

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD MAY 25, 2005 VENUE JUNIOR RATES MESS MOG 5

1930 Meeting Called to Order: There being 33 members and 1 guest; in attendance were: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; Paul Bramwell; "Buster" Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Dautre; Keith Estabrooks; Bob Evans; Vern Forrest; Keith Griffin; Gordie Hamilton; Reggie Harris; "Taff" Jones; Bill Kamermans; Cliff Killam; Bill Layden; John Madison; Ian Mitchell; "Pony" Moore; Leslie Mosher; "Chester" O'Connell; Tony Palmer; "Scott" Parsons; Conrad Petrikowski; Frank Ralph; John Shields; Brian Smythe; Carey Ann Stewart; "Soapy" Watson; "Willie" Waugh. Guest: Charlie Lonsdale.

The Chairman: Welcomed the members and guest, stating his pleasure at the number in attendance in such inclement weather; special welcome to Charlie Lonsdale from the UK; Paul Dube; Conrad Petrikowski; Keith Griffin and new member Les Mosher. Members were asked to not forget the "Tip" bowl for the bartenders and to please ensure that they checked off on the attendance list. The following members are reported in ill health: "Wiggy" Bennett; Ryan Conroy; Don Hawkins; Ken McNorgan. Members were invited to rise for a moment of reflection with thoughts attributed to these and any others or loved ones suffering from various afflictions.

Minutes of April Meeting: The chairman asked: were there any errors or omissions; there being none: Motion by: Soapy Watson; Seconded by Pierre Dautre: That minutes be adopted as tabled.
Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

In: Letter from CMS re: Canadian Naval Centennial Project.
Letter from CMS re: Retirement of Capt. E.P. (Phil) Webster.
Card from: Ernest Harris with application for life membership.
Request for application from Steven Mclellan.

Out: Letter to C.O. Windsor (Cdr. Mulholland) re: Carey Ann Stewart laying wreath at Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony. "Get well" cards to Don Hawkins and Ken McNorgan

Reports:

Chairman: Battle of Atlantic went very well, it was held indoors at HMCS Scotian due to extremely wet weather conditions. With Carey Ann doing a beautiful job of laying the wreath, thanks with a round of applause were given to Carey Ann.

Top Student award on behalf of Central was conducted with John Clahane accompanied by the Chairman making the presentation to LS Ott.

The Chairman asked that members not forget the Central BBQ taking place the third weekend of August, Venue HMCS Carlton; reminding members that Central very graciously sacrificed their Annual BBQ last year so as not to clash with our Anniversary Celebration, if you can find time and means to get to Ottawa for the BBQ please do so. Note: there is no charge.

Members were reminded that there is a lot of information in the May Newsletter regarding the Mess Dinner Chairman also reported that he and John Madison along with Gerri and Linda had attended a function with US SUBVETS Groton Conn. It appears that the speculation of Groton Submarine Base closing down is true.

Secretary: Reported error in paper version of May newsletter in that it is issue 9 not 8 as listed in the header.

Treasurer: Reported that as of 25 May the operating account was \$ 4,016.01 and G.I.C's over \$15,000.00.

Health/Wellness & Slops: Reported that John Madison had sold some items whilst in Groton also a few sales this evening, a list of slops available and price list is to be placed on website.

Social: Mess Dinner: Rep. reiterated it is to be held Thursday, July 14, 2005; The cost of dinner is \$ 25 for currently paid up members, \$ 35 for non members; names of members or non member submariners serving or retired

wishing to attend to be forwarded to Keith: 902-866-1609 or Pony: 902-434-6997 email: mead@accesswave.ca no later than monthly meeting 29 June, payment should also be made by this time. Reminding that information regards obtaining accommodation is contained in the May newsletter. Reservations to Juno section of mess to be made at the reception desk in advance, or phone 902-422-5645 cost \$35 plus HST also available at adjacent Russell House at cost of \$30 plus HST. Dress Blazers (negative medals) or jacket and tie.

P.R: Not a whole lot to report, trying to get the boats out for some sea time, Victoria had been out but had to return with a recoverable defect. Windsor is getting ready. Website guest book was back up but is once again under hacker attack this time he very clearly let us know why; at least we now know that the culprit is anti military; they have now picked out another provider and hope to have the site back in operation in the not too distant future.

Old Business: Funeral/ Memorial Service; Father Frank reminded members that at the previous meeting he had presented a service of celebration and remembrance for submariners, the executive had since passed it. He asked that when requested members step forward to do the readings etc. He went on to mention a Pastoral Outreach program that is jointly operated for retired military personnel and their families jointly operated by DND and Veterans affairs. This is for retirees requiring pastoral care and do not have their own clergyman. Toll free: 1-800-883-6094 or website: www.forces.gc.ca/centre. Frank then informed the members that he and Heather are adopting their late son's child.

Association Badges Pattern: Lucky Gordon is progressing with this project although at this point his is extremely busy with other things as well.

New Business: Year of the Veteran; the province of NS is issuing a "Certificate of Recognition" to veterans upon request, Billy K and John C. had brought in applications.
Website: www.gov.ns.ca/yearoftheveteran Phone: 1-888-243-4242

Capt. Webster retirement: Phil is in UK retiring in August returning to reside in Halifax area where he will continue his service to the navy and submarine service. A retirement dinner for Phil and heather will be held in London UK at the Royal Thames Yacht Club on 24 June 2005. Congratulatory messages, anecdotes and salty dips can be sent by most convenient means to Cdr. John Creber, Assistant Naval Advisor CDLS (L) by 17 June 2005.
Phone: 44-207-258-6404. Fax: 44-207-258-6460 email: Creber.JA@forces.gc.ca A message will be sent by the Chairman on behalf of the association.

Canadian Naval Centennial Project: All the naval association across the country are included in the invitation to participate if they wish it would start in the summer of 2009 and end in the winter of 2010 that is a year and a half of celebrations that the navy is planning. This giving plenty of time for ideas we might want next year to start coming up with ways to participate

50/50 Draw: Winner of \$50 being Brian Smythe.

A Submariners Prayer: was offered led by Father Frank Ralph

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn; made by "Billy" Kamermans seconded by "Scott" Parsons; Motion Carried

Future Meetings:

Executive: 1300, Thursday June 9, 2005. Venue: RCNA "Peregrine"

Monthly: 1930, June 29, 2005. Venue: Senior Rates Mess MOG 5