

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEEETING HELD JUNE 29, 2005
VENUE JUNIOR RATES MESS MOG 5

1930: Meeting called to order there being 37 members in attendance: Rob Arbour; Pierre Alarie; Roger Beaupre; Art Bodden; Buster Brown; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Don Hood; Ray Hunt; Shane Irvine; Bill Kamermans; Cliff Killam; Bill Layden; Shaun MacDougall; John Madison; Brian McEachern; Dusty Miller; Ian Mitchell; Pony Moore; Les Mosher; Chester O'Connell; John O'Dwyer; Tony O'Hara; Tony Palmer; Scott Parsons; Greg Pease; Bert Phillips; Tex Ranger; Luc Rollin; Brian Smith; Boyd Thomas; Brum Tovey; Soapy Watson; Willie Waugh.

The Chairman: Welcomed the members stating pleasure at a good turn out. Special mention of Shaun MacDougall who has been a strong supporter and has spent many hours operating the bar at our meetings and coming in early to set up and staying late to clean up for our social functions. Shaun has retired and is returning to his home island of Cape Breton, but made a special effort to attend the meeting before leaving tomorrow. Shaun was given best wishes of members and the hopes that he will return often to visit us; Shaun was then given a BZ and well-deserved round of applause. The chairman then recognized members John Clahane, Ian Mitchell, Scottie Parsons, and Tony Palmer for each receiving the Marlant "BZ" Award for their technical assistance to the Formation during the Chicoutimi incident. A round of applause followed from the membership. The chairman then displayed a framed photo of *Chicoutimi* as the medical team had boarded after the fire. It was presented to the association by Shane Irvine for which on behalf, the chairman expressed gratitude stating that it will be mounted on the association display wall in the C & PO's mess. In appreciation, a round of applause followed. Then, Rob "Bats" Arbour, new member as a recent retiree, donated 3 Bibles that he managed to "rescue" from Olympus, these have been personally autographed at various times when the boat was operational .in the RN. These are to be put in the display cabinet and it was seen as fitting that they could be ready-use for our Chaplain Father Frank, although not in attendance, was at one time O. I. C. of Olympus. "Bats" was thanked on behalf of all and given a round of applause for his thoughtful donation. Members were then informed that Sherm Embree although a member of Central had also now taken out membership. Chairman went on to remind members to ensure that they checked off on the attendance list and not to forget the "Tip" bowl for the bartender. Members were also reminded of Central's annual BBQ encouraging members to attend if possible. With thoughts attributed to: Ryan Conroy; Don Hawkins and Ken McNorgan all undergoing Chemo; Yogi Ayotte (member of Central) recently passed away, and any other submariners or loved ones suffering various afflictions; members were invited to rise for a moment of reflection.

Minutes of May Meeting: There being one error reported in that: Brian Smith's name was incorrectly spelt. Motion that minutes be accepted with error noted made by: Dusty Miller; seconded by: Soapy Watson, Carried

Correspondence:

In: Email from Leslie Conroy; update on Ryan's progress.

Email from Dorset Br. Re: DVD of photos of Sidon Memorial Ceremony.

Out: Email to Cdr. Creber; congratulations to Capt. Phil Webster upon his retirement.

Letter to: Bob Evans from the committee asking that he consider stepping down as Treasurer.

Reports:

Chairman: Read excerpts of the letter to Bob that expressed concern that Bob was getting stretched thin with his many other commitments and most notably, the health of wife Sheila. These priorities have lessened the opportunities to participate in association inter-committee business. The chairman emphasized that we owed Bob our thanks and appreciation for his over 10 years of outstanding voluntary service to the association as the Treasurer, hoping that he will now come to meetings and be able to sit back and relax with a beer and enjoy the company of friends. In the meantime the secretary had taken on the duties of treasurer along with secretary duties. Members were informed that another member would be asked to join the executive in keeping with the constitution. (Eric "Scottie" Parsons has agreed to accept this position)

Secretary/ Treasurer: Reported 144 members in good standing; consisting of 95 paid for 2005; 45 life and 4 retirement memberships.

Financial: For the period ending May 20, 2005. Credits: \$ 433.03; Debits: \$ 150.83.
Operating account \$ 3,880.05. Ladies fund at \$ 350.00. Giving a bank balance of \$ 4,230.05.
There are 4 G. I. C's with a total value of \$ 14,953.66.

Slops on hand have a retail value of \$ 5,965.00 (this is to be confirmed by an updated stock inventory) This gives total assets of \$ 25,148.71. We also have the 3 Soap Stone carvings with an unknown value. Motion that the Treasurers report be accepted as given; made by Luc Rollin; seconded by Pierre Alarie. Motion Carried.

Health/Wellness & Slops: Reported that he has 15 new blazer badges in stock, should have Beret badges by the next meeting. Chairman noted that some slops such as JR pins are to be taken to the BBQ at Central where sales should be favourable.

Social: Mess Dinner: **Thursday 14 July, 2005. Time: 1800 for 1900.** Rep. stated that a lot of people had not paid up, asking that those in attendance who have not paid please do so before leaving, he will be contacting those who are not present reminding them to get their cheques in the mail. He then passed around a menu with the selected salad; entree and dessert highlighted; there will be a choice of red or white wine, with port for the toasts. A cash bar will also be available. **Cut off date for ticket sales 7 July, 2005.**

At this point the guest speaker is not firmed up, the chairman is currently working on this. He then affirmed that all ranks are welcomed in the mess for the dinner it being an all rank function; unfortunately, contrary to earlier belief, for accommodation reservations have to be made at respective messes for rank at retirement, ie 'A' or Wellington block; C & PO's and Wardroom. The response from serving members at this point has not been as great as would be desired, but there are the mitigating circumstances of not knowing their duty commitments. Roger Beaupre stated that he would try to assist with getting them onboard with us.

Dress: association blazer and tie preferred or jacket and tie.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT MONEY UP FRONT IS A REQUIREMENT

The P. R. chairman: informed the members that when we were presented with the 'BZ' Certificates for participation in the rescue of Chicoutimi, the Admiral pointed out was that he is not exactly happy with what the press is saying, but he is very happy with the support that the boat got from everybody ashore; the Rep didn't think he was talking to just the ones that he was making presentations to, but the people behind them as well who obviously went very deep trying to back up the people that were raced off to give aid in time of need. Another thing he mentioned was that while he hasn't done any presentations yet for the submarine crew, the paperwork has been put forward. There was a lot of heroism conducted on board and in due time as parliamentary rigmarole takes place, that paperwork and the awards for the ships company are forthcoming; he wanted to make sure that everybody was aware of that, that he didn't forget them today when making awards to the rest. He bought dinner for the serving guys, (a chance to takes their wives out).

Windsor: is still out doing what she is supposed to do down south, noting that it's not in the news that she is out there, it appears they don't to want to write or talk about things going right.

Chicoutimi: phase 2 of the contract has been agreed upon the paperwork is up right now for final signature, so that should kick into gear and will most likely get started in the next week or two.

Old Business: One item outstanding which is the association badge pattern which is being made by "Lucky" Gordon, lucky not being present it's not possible to get an update on progress, however members were reminded that it is in hand

New Business: Chairman asked were the members in favour of having wives and girl friends attend the August meeting as was done in previous years, but not last year due to the anniversary, and if so, would changing the monthly meeting to 1330 Saturday, 27 August, 2005 be an appropriate time and date. Members Approved.

A.O.B. Motion by the chairman; seconded by Tex Ranger: that this being the "Year of the Veteran" a donation be made to the "Veterans Gardens" at Camp Hill Hospital, a sum of \$ 100 being suggested., Motion Carried.

Motion made by Dusty Miller; seconded by Greg Pease that the Webmaster: Ted Hirtle be invited as a guest of the members to the mess dinner. Motion Carried

Dusty Miller stated that when meetings are held in the Junior Rates mess it is difficult to hear the proceedings especially when seated in the bar area it is also difficult to hear comments from the members when they are on the far side of the room. He asked was it possible to obtain an address system to remedy this? A motion was made by Shaun McDougall that the Association purchase a sound system which developed into much discussion. It was decided that the executive would take this under advisement at their next meeting and report back to the membership.

50/50 Draw: Winner of \$ 53 was Art Bodden

A Submariners Prayer: was offered led by Pierre Doutre

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn; made by: Brum Tovey; seconded by Tex Ranger. Carried

Future Meetings:

Executive: 1130, Friday July 8, 2005. Venue: C & PO's Mess, CFB Stadacona

Monthly: 1930, July 27, 2005. Venue: Junior Rates Mess MOG 5