

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 29, March, 2006.
VENUE C & PO'S MESS, MOG5

1930: Meeting called to order there being 29 members, and 1 guest. In attendance were: Pierre Alarie; Bruce Bennett; Art Bodden; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Paul Dube; Keith Estabrooks, Pete Hagan; Ray Hunt; Steve Jenner; John Madison; Brian McEachern; Ian Mitchell; Pony Moore; John O'Dwyer; Tony Palmer; Eric Parsons; Greg Pease; Roy Pepper; Bertie Phillips; Gilles Poirier; Tex Ranger; Brian Smith; John Smith; Soapy Watson; Willie Waugh. Guest: Danny Watts (Chief Tiff, Victoria /V/President, SAOC West).

Chairman: Welcomed the members and guest, stating his pleasure at seeing members who had not been around for a while, especially Paul Dube; Wiggy Bennett. Members were reminded to please check off on the attendance list, and not to forget the "Tip" bowl for the bartender. Members were then invited to rise for a moment of reflection with: Suzanne Jones recovering from surgery; Elizabeth Bowden, wife of Keith Bowden (member of Central) passed away March 24, 2006. Ryan Conroy: Father Frank Ralph under the weather tonight; and any others or loved ones suffering various afflictions in mind.

Minutes of February Meeting: One error: the minutes referred to the "capture" of U190, should read "surrender". There being no other errors or omissions. Moved by: Pierre Doutre, seconded by: Pete Hagan that the corrected minutes be adopted as tabled. Carried

Correspondence: Email from: Lesley Conroy re: Ryan's Health. It is reported Ryan has more cancer than first thought, they can not operate, and he is waiting to start chemo. He will be getting 3 different types of chemo for the next 6 months. His treatment is every 2 weeks. He is still planning on attending mess dinner so please keep him informed.

Reports:

Chairman: Informed the members that in the absence of Billy K, the two patterns of **ties** as voted in at a previous meeting, were available from Slops at a cost of \$25 tax included. **Onondaga** at Musée de la Mer; members have heard much publicity about the museum in Rimouski. and now seems that the local media fail to appreciate that several attempts were earlier made to acquire a boat for Halifax. Chairman then passed assurance that all are encouraged that Onondaga will have a home. He added of the appeal authored by Capt Larry Hickey on behalf of Musée de la Mer regarding donations in three forms: (1) Donor's name on a plaque located on the bridge, \$200.00 (2) Donor's name on a plaque on a selected bunk, \$150.00 (3) Donor's name on a plaque to be located in the Interpretation Center \$100.00. It was unsure if members were previously aware but if wishing to subscribe, it is certainly a worthy cause. Contact information is available.

Marcom Museum: the resurrection of the submarine exhibits has begun in preparing the former crypt. Target date for an opening ceremony is June 2009, encouraged by and at the suggestion of Marilyn Gurney, Curator in not getting muddled with the other Centenary activities anticipated to begin in July 09. Twice yearly **Trident (BOA/ Remembrance – SAOC recognition)** what was at one time, a worthy and significant remembrance of fallen comrades was a complimentary invitation to do so by Trident newspaper. However, it has since transformed into a "joint association" twice-yearly "Classified Advertisement." at a cost of (\$115.00 tax inc.) As SAOC East is a non-profit organization, such resources can be better utilized rather than continuing with submission(s) to a military newspaper to observe remembrance as opposed to the spirit that it once was.

Vice Chairman: Hoped that his absence at February's meeting was not noticed. Informed the members; that he will be chairing the April meeting in promising: to make it a quick one.

Secretary: Reported one member: Gary Hopkins had rejoined. Reminded members to please inform him should they have a change of postal or email address.

Treasurer: Reported a couple of people had rejoined or paid their dues tonight, had received \$20 from a previous slop sale paid by cheque which had a date problem. The net worth of the association at the moment \$ 20,403 that is counting everything, including G.I.C's. Membership: 69 paid for 2006, 42 paid

for life, 3 honorary life, 6 retirement memberships for a total of 120. Reports were available if anyone wished to see them.

Health/Wellness & Slops: Rep. not in attendance.

Social: It is intended to hold the Annual Mess Dinner June 22, 2006. Intent to attend and payment must be made by the May 31st monthly meeting due to the C & PO's Mess requirement that payment of estimated costs be made 14 days in advance of the function. Estimated cost to be determined after menu and other charges are finalized and will be promulgated as soon as it is known.

Old Business:

Way Ahead Committee: George Byzewski reported that he and Tony Palmer had held a meeting but were unable to have Keith Griffin in attendance. (No phone # or address. Secretary will supply ASAP) He mentioned that under consideration was more ways to attract serving members into the association. Danny Watts was then asked what steps had been taken by SAOC West to achieve this; Danny gave several examples of initiatives that they had taken with very good results. George thanked him for some good ideas to consider..

The Chairman invited the Way Ahead committee to attend the next executive meeting for a sitrep. This suggestion was accepted.

Stone Carvings: Have been on E-bay for over a month for some reason they are not going, the market is fairly competitive and people know what they are buying, we have had lots of enquiries but no bids so we may want to think of disposal by another method.

Pattern for Association Badge: The pattern has been completed; Moe Morrison is now awaiting the material to make a mould. It is anticipated badges will be available in the summer.

Top Student Award: Chairman stated that whilst at Central's February meeting he had reminded that the award began as a Central initiative, presented on their behalf by East unless there was a member of Central available. He also stated that he was absorbing the associated (engraving) costs and that custodianship of the award be resolved. He noted that Central were going to approach West and ourselves to consider a cost sharing arrangement. To date, nothing has been heard from Central or West. We have since received notice that another graduation will be held April 25, 2006. Pete Hagan and Tony Palmer offered their services to make the presentation to Oberon trained, LS Yanic Gagnon. Chairman shall once again, acquire the brass tally.

A 10 Minute Break: was then called.

Meeting Resumed.

Battle of the Atlantic Sunday: The Chairman informed the members that B.O.A. ceremonies will now be held at Scotian, Adm. McNeil had made this decision due to the advanced age of many would-be Pt. Pleasant Pk. attendees, plus all too often, the inclement weather conditions. BOA Sunday this year is May 7. A volunteer to lay the wreath will be canvassed for at the April meeting.

A.O.B. It was brought to attention that we had not been given a Public Relations report, this was promptly corrected by John Clahane who with many of the details, reported that Windsor is at sea; Corner Brook is at the back end of Canadianization;

50/50: The sum of \$53 was won by Danny Watts

Submariners Prayer: Led by Greg Pease.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by George Byzewski; seconded by Pierre Alarie. Carried.

Future Meetings:

Executive: 1630, April 12, 2006. Venue: C & PO's Mess, CFB Stadacona.

Monthly: 1930, April 26, 2006. Venue: Junior Rates Mess, MOG 5.