

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 31 OCTOBER '07
JUNIOR RATES MESS, MOG5

As MOG5 facilities and a barman were not available, the Meeting venue was quickly shifted to the Stadacona C&PO's Mess at 1925. Due to the severe weather and short notice, several members chose to return home. However late, the meeting was **called to order at 1950** with a lesser 16 members in attendance: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; Buster Brown, John Clahane, Beady Butcher, George Byzewski; Keith Estabrooks; Ray Hunt; John Madison; Geoff Mawdesley; Dusty Miller; Pony Moore; Boyd Thomas; Brum Tovey; Visitors Danny Watts from SAOC(W) and Bruce Mavors.

Chairman welcomed all and new member Barry "Beady" Butcher. He passed on regrets from the Secretary for his absence. Vice-Chairman was lost on where the meeting was. Members were then invited to rise for A **Moment's Silence** with thoughts of: our troops lost in Afghanistan; WO. Hani Massouh, Cpl. Eric Labbe, Cpl. Etienne Gonthier, Tpr. Richard Renaud & Gnr. Jonathan Dion; Doris Ward (wife of member Sharky Ward) non-member Bill Buckley and recent SA members. Ill at home: members Paul Dube, Ryan Conroy & Dan Daly.

Minutes of Meeting 31 October 2007: Chairman asked of any errors or omissions? There being none, moved by Pony Moore and seconded by Art Bodden that the minutes be accepted as tabled. *Motion Carried.*

Correspondence: In: Christmas Cards from RCNA, C&PO's Mess, Ross Webb, Sheffield Branch SA, UN Peace Keepers, Peter Stoffer, and Ron Ward.

OUT: Christmas Cards to S/Ms, MOG5 Messes', C&PO's Mess, RCNA, Barrow Branch, SAOC (W) & (C), UN Peace Keepers, Submarine School, SUBVETS Groton CT, SA Australia, MOG5 CSD and various UK SA.

Reports:

Vice Chairman: Absent.

Treasurer: As of December 31 2007:- \$3644.98

Secretary: Absent

Health & Wellness/Slops: License Plates and key chains arrived and there was a problem with the colouring. Supplier is in the process of making another batch of the correct colour. George is attempting to contact the supplier to determine her cost and attempt to sell/or not these plates at a price TBD to aid her recover some of the costs while the corrected batch are being made Assortment of Golf Shirts/ Ball Cap Combo and Tee Shirts are available as well as embroidering.

Social: Pot Luck at AGM went well. Valentine's Wine & Cheese on 15 February 2008.

Museum: Nothing to report

Chairman: Reviewed the events anticipated in the upcoming year: Battle of the Atlantic, Remembrance Day, anticipation of preparations for the Naval Centenary, Top Student presentations, *election of officers at AGM 2008, Mooseheads 50/50 ticket selling, and social events.

* In keeping with the Way Ahead Report, the Chairman suggested that in order to adequately canvass the entire membership for a slate of nominees for AGM 08, a 2-man Nominating Committee should be stood up in the early summer.

Old Business: Ryan Conroy volunteered as Newsletter Editor.

New Business: Brum Tovey was appointed as Social Chair by the Chairman IAW By-Laws. Discussion then followed that this year's members only Annual Mess Dinner scheduled for September, be altered to a Candlelight Dinner (mixed) and be included into a 3-day affair with other activities such as a dance and late summer BBQ etc. It has been suggested that the Fleet Club would aptly serve for the entire venue. In conjunction with Brum, John Madison stated that he would look into the Club's availability and approximate costs and report back at the February General Meeting

Monthly reminder: SAOC (West) is having a "Gathering" May 2, 3 & 4, 2008 in Victoria BC. This celebration is for the 40th 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. : None

50/50: No draw due to hurried change of Meeting venue.

Submariners Prayer: offered by the Chairman

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned. Moved by Brum Tovey and seconded by Pony Moore.

Next meetings: 27 February 2008: MOG 5 SR. Mess
Exec.: TBD @1500 C&PO's Mess Stad