

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 27 SEPTEMBER, 2006
SENIOR RATES MESS, MOG5

1930: Meeting called to order there being 22 members. In attendance were: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; "Buster" Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Steve Jenner; Bill Kamermans; Bill Layden; Brian McEachern; John Meehan; Dusty Miller; "Pony" Moore; Scott Parsons; Greg Pease; Roy Pepper; Luc Rollin; Brian Smith; "Soapy" Watson; Willie Waugh.

The Chairman welcomed members, stated his pleasure at seeing a few faces we hadn't seen for a while: John Meehan; Scott Parsons; Greg Pease; Luc Rollin. 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 member Don McKerracher; Afghanistan: Corporals Glenn Arnold; Shane Keating; Keith Morley and Pte. David Byers, our comrades who have crossed the bar; John Madison recovering from surgery; members or loved ones suffering various afflictions.

Minutes of August Meeting: Chairman asked: were there any errors or omissions? There being none. Proposed by: John Clahane; Seconded by: Pierre Alarie that minutes are accepted as tabled. Motion Carried

Correspondence:

In: Notice-Fraser Valley C & PO's Association to cease, effective 31 Oct. 06
Email from UK Re: HMS/m Onyx. (included in newsletter)

Out: Condolences to family of Don McKerracher
Get Well card to John Madison

Reports:

Chairman: Thank the Way Ahead Committee for their efforts. He informed the members that a response to the recommendations of the committee had been put together that was ratified and the executive meeting held 23 August. This is contained in the newsletter which it had been hoped in view of the length, would be in the hands of members before tonight's meeting, however due to a computer glitch this was not possible. By far the solutions presented are not conclusive in the sense that there is still so much work to do and in order to do so, the most important thing is that members need to be more active in the association.

V/Chairman: Apologized for being absent for a couple of meetings, explaining that he was in a new job which requires him to be out of town quite a bit, however he will still carry on his duties and will support the association as needed.

Treasurer: Passed out copies of the financial report showing a bank balance of \$4,501.13

Secretary: We have 1 new member, Serge Bastien; 1 rejoined member, John Meehan. Reminded members to please inform him of address changes, noting that he has recently had several emails returned as invalid addresses.

Stated that Christmas cards were now available, priced at \$5 per package of 5. Increase in cost being due to a larger format this year resulting in higher costs to produce.

Proceeds (less cost of materials) to the hospitality fund.

Social: The BBQ held September 15 went over well, unfortunately once again members stated they were coming then didn't turn up. This time in was fortunate that a couple of members turned up with unexpected guests, otherwise we would have faced a loss of approximately \$100.

Health Wellness/Slops: Reported that the new mini dolphins were now available at \$5 each. It was pointed out that these are the appropriate size for Mess Dress.

Nominating Committee: NC Chair, Dusty Miller reported that although John Madison is resting at home, he can be reached with nominations by telephone. To date, there is a slate of nominees for each of

the offices except one, for whom the incumbent is yet to commit to running. By AGM 2006, the nominating committee should have a full slate including any others that are made by phone, email or from the floor at the AGM.

Old Business:

Trip to Augusta Me. Re: Real Cyr Holland Club, the chairman reiterated the facts regarding this, stating that it is also contained in the newsletter. Chootch Chatham informed the members a 15 passenger van would cost around \$1,750 which would work out too expensive, after checking out various car rentals where a 15 passenger van would cost \$85 per day plus \$26 per day for insurance plus \$0.22 per kilometre for everything over 150 Km. which with gas would work out to roughly \$ 155 per person; plus \$ US70 per night accommodation (2 persons sharing) or \$US140 single. Anyone that wants to go please get in touch with Chootch email: t.chatham@ns.sympatico.ca Phone: 902-462-7667.

Submissions for AGM: 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 do not qualify.

Xmas Pot Luck: Based on the recommendation of the Way Ahead Committee, the august Meeting membership approved that the Xmas Pot Luck be held this year at 1900, Friday, December 01 which would precede the AGM to be held 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 attending 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 to 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.

The social rep. stated that as the AGM is a stand-alone, the Pot Luck is strictly a social event. Guests are welcome, requesting that he be informed of intent to attend and numbers of guests. Also, what foods members and guests wish to contribute with. Guests are to be reminded that photo ID is required at the gate.

New Business: None

50/50 Draw: Then held Scott Parsons was the winner of \$32.50

A Submariners Prayer: Was offered eloquently led by: Dusty Miller.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by: Pony Moore; seconded be: Pierre Doutre. Motion Carried.

Next Meetings:

Executive: 1200, Tuesday, 17 October, 2006. Venue: C & PO's Mess, CFB Stadacona.

Monthly: 1930, 25 October, 2006. Venue: Junior Rates Mess, MOG 5.