looking pretty good. Then passed to John Madison to discuss the details. John informed members that we are looking at a cost to paid up members of \$25 for a 5-course meal including wine. The association will pick up the balance of the cost. We require a minimum of 50 to 60 attendees or it will not work. A random show of hands of interest was requested, the result being that 33 of the 40 members would attend. It is therefore required that the names of members wishing to attend be forwarded to Keith Estabrooks, NLT end of 25th May monthly meeting. Keith's phone: 866-1609. Accommodation is available at the mess on presentation of military discharge card at a cost of \$ 35 +HST also at adjacent Russell House for \$30 The Chairman informed the members that member V/Adm. Bruce MacLean would be approached through staff regarding his availability and invitation to attend as Keynote Speaker.

P.R: Reported the state of releasing the boats and letting them go back to sea is basically in the hands of the admiral at the moment, Victoria and Windsor are both anxiously waiting to get through the last steps and get to sea.

Chicoutimi should be going to the Hfx. Shipyards in the next month. On Friday 29th April Rob Arbour will be retiring and it is believed that Tony Palmer is also retiring. Rob Fraser is taking over as Cox'n of Windsor replacing Roger Beaupre. Rob Arbour has the bible and a Kisby Ring from Olympus and has offered them to the association for the cabinet.

Archives: The flag cabinet still has to be refurbished; also the various presentations made to us during Anniversary 2004 are still to be mounted on the wall shield.

Old Business: Battle of Atlantic Sunday; George Byzewski and Terry Chatham have volunteered to parade the association standards, Carey Ann Stewart from submarine Windsor will lay a wreath on the Association's behalf. Members are strongly urged to attend. On completion a reception will be held at the new C & PO's Mess; also, as always members are welcome at RCNA "Peregrine". Lucky Gordon despite being pushed for time with work at Windsor Park etc is slowly making headway with the association badge pattern.

New Business: John Clahane reported that Ted Hirtle was working at getting the website "Guest Book" back up and running, however, it is desirable not to use the same one as the hacker will just come back to it and start all over again. It is recommended that we use a different set up which would cost about \$10 US per year. Proposed by: John Clahane; Seconded by Pierre Doutre: That this be done. Motion Carried.

50/50: The sum of \$55 was won by Luc Rollin.

A Submariners Prayer: Was then offered led by Father Frank Ralph.

Motion to Adjourn: Proposed By Pierre Doutre; seconded by: John Clahane; That meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Future Meetings:

Executive: 1300, 10 May, 2005. Venue tentative Oberon Room new C & PO's Mess.

Monthly: 1930, 25 May, 2005. Venue: Junior Rates Mess, MOG 5