

**SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 30 AUGUST, 2006**  
**JUNIOR RATES MESS, MOG5**

**1930:** Meeting called to order there being 23 members & 2 guests. In attendance: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; “Buster” Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; Keith Estabrooks; Don Hood; Ian Hughes; Ray Hunt; Taff Jones; Bill Kamermans; Cliff Killam; John Madison; Brian McEachern; Dusty Miller; “Pony” Moore; Roy Pepper; Bert Phillips; Jerry Sigrist; Carey Ann Stewart; “Brum” Tovey; “Soapy” Watson; Willie Waugh.  
Guests: Danny Watts; (West) Mike McConaghy (West).

**The Chairman** welcomed members, West members Danny Watts and Mike McConaghy; stated his pleasure at seeing a few faces we hadn't seen for a while: Ray Hunt; Dusty Miller; Jerry Sigrist; Carey Ann Stewart. Reminded members to check off on the attendance list & don't forget the bartender. Members were then invited to rise for A Moment's Silence with thoughts attributed to Central, and founding member Dave Perkins; Dave Tull (Barrow); military personnel; our comrades who have crossed the bar; members or loved ones suffering afflictions.

**Minutes of July Meeting:** Chairman asked: were there any errors or omissions? There being none. Proposed by: George Byzewski; seconded by Roy Pepper that minutes be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried

**Correspondence: In:** Email from Marcel Simard.

Information package from: RCN Benevolent Fund. (See attached page)

Email Re: Update on Ryan Conroy's chemo progress.

**Out:** Email of condolence to Perkins family recognising Dave's contribution as founding member of the Submarine Old Comrades Association (Canadian Branch) Email to Barrow Branch asking that condolences be passed to Dave Tull family.

**Reports:**

**V/Chairman:** Absent

**Treasurer:** Reported showing a total balance to date of \$4,356.13. Membership 133 consisting of: 41 Paid for Life; 3 Honourary Life; 6 Retirement; 83 regular members.

**Secretary:** Requested that members inform him of changes to postal or email addresses. Asking that members with email address still receiving correspondence but postal mail inform him at [mead@accesswave.ca](mailto:mead@accesswave.ca) to reduce postage costs.

**Social: BBQ MOG5-1900, Friday, 15 September 2006. Cost \$10 per person Guests welcome.**

**Health & Wellness/Slops:** Gave inventory of Slops in stock; will have value of stock available for AGM.

**Chairman:** Reported: IAW the AGM 2005 agenda, the volunteer Way Ahead Committee received a tasking letter dated 25 January, 2006. previously ratified by the Executive Committee. The ad-hoc Committee (Keith Griffin, George Byzewski, Tony Palmer) was asked to report back by 31 August, 2006. The dwindled 2 man committee (George Byzewski, Terry Chatham) forwarded their report at the 23 August 06 Executive Meeting. The Chairman then stated that he would not go into details of what the report had outlined until the Executive Committee carried out a review. (Ad-hoc members not required) and once completed, the details and any prescribed initiatives shall be immediately included in an upcoming Newsletter and will also be tabled at the 27<sup>th</sup> September general meeting. It was unfortunate that a number of taskings couldn't be addressed for reasons of lack of resource and priority of work and family. Our number one requirement is finances and maintaining our financial stability as we still have no method in place to do so. Finances and the 4 other taskings shall be outlined in the newsletter which also includes: Elections; Review of Executive duties and responsibilities, the separation of the AGM and Xmas potluck, and recruiting of serving submariners. The Chairman then invited George Byzewski to provide a summary of the report.

**Way Ahead Committee Report:** George reported: starting in January a survey was done of the Victoria boats, Tony Palmer was transferred to the west coast at which time Terry Chatham then replaced him. Our biggest single observation of the whole Way Ahead was what bordered on zero input from the members; he had one email from a serving member and one from Central, the rest was just conversations with people. As Buster stated we have to address finances, again one of our previous considerations was attracting the currently serving submariners and how do we get them into the fold or whether the fact of do they want to be in the fold. Again for more input we have an email address [subassnwayahead@hotmail.com](mailto:subassnwayahead@hotmail.com) if anyone has any comments the committee can still get them to the executive.

**Old Business:**

**Nominating Committee:** The Chairman reminded members that at the last monthly meeting a call for volunteers was made with none forthcoming. As a result, Dusty Miller and John Madison have since come forward with Dusty as Chair and John as Co-chair. Dusty submitted the following:

There is a long time misconception about the duties of the Nominating Committee when it comes to the part of canvassing the general membership for nominations to the positions on the executive for election at the AGM. Canvassing does not mean that the Chairman or any other member of the nominating committee is required to contact all members in person, or by phone, personal letter etc. This would be an impossible task for any members taking on the position of serving on the nominating committee. The canvassing is done by all members in good standing informing the nominating committee (Chairman or Member) that they wish to have their name put forward for election on the nomination list and to what office they are willing to stand for.

The election call for the association is always orally put before the members at the regular monthly meeting prior to the AGM which is held in December. It is also written into the monthly minutes up to the month of the AGM and this is sent out to all members of the SAOC (East).

The names, phone number, home address and e-mail address of the Chairman and Co-Chairman for the nominating committee are also posted in the minutes.

Any member in good standing is free to have their names placed on the nomination list or if they wish to nominate another member in good standing for any office they can inform the nominating committee chairman or co-chairman. Lastly, if in attendance at the AGM any member in good standing can nominate a member from the floor at the time of the "Election of Officers" at the AGM. All members nominated must be in attendance at the AGM so as to either accept or decline their nomination when called to do so by the Nomination Committee Chairman.

The names placed before the members at the AGM for election by the nomination committee are not to be construed as the wishes of the committee that they be elected but they are the names of candidates that have been given to them to be placed on the list as it is their duty to do so.

In the past several years the names of members placed on the nomination list have been the present serving officers who have informed the nomination committee that they are willing to serve another term and that no other members have placed their names on the list or have been nominated by another member.

Now, to a most important, and I might add critical announcement to all members of the Submarine Association of Canada (East). There is a high possibility that two, maybe three (one for sure) of the current members of the executive will not be re-offering to serve another term in office. These members have served this association with all the exorbitance and dedication that all members of this association can be very thankful for their service over many years. It is their wish (and rightly so) that others step forward and put their hands to the helm and steer this association on the same successful course that it has been over these past years. I have used the word "critical" and it is just that, as it takes (according to the Constitution and By-Laws) 5 executive members to execute the successful operations (6 if we continue with the office of "Public Relation Chair" of this association and not less than 5 as this would place a heavy burden on less than 5 for a full term of Office.

I as Chairman along with the Co-Chairman of the nominating committee for the up-coming election of the executive to be held at the AGM, we are appealing to all members of good standing to think long and hard about the situation we may be fording ourselves in and if they feel that they can and are willing to fill any vacancies that they contact myself or John Madison who is the Co-Chair of the nomination committee as soon possible to have their name placed on the nominating committee's list of candidates.

Submitted by J. "Dusty" Miller, Chairman of the Nomination committee and John Madison Co-Chair.

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**Naval Reunion, Digby N.S. 18-20 May, 2007:** Members were reminded that the Adm, Piers Naval Association is hosting another reunion in Digby and we are cordially invited to attend. Doc Halliday, National President RCNA had earlier declared that along with other events and if a reasonable number of submariners attend, they would like to honour us with a reception. Jerry Sigrist informed the members that a similar reunion held in Digby in 2000 had over 1200 people there and was very successful. What they propose to do if they get a good number of submariners to attend, they can also hold their own mini reunion amongst the big one. Members were reminded that you do not have to be a member of RCNA to attend. Attendees are required to make their own arrangements for accommodations. Accommodations in Digby are going very quickly and some of the 30 plus hotels and motels that have been checked over are already booked up. Speedy booking is recommended.

**Holland Club inductee "Real Cyr":** Chairman reminded members: Details of the e-mail "request for contacts" from USS Maine Base Subvets; regards: Holland Club inductee "Real Cyr". Real, a Canadian, is a former WW2 member of the RCN and a commando who ended up transferring into the USN and retiring as a submariner. The request has been taken to Marland Public Affairs in order to have a senior Canadian representative present at the Induction, 15 October 06 in Augusta Maine. The Chairman has provided contacts for both Canada and the UK in the meantime George Byzewski and Terry Chatham were down in Groton where they ran into this opportunity and they have come up with an idea about a group of members attending this, to isolate the two, one is for the Navy to recognize Real Cyr and the other one is for the association to participate if they wish to. Chairman then passed the floor to Terry Chatham. Terry stated the Induction is to be held in Augusta during the w/e 13-15 October, leaving on Friday coming back on Sunday after the ceremony. The hotels are taxes included \$US 70 per night per

person, the cost of the bus so far is \$3,800 which is a fair amount but with enough people it becomes reasonable. Terry needs to know who would like to go and if there is enough interest my main option is to sell the seats, if some of the members want to bring their wives along they are welcome on Saturday it is intended to lay on a bus to Kittery which is not duty free but an outlet area about an hour and a half to two hour drive from Augusta and perhaps get in some early Xmas shopping. Terry needs to know by the end of September how many will be going so as to go ahead with the bus and also release the hotels he has booked if need be. Terry put a motion on the floor for ease of accounting the association be billed for the bus and the members that are going would pay back the association. Motion was seconded by: Soapy Watson. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**AGM for 2006:** Based on the recommendation of the Way Ahead Ctee. , it was suggested to the members that the Xmas Pot Luck be held this year at 1900, Friday, December 01 which would precede the AGM the following day at 1330 Saturday, December 02. This would enable the AGM to be held without being rushed due to consideration of the Ladies patiently killing time whilst the meeting is being held. The move also allows that members who attend that are from out of town/province could arrive for the Pot Luck on Friday and return home on completion of the AGM or the following day. So as to conform with the By-Laws, it was agreed that the move be done on a trial basis only and determination for future AGM's combined with the Xmas Pot-Luck to be made at the January 2007 meeting.

Members were reminded the submissions for the AGM must be in writing and signed; to be received no later than 31 October, 2006. Reminding that IAW the By-Laws: verbal submissions from the floor are unacceptable.

**A.O.B. Museum:** Brum Tovey informed the members they could all give a sigh of relief as nobody would be required to go down to Okanagan or Ojibwa, next Tuesday he has a heavy gang going down there, all serving members to rip out the bits required and get them to where ever they have to go. Onondaga is not going anywhere until next year, they missed the tide, there are two tides per year May and November, there is no way they are towing a boat in November so it is now next May.

**50/50:** The sum of \$40 was won by Don Hood.

**Submariners Prayer:** Was then offered eloquently led by Jerry Sigrist.

**Motion to Adjourn** Made by Dusty Miller, Seconded by Soapy Watson. Motion Carried.

**Future Meetings: Executive: 1200 Saturday 16 September, 2006. Venue: C & PO's Mess Stadacona. (To be confirmed)  
Monthly: 1930, September 27, 2006. Venue: C & PO's Mess, MOG 5**