

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 30 MAY '07
JUNIOR RATES MESS, MOGS

1930: Meeting called to order there being 28 members in attendance: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; "Buster" Brown; George Byzewski; Alvin Carrier; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutré; Keith Estabrooks; Rob Gray; Bert Houde; Steve Jenner; "Taff" Jones; Bill Kamermans; Drew MacDonald; Charlie McManus; John Madison; John Meehan; Dusty Miller; "Pony" Moore; Gilles Poirier; Luc Rollin; "Brum" Tovey; Nigel Walsworth; "Soapy" Watson; Willie Waugh; Mike Wigger plus 1 guest with Alvin Carrier.

The Chairman welcomed members, stated pleasure at seeing a few faces we hadn't seen for a while: Alvin Carrier; Bert Houde; John Meehan; Rob Gray; Drew MacDonald; Charlie McManus & Nigel Walsworth. 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 of: member Peter Dorrington, Mary Anna Rollin (Mother of Luc Rollin); Cpl. Matthew McCully (Afghanistan). and RN/ S.A. comrades who have crossed the bar.

Thoughts of our Troops and member Peter Weis serving in Afghanistan; Members and loved ones suffering from various afflictions: Paul Dubé; John (Ted) Drake; Lloyd Blagdon; Charlie McManus.

Obituary: Dorrington, Peter Alan: passed away peacefully on Saturday May 26, 2007 at his home in Collingwood ON. in his 74th year. Peter qualified in 1961 aboard S/m *Tireless* and later served in *Odin*, *Ojibwa* and commissioned *Onondaga*.

Minutes Meeting 25 April 2007: Chairman asked of any errors or omissions? There being none, Moved by: Dusty Miller; Seconded by Pony Moore that minutes be accepted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: In: (1) Crossed the Bar (RN / S.A):

G. (George) Skinner. MBE (Lt.Cdr.) Beds & Herts. Br. Age 78. S/M Service:- 1947-1950.

D.L. (Dave) Spencer. WO.(Coxn) Dolphin Br.. Age 59.

W.C. (Bill) Shadbolt. L/Sea. Essex Br.Age 99. S/M Service:- 1933-1945.

Bill Sykes Age 78. S/M service 1950-1958.

R. R. McInnes Able Seaman S/M service 1963-1968.

J. (Joe) Alford. CPO.Coxn. Age 72. S/M service:- 1954-1974.

(Nobby) Grant. PO.Elec. Exeter Br.Age 83. S/M service:-1942-1952.

(2) Thanks – HMS/m *Tireless* fund raiser

(3) CMHV acknowledged by VAC.

(4) SAOC(Central) Newsletter

Out: (1) Letter of Appreciation to CSD re: CPO Pat Jacobs wreath-laying

(2) Sympathy Card - Dorrington Family and donation to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation in Peter's memory.

Reports:

Chairman: Although members might have attended **Battle of the Atlantic Ceremonies** in other locations, he expressed his dismay at the lack of participation by members at the BOA Sunday 06 May 07 in Stadacona Drill Shed. Chairman escorted CPO Pat Jacobs in laying our wreath on behalf of the Association while two members were present, but in representation of other organizations. He agreed that as the venue has since shifted to indoors, through Marlant direction, which may be a deterrent to some. Memorial ceremonies such as the BOA and Remembrance should be strongly supported by the Association.

He then re-emphasized the requirement for a committed organizing group for the **proposed reunion** suggested by “Taff” Jones (Feb. 07 mtg.) while timing is of importance because of the pending Centenary of the Royal Canadian Navy i.e.: before commencing 01 July 2009 and perhaps coincide with the opening of the Submarine Museum a month before. A lively discussion followed. The Chair then offered two possible dates: Prior to 01 July 2009 or, the Centenary Anniversary of Submarines in Canada in 2014. The 2014 event seemed to be very popular with the members present. Buster concluded with, that since Pat Jacobs is the PMC of the SR Mess in MOG5 he would be keeping us more up to date WRT **announced retirements**.

Vice Chairman: Absent

Treasurer: Reported that the Operating Account was \$ 6508.06 as of bank statement 01 May 2007. There are 115 paid up members. \$1000.00 from fund raising at Halifax Mooseheads hockey games has been put into our Charity Fund. Member Willy Waugh proposed” ***Funds raised at the Metro Centre to remain in the Charity Fund and to be directed at the Executive’s discretion.***” Seconded by George Byzewski. ***Motion Carried.***

Secretary: The Secretary reported about the “Old Salts Pig Roast” and NY Yankee Ball Game of the SUBVETS in Groton CT from.03-05 August 2007. The cost for the Pig Roast is a ***donation*** and the Yankees Ball Game is \$50.00 USD which includes transportation from Groton to New York/return and the game ticket. The price for the hotel (Super 8 173 Hwy 12 Groton) for 4 nights is \$170.00 USD taxes in. The cost of the van rental would be approx. 80-90 \$ USD The itinerary would be to leave Halifax/Dartmouth on Thursday 02 August and return on Monday 06 August (holiday). All interested parties please let me know at next meeting (27 June or NLT 25 Jul). For any questions please call 427-4557 or e-mail terry.chatham@baesystems.com.

Health & Wellness/Slops: George Byzewski reported that there was interest in both styles of jackets (light & heavy weight) and tee/golf shirts. He stated that he was loathed to bring in huge orders, just to get a good price, and would take individual orders from the Membership accompanied by a deposit. The orders would be personalized to the wants of the member ordering. He also reported on a working visit and BBQ to Paul & Helen Dube’s with George, Brum & Terry doing the work and Gilles Poirier doing a fantastic job of the spare ribs and macaroni salad.

Social: The Summer BB-Q is planned for September. Membership sign-up for the Mess Dinner was disappointing at only 21. We require at least 50 to make this event cost effective

Museum: Onondaga will remain in Halifax for one (1) more year.

Old Business:

HMS/m Tireless Family Fund Raiser: A thank-you letter was received from CDR M Moreland SNO HMS Astute thanking the Association for our donation of 176.28 pounds. More than 17,000 pounds was raised and will be equally distributed the bereaved families. A personal note from the CDR ***“It is wonderful to be part of a family that remains strong – even across the oceans. Thank-you!”***

The Chairman reported that the CMHV report has been received by Veteran's Affairs and that applications for disability would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Donations for Submarine Tragic Incidents: George Byzewski has agreed to make the submission as an addition to the By-Laws "in writing" for the AGM 2007 01 Dec. 07, (as voted upon March 05 meeting minutes)

Top Student Award; Nothing to report,

New Business:

Reunion: In addition to the minutes above in the Chairman's Report. After some discussion George Byzewski suggested that we hold an annual "get together" coinciding with our Mess Dinner and make it a week-end long affair. He and his group ("Brum" Tovey, John Madison & "Taff Jones) would go away and come back with a plan and present it to the membership. As well, the re-union would be discussed at a later date.

Increased Operating Costs: The Chairman brought to the members present that we are experiencing an increase in the cost of doing business. Alternatives from the Executive will be tabled at the September's Meeting on how we are might confront it.

Upcoming Events: June 21 2007 3rd Annual SAOC (East) Mess Dinner at C&PO's Mess at Stadacona, cost \$50.00. Money to Keith by 30 May 07.

August 02-06 2007 Road trip to Groton CT for Annual Pig Roast & NY Yankee Ball game. Details as per Secretary's Report above.

A.O.B.: Nothing from the floor.

50/50: The sum of \$38.00 was won by Nigel Walsworth

A Submariners Prayer: Eloquently led by Bert Houde.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Luc Rollin; seconded by Pierre Alarie. Motion Carried.

Next meetings: Executive: 1500 – Wed. 20 June '07 Venue: C&PO's Mess, Stadacona.
Monthly: 27 June -1930- Venue: MOG 5 SR. Mess