

**SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 26 SEPTEMBER '07**  
**JUNIOR RATES MESS, MOG5**

**1930:** Meeting called to order by the Chairman there being 29 members in attendance: Pierre Alarie; "Jethro" Beaudin; "Buster" Brown; George Byzewski; Alvin Carriere; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Keith Griffin; Steve Jenner; Don Jones; Billy Harris; Issac Hayes; Bill Kammermans; Drew MacDonald; John Madison; John Meehan; "Taff" Jones; Dusty Miller; Pony Moore; Scott Parsons; Greg Pease; Bert Phillips; Luc Rollin; John Smith; Carry-Ann Stewart; Willie Waugh and Peter Weis. Guests: Marie Carriere and Lynne Gionet.

**Chairman** welcomed members, stated pleasure at seeing a few faces we hadn't seen in some time: Luc Rollin; Billy Harris Issac Hayes in from the West Coast; Alvin & Jethro and guests from N.B.; John Meehan, Carry-Ann in from sea. Welcomed special guest Peter Weis on his return from Afghanistan. Reminded members to check off the attendance list & not forget the bartender. Members were then invited to rise for **A Moment's Silence** with thoughts of: Member Bill Layden; Life Member Peter Devallee USN Ret'd; MCPL Nathan Hornburg in Afghanistan.

Ill at home: members Paul Dube and Lloyd Blagdon.

**Minutes of Meeting 29 August 2007:** Chairman asked of any errors or omissions? There being none. Moved by: Pierre Alarie & seconded by Pony Moore that the minutes be accepted as tabled. *Motion Carried.*

**Correspondence: In:** Invitation from Commander JTFA for a Day Sail

**Out:** Condolence Cards to Carol Kesler & Gwen Layden

**Reports:**

**Chairman:** The Chairman reported with the passing of member Bill Layden, he was contacted by the family in learning that it was Bill's wish that the Association assist in participating in his funeral service. As a result, we provided what was to be considered a very memorable service for the family. As much was to be done in order to coordinate the service, it became clear that we must set up a step by step laid down procedure that can be quickly brought forward to minimize complications and the time needed in providing assistance to a bereaved family. The Chairman spent much time on the telephone but in the end it all came together with a good turnout in Association dress complete with ushers, those standing vigil over Bill's urn and audio music on completion. He recognized all of the volunteers who came forward at short notice.

**Vice Chairman:** Nothing to report since he has been out of town on business.

**Treasurer:** Reported that the Operating Account was \$ 6425.26 as of 09 September 2007.

**Secretary:** The Association will have an opportunity to sell 50/50 tickets at the Halifax Mooseheads Hockey Game again this year. Date to be determined.  
The AGM is set for Saturday 01 December 2007 in the Senior Rate's Mess, MOG5. **All written submissions for the meeting are to be forwarded by 31 October 07.** I.A.W. with the By-Laws, none shall come from the floor. Submissions can be e-mailed to the Secretary:  
[t.chatham@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:t.chatham@ns.sympatico.ca);

or by post:  
SAOC (East),  
PO Box 91  
Dartmouth NS B2Y 3Y2.

**Health & Wellness/Slops:** Lots of new items (T-Shirts, Golf Shirts/Hats and Jacket Shells) have arrived and are in the process of pricing. Some of these items will be available at the Summer B-BQ this Friday. All items will be photographed and placed on the web sight and if you want anything it will be mailed out.

**Social:** The Summer BB-Q is planned for Friday 28 September 2007 cost is \$10.00. Make the Social Chair aware of what you will be bringing for the Pot Luck Dinner after the AGM by November 21 2007.

**Museum:** The Chairman had a meeting with Marilyn Gurney of the Museum regarding the transfer of fittings from *Okanagan*.

**Old Business:**

Top Student Award

**New Business:** None

**Upcoming Events: SAOC (E) Summer BBQ,** Friday 28 September 07.  
*SAOC(West)* is having a “Gathering” May 2, 3 & 4 2008 in Victoria BC. This celebration is for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Commissioning of *Okanagan & Rainbow*. More details are available on their web sight. <http://members.shaw.ca/saocwest/2008.htm>

**A.O.B.:** Taff Jones reported on the Day Sail hosted by Commander JTFA. The day was well planned and executed. All assembled guests were bussed to the wardroom in *Stadacona* where a breakfast of sticky buns and coffee was served. After a friendly get-together the invitees were again bussed to the Dockyard and boarded *Iroquois* for the day sail. The ship’s company were put through various drills for the benefit of the spectators. Of particular note was the fact that one of the chefs onboard was Nicole, the daughter of Fred Glover and the coxswain was Jeff Morrison, the Association’s crest Pattern Maker.

**50/50:** A sum of 45.00 was won by Bert Phillips. Bert donated that sum to the SAOC (East) on behalf of Bill Layden.

**A Submariners Prayer:** Eloquently led by Scott Parsons

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by Dusty Miller; seconded by Pony Moore *Carried*.

At this time the Chairman introduced Peter Weis who gave an outstanding presentation of his time in Afghanistan. After Peter’s talk all members went away with a clear understanding of Canada’s role.

**Next meetings: Monthly: 31 October -1930- Venue: MOG 5 JR. Mess**  
**Exec.: 24 October 1500 C&PO’s Mess Stad**