

**SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 28 JUNE, 2006**  
**JUNIOR RATES MESS, MOG5**

**1930:** Meeting called to order there being 18 members & 2 guests. In attendance: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; “Buster” Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Gary Hopkins; Steve Jenner; John Madison; “Pony” Moore; Gilles Poirier; Luc Rollin; John Smith; “Brum” Tovey; “Soapy” Watson; Willie Waugh. Guests: Charlie Lonsdale (UK. SA) & Tony Vine, (Cdr. RAN).

**Chairman:** Welcomed everyone recognizing members: Gary Hopkins and Luc Rollin who hadn't been to meetings for some time. Special welcome to Charlie Lonsdale (Barrow Br.) and Cdr. Tony Vine. Members reminded to check off the attendance list. Then invited the meeting to pause for a moment's silence for Those who “Crossed the Bar”. (Pierre Doutre and Jerry Sigrist just released from hospital) and ailing members and loved ones.

**Minutes of May Meeting:** Possibly some attendees not listed as head count didn't match attendance list. Motion that minutes be adopted as tabled made by: George Byzewski; seconded by Luc Rollin. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence: In:**

- (1) Note & copy of Navy News (UK) from Shady Lane re: Articles: HMS/m Ambush and Submarine Parachute Assist Group
- (2) Announcement and Invitation to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual RCNA Reunion 18 – 21 May 2007, Digby, NS. Host: Adm. Desmond Piers Naval Association, Bridgewater, NS. ( Further information at end of minutes)

**Out:**

- (1) Letter of acknowledgement: Cdr. Luc Pelletier. (Others in draft stage as per Mess Dinner
- (2) Card to Pierre Doutre.
- (3) Waiver of Liability passed to COS Marlant

**Reports: Chairman:**

**The 22 June 06 Annual Mess Dinner** was seen as a complete success and a great time. Guest Speaker Cdr. Luc Pelletier gave an excellent delivery while indicating that he had taken the opportunity to formally speak for the first time of the events aboard HMCS *Chicoutimi* and was pleased to do so to a comprehending group among brethren submariners.

**Museum:** Brum Tovey, John Madison and Buster boarded *Okanagan* recently to do a museum reccy'. While some kit is now ashore, about six volunteers will be hopefully solicited for a 2 day (week day) period to remove designated items to the museum. As a fundamental requirement, a “waiver of liability” letter has been passed to COS Marlant.

**Digby Reunion;** in conversation with the reunion chairman, Doc Halliday indicated that if sufficient numbers of submariners were registered, (30 to 50) a reception and tribute recognizing “submariners” would be held as part of the planned activities.

**Vice Chairman:** Absent

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** Statement of finances to date, were distributed. Significant change for June were the Mess Dinner amounts collected and paid out. We had previously approved a subsidy of \$1500. At present, we are in the range of \$900. It was pointed out that the final costs were being calculated and would be settled in due course. Bank balance: \$4,570.34. Motion that Treasurer's report be adopted as tabled moved by: Minky Alarie; seconded by: John Smith. Motion Carried.

**Social:** As previously reported by the Chairman, the Mess Dinner went very well emphasizing once again, on the quality of Luc Pelletier's presentation. There were two "no-shows" and they will be contacted regarding retribution/loss of cost to attend.

**Summer BBQ:** As a May meeting deferral until the June meeting, it was agreed to and suggested that a summer BBQ be held Friday 15 September, or following Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Health/Wellness & Slops:** Absent

**Way Ahead Committee:** Tony Palmer has had to leave while having completed the serving submariner's questionnaire. Terry Chatham has offered to fill the vacancy, working with George Byzewski to continue with the remaining tasks. George committed that the results of the "Questionnaire" would be forwarded to the executive in August. So far, he has received 28 member suggestions for "the way ahead". If anyone has further suggestions or comments, please pass to e-mail address: [subassnwayahead@hotmail.com](mailto:subassnwayahead@hotmail.com), and for those not on-line, mail to: PO Box 91, Dartmouth, NS. B2Y 3Y2 or contact George by phone: 902-826-9311

**Old Business:** Stone Carvings: George Byzewski reported E-Bay has turned out to be a non-event he had further correspondence with the gentleman in Toronto who is a broker in stone carvings when George sent him all the pictures and the close ups, he made no offer. Ongoing!

**New Business:**

**Association Badge:** Chairman informed that after painting an Association Badge, (7 inches) plus wood backing, are considered a little too "bulky" for presentation to guests etc. He has since approached (pattern maker) Moe Morrison in producing a smaller version. As this would require consent from the membership, moved by: Brum Tovey; seconded by: Soapy Watson. Motion Carried.

**A.O.B.**

**George Byzewski** informed the members that he and Charlie Lonsdale had intended to bring Paul Dube to the meeting but Paul requires rest before he and wife Heather go on a trip to Portland Maine. Paul cannot articulate how he is feeling but when they talk about guys in the association, he is respondent. George emphasized that cards or notes to Paul are always appreciated in lifting his spirits. **Steve Jenner** informed members that "Down Under" part 2 his story about the Australian SM Squadron is now available at Seaside Books and Stamps, Alderney Drive Dartmouth. **Gilles Poirier** noted that Onondaga is in the dockyard to load periscopes as part of the prep for the tow to Rimouski. After telephoning Ms. Bourassa of Musée de la mer of the news, she explained that the consortium has run into some delaying red tape with the QC government and such setbacks would conflict with timings for the twice-yearly very high tide needed to bring the boat ashore at Rimouski in August.

**50/50:** Scrubbed – low number in attendance

**Submariners Prayer:** eloquently led by Brum Tovey

**Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by: Brum Tovey; seconded by: Willie Waugh. Motion Carried.

**Future Meetings:**

**Executive:** Date & time TBD / C & PO's Mess, Stadacona

**Monthly:** 1930, 26 July 06. Venue: Senior Rates Mess, MOG5.

**RCNA 53<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL REUNION:**

Digby, Nova Scotia **18 - 21 May 2007**. Cost: \$90 per person. A comprehensive information package will be available at the next meeting/or contact Jerry Sigrist-email: [adpna.sigrist@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:adpna.sigrist@ns.sympatico.ca) Phone: 902-624-9556; or visit the Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association website: [www.adpna.com](http://www.adpna.com)