

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD APRIL 26, 2006
VENUE JUNIOR RATES MESS, MOG5

1930: Meeting called to order there being 39 members, 1 new member and 2 guests. In attendance were: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; Jerry Bourgeois; "Buster" Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; David Clearwater; Brendan Daly; Pierre Doutre; Paul Dube; Keith Estabrooks; Keith Griffin; Joe Haddock; Reggie Harris; Billy Harris; Ray Hunt; Steve Jenner; "Taff" Jones; Bill Layden; John Madison; Ernie Marcoux; Brian McEachern; Ian Mitchell; "Pony" Moore; Tony Palmer; Scott Parsons; Bertie Phillips; Gilles Poirier; Frank Ralph; "Tex" Ranger; Dave Russell; Jerry Sigrist; Brian Smith; John Smith; "Brum" Tovey; "Soapy" Watson; Willie Waugh; Mike Wigger. New member: Wade Berglund Guests: Albert Dube; Dennis Dube.

Vice Chairman: Welcomed members and guests; introducing himself to those members who did not know him, stating that he was chairing the meeting this evening to familiarize himself with the procedure. Members were asked to ensure they were checked off on the attendance list and not to forget the "Tip" bowl. He then invited members to pause for moment of reflection with thoughts to: Harry Suto's wife Lillian (in hospital after suffering a stroke) any other members or loved ones who may be suffering from various afflictions. Special thoughts: to Corporal Matthew Dinning; Bombardier Myles Mansell; Cpl. Randy Payne and Lieutenant William Turner who died this week in Afghanistan.

Minutes of March Meeting: There being one omission: Ray Hunt was not shown in attendance. Proposed by: "Tex" Ranger; Seconded by: Pierre Doutre; That: minutes be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Secretary reported:

Op. Ord. for Battle of the Atlantic Sunday.
Marlant invitation to attend Battle of the Atlantic Ceremonies at HMCS Scotian.
Information regarding Submariners Association (UK) reunion 2006. Inviting anyone wishing this information to contact him.

Reports:

Chairman: Nothing at this point.

Vice Chairman: Nothing at this point.

Secretary: Nothing at this point.

Treasurer: Reported bank balance including GIC's before this meeting of \$ 19,953.88. Paid out this month \$523.25 for neckties purchased for slops. Membership: 128 paid for current year 12 paid for 2007.

P.R. Not a whole lot going on, Chicoutimi in the hands of the politicians with no decisions at this point; Windsor up on the dock for a short period, Corner Brook is back in the water in the final stages of finishing up the work that has been going on after the best part of 2 years on the dock,. Victoria is 6 months into refit.

Social: Mess Dinner, to be held 22 June, 2006. Cost per person: \$ 45.00. *More info in accompanying page*

Motion: That \$ 1,000.00 be contributed to mess dinner from the association operating account to offset some of the costs. Made by: John Madison; Seconded by George Byzewski:

Motion Carried

Executive committee had allocated a further \$500.00 from the Hospitality fund

Tickets are on sale as of this evening.

Due to prepayment requirements by C & PO's Mess; all monies must be paid by May 31, 2006.

Cancellations / No Shows: No Shows are non-refundable.

Refunds for cancellations made after June 03, 2006 cannot be made except in emergency cases.

Health/Wellness & Slops: In the absence of the Rep. John Madison was selling neckties @ \$25.00 also had a limited number of miniature dolphin badges available @ \$5.00.

Old Business:

Way Ahead Committee: Tony Palmer on behalf of committee explained that the mandate given by the executive committee was to ensure the longevity and growth of the association, there are quite a few areas to cover in the mandate, one of the key ones being membership and the lack of serving members joining the association. To try to address this they have put together a questionnaire with the intent that copies be placed in the JR's; C & PO's

Messes and the Wardroom, requesting serving members complete them. This will hopefully give us a feel for why they are not joining and suggestions they might have as to how we can become more attractive to them. George Byzewski added that they are also looking at ongoing methods of fundraising in order to keep ourselves financially viable; also looking at our cost of operating. Any member who has ideas that might be of interest to the committee are encouraged to contact Tony; George or Keith Griffin by email or phone; addresses and phone numbers are available in the members section of the website or from the secretary. Also under consideration is a questionnaire for members to elicit ideas as to where we should go, why members do not renew etc.

Stone Carvings: George Byzewski reported that much to his surprise E-bay was not a success, it seems that people are just looking for deals and are not willing to pay anywhere near a reasonable price. George had been approached prior to this by John Madison; he may have a contact in Montreal. It is intended to give this a try, or some other method. If this does not work; consideration should be given to returning them to Taff Jones who donated them in the first place.

Museum: Chairman reported, the museum is still alive and well; that Marilyn Gurney is still home under doctors orders until 01 May; never the less, she has been down into the crypt and things are going well there. Brum Tovey is very instrumental in bringing bits and pieces that are waiting to go into the museum, in the not too distant future volunteers will be required to help out set things up. Many items including a 4ft. scale model of Ojibwa have turned up from Ottawa; Brum is also going to Groton shortly where he will be liaising to bring back a model of the Argonaut (Rainbow). Brum then gave a list of various items that have been obtained to date.

New Business:

Battle of the Atlantic Sunday: Ceremony to be held at HMCS Scotian, Members are asked to arrive prior to 1030, suggested maybe 1015. Dress: association blazer if you have one. Parking: at dockyard south parking lot, with shuttle service before/after ceremony.

A volunteer was sought from serving members to lay the wreath on association behalf.

P.O. Wade Berglund stated that he would be honoured to undertake this.

Any Other

Business:

Top Student Award: Tony Palmer informed the members that he has presented the Top Student award, he was quite honoured to do this, and was struck by the enthusiasm with which it was received. He felt that it was a very rewarding experience and urged members to take part in future awards.

Jim Harris: Gave the members a description Remembrance Ceremonies during a visit to Australia where he had the good fortune to receive an invitation to attend from Aussie submariners, Jim stated that they treated him royally leaving him with fond memories.

Chairman: Reiterated regarding Battle of the Atlantic Sunday and Mess Dinner. He then thanked the Vice Chairman for a successfully conducted meeting.

50/50: Was then drawn the winner of \$77.50 being Gilles Poirier.

Submariners Prayer: Was offered led by Father Frank Ralph.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by: Terry Chatham; seconded by: Pierre Alarie. Motion Carried

Future meetings:

Executive: 1630 Tuesday, May 16, 2006. Venue: Compass Rm. C & PO's Mess, CFB Stadacona.

Monthly: 1930 May 31, 2006. Venue: Senior Rates Mess. MOG 5.