

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 28 February 07
SENIOR RATES MESS, MOGS

1930: Meeting called to order there being 25 members in attendance: Art Bodden; Jerry Bourgeois; “Buster” Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; “Dan”Daly; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Steve Jenner; Taff Jones; Bill Kamermans; John Madison; Dusty Miller; Ian Mitchell; “Pony” Moore; “Ski” Petrikowski; Bert Phillips; “Tex” Ranger; Dave Russell; Brian Cooper; “Brum Tovey; “Soapy” Watson; & Willie Waugh.

The Chairman welcomed members, stated pleasure at seeing a few faces we hadn’t seen for a while: Jerry Bourgeois, Ski, Dave Russell. Reminded members to check off the attendance list & don’t forget the bartender. Members were then invited to rise for A Moment’s Silence with thoughts attributed to: soldiers overseas and our SAOC(East) member Peter Weis serving in Afghanistan; our comrades who have crossed the bar; Ronald Jack Carroll; T.B. (Barry) Hood; Phillip H. (Lofty) Redman; Francis Edward Evetts; F.R.(Fred)Atkinson; H.R. (Ron) Luckhurst (Aussie Branch); Norm A Thurston; A.J. (Alan Lightfoot; members or loved ones suffering from various afflictions: Paul Dube; John (Ted) Drake; Lloyd Blagdon; Charlie McManus.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting January 2007: Chairman asked of any errors or omissions? There being none, moved by: Pierre Doutre; Seconded by Tex Ranger that minutes are accepted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: In: SAOC (Central): Top Student Award Proposal; and
Dartmouth Yacht Club – Acquisition of OKA, OJI & OLY.
Out: Nil

Reports:

Chairman: Stated will address correspondence at New Business. Appealed for a volunteer editor for the Newsletter. Reminded members- renewal of 2007 Membership dues.

Vice Chairman: Absent, away on business

Treasurer: Apologized for not having a statement ready, he has been having difficulty preparing it (software problems). Reported however that the Operating Account was \$6131.70 as of 23 February 2007 from the Bank Statment.

Secretary: Nothing further to report.

Health & Wellness/Slops: George Byzewski has now taken over from Bill Kamermans and was given the “BAG” and asked for input from members on suggestions for new gear. (Jackets/Golf Shirts etc..)

Social: Annual Wine & Cheese was enjoyed by all who attended and a lot of people who said they would attend, didn’t. The Social Chair would speak to these individuals later. \$\$\$\$

Old Business:

Metro Centre 50/50 Draw Proceeds: The secretary (Terry Chatham) spoke on how well the afternoon went. The volunteers enjoyed themselves and sold a lot of tickets without any real effort. There might be another opportunity during the upcoming first round of play-offs. With this in mind he suggested that we hold onto the \$500.00 that was received and add to it making a possible \$1000.00 donation to some worthwhile charity. Dusty Miller expressed how much fun he had and how easy it was to sell these tickets and also suggested we wait until the last ticket is sold and then come back with a charity. A lively discussion ensued and it was decided to name a charity at a later date. The second chance at selling would be on short notice as the first round of play-off dates has not been finalized.

Australian CMHV Report; (Occupational Hazards in Oberon Class Submarines):

The Chairman, in the course of Royal Canadian Legion business in Ottawa mid-February, took the opportunity to bring forward and discuss the report with both military and Legion officials. The outcome was that it was well received and would be tabled by the Legion's Dominion Executive Council and forwarded to Veterans Affairs. Our involvement with respect to the report and further action is considered sufficient as it has been brought forward to the appropriate authorities. It is in our interests however, to monitor the results in looking forward to a positive outcome.

Museum: Brum Tovey gave the members an update that *Onondaga* would be towed to Rimouski in April of this year. He is still experiencing difficulty with riggers to assist in moving artifacts (*Okanagan*) to the Museum due to the availability of riggers caused by a heavier than normal workload.

New Business:

SAOC (Central) Top Student Award Proposal: SAOC (East) via the Chairman from Pres. Peter Wilkins SAOC (Central) regarding a recently "carried" motion by Central's membership. Although it was not in the form of a request, the main intent was to pass custodianship of the Award to SAOC (East) and cost-shared among the three (3) branches. After discussion, the Chairman moved that: *"At SAOC (Central)'s request, SAOC (East) accept custodianship of the "SAOC Top Student Award" and assume the responsibility and attendance in presenting the award on behalf of the Submariners Association of Canada as the Top Student of the each Submarine BSQ Course is progressively announced. In recognition of the Association as a whole, incurred expense in the on-going maintenance (engraving) of the award shall be absorbed by (East), billing (Central) and (West) on a cost-share basis."* Seconded by Tex Ranger. Motion Carried

Dartmouth Yacht Club: SAOC (East) received a letter from Trustee Dr. Paul Downing of the Dartmouth Yacht Club in seeking advice and support from the Association regarding acquisition of the three (3) remaining Oberons in forming a breakwater at the DYC location in Bedford Basin. Chairman distributed the letter to the floor and explained that he had previously corresponded with Dr. Downing on the matter that was similar to the Alderney Landing breakwater initiative and that the requirements could pose physical and financial constraints. Steve Jenner brought up environmental concerns. Buster will be meeting with Dr. Downing 16 March in providing further considerations on behalf of the Association.

A.O.B. : **Taff Jones** had a sample of "Red T-Shirts" for the *Support our Troops* that the Elmsdale Legion was selling to raise funds for this cause. A sample was shown to all present. The price of the T-Shirt was \$12.00 and a red Sweatshirt (no hoody) was \$25.00. If anyone was interested in purchasing any, please contact Taff at (902)758-1328 or via e-mail taffwynn@hotmail.com

Billy K: The Chairman asked Billy K to come forward for a little presentation. Buster, on behalf of the membership presented Bill with a BZ Certificate in recognition of his 10 years of active participation and the exceptional work and his contribution to the Association, especially during our Anniversary in 2004.

50/50: The sum of \$ 48.00 won by Brian Cooper who graciously bought a round of drinks for the members.

A Submariners Prayer: Was then eloquently led by Jerry Bourgeois

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by "Dusty" Miller; seconded by Ski. *Motion Carried.*

**Next meetings: Executive: time & date TBD-Venue: C&PO's Mess, Stadacona.
Monthly: 28 March 07 -1930- Venue: MOG5 J.R.'s Mess**