

**SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 27 JUNE '07**  
**SENIOR RATES MESS, MOG5**

**1930:** Meeting called to order there being 26 members in attendance: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; "Buster" Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Rob Gray; Stu Hall; Steve Jenner; "Taff" Jones; Bill Kamermans; Brian Lapierre; Dave Logan; John Madison; Dusty Miller; "Pony" Moore; Greg Pease; Roy Pepper; Bert Phillips; "Tex" Ranger; Clif Roy; "Brum" Tovey; "Soapy" Watson; Willie Waugh;

**Chairman** welcomed members, stated pleasure at seeing a few faces we hadn't seen in some time: Dave Logan; Stu Hall & Brian Lapierre. 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: SAOC(East) member **Al Barton** and twinned-branch member **Peter Weeks** (Barrow in Furness Branch) who had served as Branch Secretary for 12 years. RN/SA comrades who have crossed the bar. Thoughts of our Troops especially three members of the PPCLI from Edmonton Cpl. Stephen Frederick Bouzane, 26; Pte. Joel Vincent Wiebe, 22 & Sgt. Christos Karigiannis who lost their lives this month. Member Peter Weis presently serving in Afghanistan; Members and loved ones who are suffering from various afflictions: Paul Dubé; John (Ted) Drake; Lloyd Blagdon; Charlie McManus.

**Obituary: BARTON, (Dick) Alfred Michael** - 71, Hatchet Lake, passed away peacefully Thursday, June 28, 2007, at home, surrounded by his loving family. Born January 12, 1936, in New Waterford. Al joined the RCN in October 1954. He qualified in Submarines in 1965 aboard HMS/m CACHALOT and served in SEA LION, WALRUS, OTUS, ONONDAGA and OJIBWA. Al served 27 years in the Navy and retired in October 1981. In lieu of flowers, donations in Al's memory to Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia, 5161 George St., Floor 7, Halifax, NS B3J 1M7, are welcomed.

**Minutes Meeting 30 May 2007:** Chairman asked of any errors or omissions? There being none, moved by: "Dusty" Miller & "Tex" Ranger that the minutes be accepted as tabled. **Motion Carried.**

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

John E. Tait; LM(E); George) Luck. DSM CPO.Coxn ; George Howell, Ldg. Sea. H.S.D WW2; (Les) Thorpe. CPO.Coxn.; F. (Fred) Jackson. PO.LTO; D. (Rick) Fleming. AB.UW3. Australia

**Out:** Letter of Appreciation to CDR Luc Cassivi

E-mail to Barrow Branch on the loss of member Peter J Weeks

Two (2) donations to charities on behalf of Peter Dorrington & Cliff Killam

**Reports:**

**Chairman:** The Chairman spoke on the great time and success at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mess Dinner. He emphasized that it was a very relaxed affair and all those who didn't attend really missed out. He then called on "Taff" Jones to talk to the membership about the Diesel Boat Re-union in Plymouth each year. This year he wanted to present a SOAC mounted crest to the organizing committee on our behalf. The Chairman spoke on how we finally have an association mould that we can make crests for presentations.

**Vice Chairman:** Absent

**Treasurer:** Reported that the Operating Account was \$ 6506.11 as of bank statement 01 June 2007. There are 115 paid up members.

**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 25 July. For any questions please call 427-4557 or e-mail [terry.chatham@baesystems.com](mailto:terry.chatham@baesystems.com).

**Health & Wellness/Slops:** George Byzewski reported that an order had been placed with the usual supplier and he was having difficulty communicating with them. George also pointed out again that the slops would not be a profit making undertaking but would simply ensure that the costs were covered in the pricing.

**Social:** The Summer BB-Q is planned for September. Even though there was only 28 members at the Mess Dinner, diners enjoyed a great time of camaraderie and tall tales while Guest Speaker CDR Luc Cassivi’s address was very well received.

**Museum:** “Brum” Tovey had no further update. Still awaiting Dockyard rigging support.

#### **Old Business:**

**Re-union:** Discussion ensued regarding the topic with many members offering options as to the venue and no consensus was to be agreed upon. George Byzewski emphasized that this event would not be as large or as costly as Anniversary 2004. Similarly, his idea was much of a lesser scale with a meet and greet BBQ on Friday night, a dance/social for Saturday and perhaps a breakfast followed by a church or Remembrance service on Sunday. The Chairman pointed out that this could not be a full scale event unless a planning committee was formed. The proposal remains ongoing.

**Annual Mess Dinner:** As the membership earlier in mid 2005 had voted in favour of continuing with the Annual Mess Dinner, the Chairman directed that we will do so for a fourth year in 2008. Much discussion ensued with differing opinions as to why attendance has declined since the first one in 2005 perhaps because it was planned for the month of June when members and families attend local and out of town school graduations. It was moved by “Brum” Tovey seconded by “Soapy” Watson that a date in September 2008 be set. *Motion Carried.* John Madison would approach the Mess for a selected date and report back.

**\*Top Student Award;** Nothing to report. *\*since the June meeting, we have been notified that the award will be once again presented at the S/M School 20 July 07*

**New Business:** SAOC (East) member Peter Weis would present a briefing on Afghanistan at the 25 July 07 meeting.

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

**Summer BBQ** in September. Date TBA.

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

**50/50:** The draw was made by Stu Hall and a sum of \$38.00 was won by Dave Logan.

**A Submariners Prayer:** Eloquently led by Dave Logan.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by “Tex” Ranger; seconded by Brian Lapierre. *Motion Carried.*

**Found: One (1) set of RN Dolphins (Tie clip size) after Mess Dinner. Owner can claim same from Terry Chatham. Contact me at 462-7667 or [t.chatham@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:t.chatham@ns.sympatico.ca)**

**Next meetings: Monthly: 25 July -1930- Venue: MOG 5 JR. Mess**