

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – 26 OCTOBER, 2005

VENUE - SENIOR RATES MESS, MOG 5

1. **1930:** Meeting called to order. There being 27 members and 3 guests; in attendance were: Pierre Alarie; Rob Arbour; Art Bodden; Jerry Bourgeois; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Ray Hunt; Steve Jenner; Bill Kamermans; Brian Lapierre; Bill Layden; John Madison; Ian Mitchell; Pony Moore; Dave O’Connell; Tony Palmer; Scott Parsons; Roy Pepper; Bert Phillips; Brian Smith; Brum Tovey; Soapy Watson; Willie Waugh. Guests members of Barrow Branch: Ian Clark; Buck Rogers; Bagsy Baker. Chairman welcomed members and guests and stating it was good to see members who missed recent meetings. Reminded not to forget the “Tip” bowl, Vice PMC PO1 Jeff Landryeaux being gracious enough to man the bar for us; and check off the attendance list. Thinking of Paul Dube in ill health and Bert Phillips mother who recently passed away, invited members to rise for a moment’s reflection
2. **Minutes of September Meeting:** 1 omission in attendees in that Ray Hunt not listed. Secretaries report on membership incorrect, correct number should read 157. Motion by Pierre Doutre, seconded by Pierre Alarie that the minutes be adopted as amended. **Carried**
3. **Correspondence:**
 - Out:** Sympathy Card to Bert Phillips.
 - In:** Minutes of NMC Committee SA (UK)
 - JTF Atlantic & Scotian Op Orders for Remembrance Day
 - Email Re: Ryan Conroy
 - Email: of thanks from Bert Phillips.
 - Email re: 43rd International Submariners Congress in Moscow.
4. **Reports:**
 - Chairman:**
 - (a) Reminded members that this was the final day for written submissions for the AGM. There are 3 main submissions with additional amendments to date. 1. to revert to one-year term of office for executive. 2. Life member: must have been a Regular member in good standing at a minimum. 3. Add Vice-Chair to composition of the executive.
 - (b) Remembrance Day: it is hoped to have a Colour Party. Members are urged to attend at the “Sailors Memorial” Point Pleasant Park; it is suggested meet up at the canteen at 1015.
 - (c) Poppy Sellers: Members were reminded that it had been suggested at the September meeting that members consider offer their time to the RCL as Poppy Sellers whether they were Legion members or not and wearing association dress.

(d) Cabinet: Pete Hagan had visited prior to meeting. Stated that the cabinet is ongoing. New tally made for "The Shovel". The "Operational Shovel" is now in transit to Faslane after *Trenchant's* visit last week.

Secretary: Membership 108 Regular; 46 Life; 4 Retirement (Dues 2007); 1 Services in lieu of dues. For a total of: 159.

Finances: Sept. 28. Ladies \$350. Operating: \$3,136.58. Bank Balance: \$3,486.58. Petty Cash: \$39.18. G.I.C.'s \$14,953.66

Dues: Of the 108 regular members: 19 members are prepaid for 2006. 3 prepaid for 2007. Members reminded that 2006 dues should be paid up by December 31st.

Xmas Cards: available from Secretary: \$3.00 per package of 5. After cost recovery, proceeds to Hospitality Fund.

Health/Wellness and Slops: Has new stock Beret badges.

Social: Pot Luck to be held on completion of AGM. Keith requests inform by 29 November what members are bringing in order that we do not have too much of some items and none of others. Phone: 866-1609.

PR: Not a whole lot different from last month. *Windsor* has been at sea and in and out with minor snags.

5. **Old Business:**

The Secretary Treasurer tabled the **Long Term Plan** for Finances.

Projected Annual Operating Costs:

\$1,500.00 includes stationery \$ 350.00, postage \$ 450.00, P.O. Box: \$ 125.00. Web site: approx. \$ 220.00, Trident: \$ 115.00, Wreaths: \$100.00. Operating costs do not include provision for memorial donations or costs incurred for social events. They are drawn from the Operating Account as per Financial Guidelines approved by membership at February 2005 monthly meeting.

Income: annual dues for 2006 assuming all members renew: **\$2,160.00**

Hospitality Fund: supports social events. Accrues from: 50/50 Draws / winner donations; fund-raisers such as auctions, sale of Xmas cards etc.

G. I. C's: There are 4 in number, 3 having current values of:

(1) \$1,186.50: Maturity Dec.08, 2005. Estimated interest: \$17.80

(2) \$1,446.96: Maturity Jan. 05, 2006. Estimated interest: \$21.70

(3) \$1,320.20: Maturity June.26, 2006. Estimated interest: \$18.48

#'s 1 & 2 are "Paid for Life" membership dues and are available for use as necessary.

3 was taken out when the Operating Account became too high, yielding a very low interest rate. It is also available for use as necessary.

The 4th G.I.C. has a current value of: \$11,000.00. Maturity Nov. 12,

2005 Estimated interest: \$181.50

It is recommended by the executive committee that this G.I.C. be preserved, with a minor portion available to defray costs for such events as the Annual Mess Dinner while the major portion be held in trust as “start up funds” for major events such as re-unions or RCN Centennial Year 2010, etc. **Any partial or complete withdrawal from the G. I. C’s shall require a vote from the membership.**

Moved by Willie Waugh, seconded by: Tony Palmer: That the Long Term Plan be adopted as proposed. **Carried**

Auction: Proposed to be held at The Fleet Club. No firm date at this point, suggesting February 17, 2006 if the club is available. It was pointed out by George Byzewski that items of quality, a sense of urgency and a lot of hard work is required by all members to make such an event successful, adding that the volume and quality of items by Doreen Bodden as one example among many others. It was also suggested that a Casino night as a back up be held in tandem with the auction.

Stone Carvings: Jerry Conway had earlier contacted the Chairman regretting that he was unable to attend due to work commitments. He reported that the owner of the Emporium Atlantique had been flooded out and moved all the merchandise to a warehouse in a panic. The owner shall be in touch with Jerry as soon as he locates the carvings.

Museum: Brum Tovey gave an update on the progress of submarine exhibit at the Marcom Museum and that extra space (the crypt) has been allocated to us. This allows us to erect compartment components such as a mess, galley or a motor room cubicle as examples from artefacts stored in Bldg. D40. He stressed that there is a great deal of work to be done requiring volunteer members starting in the early part of the new year. He also informed members that *Onondaga* had been sold to Le Musée de la Mer, Rimouski.

6. A. O. B:

(1) George Byzewski gave members an update on Paul Dube’s physical condition, informing the members that there are considerable costs involved in renovating the family home to accommodate his condition. It was proposed that the members consider a benefit social to assist the family. ***Since the meeting, a Fish n’ Chip night, Friday 18 November has been organized for the benefit at MOG 5 S.R. ’s Mess. Wide notice to follow.*

(2) Discussion then ensued on the value of the twice-yearly Trident ads as being too expensive for what is achieved OR is it an effective show of good will and remembrance. The Chair will visit Trident advertising people to pursue the matter for as a military newspaper, it is viewed that there should be some form of allowance for non-profit military associations.

7. **50/50 Draw:** \$38.50 won by Buster Brown

8. **Submariners Prayer:** Led by Tony Palmer.

9. **2045:** Motion to Adjourn: Roy Pepper; seconded by Willie Waugh. Carried

10. **Next Meetings.**

Executive: 1300, Thurs. 24 Nov. 05, Venue: “The Wheelhouse”, Stad C & PO’s Mess

A.G.M: 1330, Saturday, 03 December, 2005. Venue: C & PO’s Mess, MOG5