

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 25 OCTOBER, 2006

JUNIOR RATES MESS, MOG5

1930: Meeting called to order there being 31 members. In attendance were: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; “Buster” Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; “Dan”Daly; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Bob Evans; Vern Forrest; Joe Haddock; Steve Jenner; Taff Jones; Bill Kamermans; Brian Lapierre; John Madison; Brian McEachern; John Meehan; Dusty Miller; Ian Mitchell; “Pony” Moore; Roy Pepper; “Tex” Ranger; Luc Rollin; Jerry Sigrist; John Smith; “Brum Tovey; “Soapy” Watson; Willie Waugh; Mike Wigger.

The Chairman welcomed members, stated his pleasure at seeing a few faces we hadn’t seen for a while: Chuck Forrest; Jerry Sigrist; Dan Daly; & Bob Evans. 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: Trooper Mark Wilson; Sgt. Darcy Tedford; Pte. Blake Williamson; and wounded personnel in Afghanistan; Norman Brannen father of Jim and Davy; Debbie Arnason wife of Arni Arnason (West); Cdr. W.J. Walker. (Member of our twin branch Barrow (Seraph; Excalibur; Oracle; Courageous); Dennis de Ste Croix. Our comrades who have crossed the bar; members or loved ones suffering from various afflictions.

Minutes of September Meeting: Chairman asked: were there any errors or omissions? There being none. Proposed by: “Dusty” Miller; Seconded by: Luc Rollin that minutes are accepted as tabled. Motion Carried

Correspondence:

In:

Op Ord - HMCS Scotian- Remembrance Day Ceremonies Pt. Pleasant Pk.
Photos from Marcel Simard - Onondaga -1982/83 Sentinel Magazine.
Email: Very favourable update on Ryan Conroy’s health

Out:

Thinking of you card - Debbie Arnason
Sympathy Card - Arnason Family
Sympathy Card to Brannen Family

Reports:

Chairman: The Way Ahead Report; Chairman reminded members that they had seen the response sent back to the committee on the report; some things had been resolved but the two areas that are really of concern are Finances which we have to come up with a strategy to remain solvent; the other item was that the Way Ahead report was dotted with all kinds of members who do not want to come forward to help out, it was stressed that all members need to participate in the various activities.

V/Chairman: Not in attendance due to being out of town on business.

Treasurer: Passed out copies of the financial report showing a bank balance of \$4,204.77. We have 139 paid up members consisting of: 7 Retirement memberships; 87 regular members; 42 paid for life and 3 honorary life.

Treasurer noted that in the guest book of the Website an ex submariner Pete Hutton is seeking contact with Bernie O'Leary or any others who served on Ocelot 1965 – 67. He went on to inform the members that Corner Brook sailed.

Members are reminded that 2007 dues should be paid by December 31, 2006. Check expiry date on envelope; those who receive correspondence by email will be notified of their expiry date by email.

Secretary: Reminded members that Christmas cards are 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.

Health & Wellness/Slops: reminded members that various items were available, see Bill K. at end of meeting.

Social: Pot luck: Rep. stated that he would be passing around a list and asked that members indicate their intention of attending with the number of guests they would be bringing. Any member not present or who did not indicate their intentions but wish to attend, please phone Keith at 866-1609 or Pony 434-6997 email mead@accesswave.ca Members were reminded that as a trial the Pot Luck will be held 1800 Friday, December 01, 2006 with AGM being held at 1300 Saturday, December 02, 2006.

Chairman- Nominating Committee: Stated that he had nominations by phone and email he has contacted those who have been nominated regards acceptance; some can accept, some cannot. He reminded that nominations for office can be made from the floor, anyone making or accepting nominations must be a member in good standing (dues paid for 2006) and must be present at the AGM. At this point there are nominations for all positions.

Old Business: Deadline written submissions for AGM, 31 October, 2006. Members were again reminded that IAW the By-Laws, verbal submissions from the floor are inappropriate.

New Business: Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Pt Pleasant Park. (Meet in the parking lot by 1030) There is a slight change this year in that the wreath is to be sent to Scotian who will be responsible for its transportation to Point Pleasant. As is our custom, a volunteer serving member was sought to lay the wreath on our behalf. "Brum" Tovey stated he would be honoured do so. The chairman noted that the Opord includes a Legion Colour Party. He then asked George Byzewski and Terry Chatham if they would represent the association with our Standards. George and Terry agreed to, chairman noting he would contact Legion OPI, Bernie Joyce to make the request.

A.O.B. : Museum: Brum Tovey reported that movement of bits and pieces to the museum is not progressing as well as was hoped, both he and the chairman are awaiting action from the museum on this. Brum went on to inform the members that he was hoping to have Onondaga open for the evening, but regretted that he was unable to get power aboard in time, he is hoping to have her open for the Pot Luck and AGM.

Jolly Roger: The Jolly Roger (absent from the flag cabinet) Brum has heard through the grapevine that an adventurous West Coast member, decided to liberate it with the misguided belief that the West Coast being the keeper of the senior submarine (1), they had a duty to collect things to which they are more entitled to.

Trip to Augusta: George Byzewski reiterated the purpose of the trip; he went on to inform the members that the trip to Augusta was a memorable one with more than a few humorous moments, but on a more serious side, the attendance by the group to the induction of Real Cyr into the “Holland Club” was greatly appreciated by Real; his family and the US Sub Vets. Keith Estabrooks stated that it was greatly appreciated by the other nine members that George undertook the driving both to Augusta and back allowing them to do their thing. Chairman added that it was a disappointment that despite efforts by the association, the navy was unable to send a representative.

50/50: The sum of \$ 54.50 won by Tex Ranger who graciously bought a round of drinks for the members.

A Submariners Prayer: Was then offered eloquently led by Dr John Smith.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Dusty Miller; seconded by Bob Evans. Motion Carried.

Next meetings:

Executive: 1200 Thursday, 23 November, 2006.

Venue: CPO’s Mess, Stadacona.

AGM: 1300, Saturday, December 2, 2006,

Venue: CPO’s Mess MOG 5