

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD JULY 27, 2005
VENUE JUNIOR RATES MESS MOG 5

1930: Meeting called to order there being 26 members in attendance: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Stu Hall; Steve Jenner; Bill Kamermans; Cliff Killam; Bill Layden; John Madison; Geoff Mawdesley; Ken McMillan; Ian Mitchell; Pony Moore; Tony Palmer; Scott Parsons; Roy Pepper; Bert Phillips; Tex Ranger; Luc Rollin; Jerry Sigrist; John Smith; Soapy Watson; Willie Waugh.

The Chairman: After requesting that machinery in the mess be shut down, asked if everyone could hear him, receiving a positive reply he welcomed the members stating his pleasure at seeing members Stu Hall, Ken McMillan, Jerry Sigrist who hadn't been around for while, this being a modest number in attendance being summer time when many are on vacation; reminded members not to forget the "Tip" bowl for the bartender; 50/50 being organized by Scott Parsons tonight, Keith not being in attendance having other commitments. Please ensure that you are checked off on the attendance list. With Paul Dube and any other members or loved ones suffering from various afflictions, members were invited to rise for a moment of silence.

Minutes of June Meeting: Two omissions; Steve Jenner not shown as in attendance also that Steve informed members: a supplement to Ambrosia is now available at: Seaside Book & Stamp. 23 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth, NS. B2Y 2N2. Proposed by Tony Palmer; seconded by Luc Rollin: that minutes be adopted as submitted. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

In:

- (a) Letter of thanks from QE 2 Health Sciences for \$100 donation to Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Garden.
- (b) Email from Queensland branch SA Australia Re: Gathering of submariners in Brisbane next year, extending an invitation to attend to any that may be interested.
- (c) Letter from Don Hawkins, informing that previous report to the effect he was undergoing Chemo therapy is not correct, he in fact is awaiting surgery. Also requesting the address or phone number of Ken Seaward if anyone had them. (Jerry Sigrist offered to contact Don with them).
- (d) Email from Brian Lapierre, Giving update to his current location in the far east and employment and hopes of when he will be around to attend meetings.

Out:

- (a) Letter of thanks to Commander MOG 5 (Capt. (N) L. Hickey) guest speaker at Mess Dinner.
- (b) Letter to Capt. (N) E. Marc St-Jean, Base Commander., CFB Halifax, congratulations on his appointment as Base Commander; and BZ to Mike Frechette and staff for excellence of food and service at Mess Dinner.

Reports:

Chair: Mess Dinner, very successful, asking: are we agreed this should be done again next year as annual event, members were unanimously in favour. The Chairman then pointed out that this is a very costly affair, bearing in mind that our operating costs for the association are in the region of \$1500 a year, we would have to do fundraising by means of auctions etc in order to stay financially secure yet enable us to continue this as an

annual affair. George Byzewski was asked if he and Terry Chatham would be willing to organize an auction in October or November. George replied that although he was not in a position to commit Terry, he felt sure that he would get agreement from him and felt they could do this.

Secretary:

Membership: 145 plus 5 retirement memberships ready to be handed out.

Finances: Statement to June 23, 2005. Withdrawals: \$ 196.25. Deposits: \$ 820.03. Operating Account: \$ 4,503.83. Ladies: \$ 350. For a balance of 4,853.83. G.I.C's: remain at \$ 14,953.66. Slops on hand have retail value of \$ 6,650.00

Health & Wellness/Slops: Reported that Central would like to buy various items from us. They will be transported to Ottawa by Buster and John Madison in August. Bill still has a few blazer badges and is still working on obtaining an association tie and prices for these which at present are in the \$20 – 30 range. This will be brought forward at the AGM for a decision to be made when he hopes to have a better idea of designs available and costs.

Social: The Secretary in the absence of social rep. informed the members that the proposed dining of the wives and girlfriends at C & PO's Mess Stadacona was not possible as we could not secure a suitable date for it; the proposed alternative is a BBQ at MOG 5 Saturday, 10 September, 2005 in lieu of August 27. Therefore, we will hold our normal monthly meeting Wednesday 31 August. The BBQ will be free of charge to members in good standing plus one guest. Other guests are welcome at the regular cost of \$10 per person. This proposal was acceptable to the members. Have your names in by end August Meeting, Keith Ph: 866-1609; or Pony Ph: 434-6997 email: mead@accesswave.ca

PR Rep. Not a lot happening in the last month; *Victoria* is docked down on the west coast for EDWP. *Chicoutimi* is in dock at Halifax Shipyards.

Old Business:

(a) PA system for use when using J R's Mess; there was much discussion on this at the June meeting. Regrettably at that meeting there was a lot of chattering going on between members which combined with noise from the exhaust fan and seating locations of those with hearing problems, made it difficult for some to hear business. The problem was discussed for resolve by the executive at their last meeting and it was concluded that to spend \$ 350 for the few times a year a PA system would be used, other means should be tried first. As above, it was therefore earlier requested that machinery in the mess be shut down for the duration of the meeting while tables front & center of the mess be reserved for those with hearing problems along with the kind appeal that members were reminded not to chatter during the meeting. The outcome was quite successful due to perhaps as per the norm, fewer numbers in attendance. If the situation should prevail at future meetings in the J.R.'s Mess, John Madison stated that he has sound equipment that he would loan for the venue in defraying the cost of purchase.

(b) Soapstone Carvings: Various suggestions as to their destiny were earlier brought forward to the Exec committee by Jerry Conway after once more, visiting Atlantic Emporium at the Historic Properties eg: sell by other method, use them as presentations, display them in the cabinet, etc. After the Chairman pointed out that certain options would be against the wishes of the donors, the best option was to leave them at the Emporium for the remainder of the 2005 tourist season and if they were not sold, put them on EBay.

A.O.B. Steve Jenner presented the association with his supplement to "Ambrosia" for which the members thanked him. The chairman informed members that there is a write up on "Ambrosia" in the latest issue of Trident.

The question was raised would we have a try to organize a "Dine the Wives" event next year? This is under consideration, the Chairman pointed out that the C & PO's mess is booked well in advance. It was also pointed out that fund raising would be necessary in order to do this.

Soapy Watson expressed his appreciation of the excellent job by the members involved in organizing the Mess Dinner. The chairman singled out Keith Estabrooks, John Madison and Pony Moore as those responsible. A big BZ and a hearty round of applause ensued as all agreed.

50/50 Draw: Winner of \$ 44 was Luc Rollin

A Submariners Prayer: was well-led by George Byzewski in the absence of Father Frank.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn; made by: John Madison; seconded by Pierre Dautre. Carried

Future Meetings:

Executive: 1300, Thursday, August 11, 2005. Venue: RCNA "Peregrine"

Monthly: 1930, August 31, 2005. Venue: Senior Rates Mess MOG 5