

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 30 April 2008
JUNIOR RATES MESS, MOG5

1930: Meeting called to order by the Chairman 20 members and one guest in attendance: Pierre Alarie; “Buster” Brown; Art Bodden; Jerry Bourgeois; Wilf Broyden; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Dan Daly; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Brian Lapierre; Stu Hall; John Madison; Pony Moore; Greg Pease; B.G. Phillips; “Tex” Ranger; Brum Tovey; “Soapy” Watson; Phil Wood & Brian Wood (Son of Philip).

Chairman welcomed back Dan Daly; Jerry Bourgeois; Stu Hall; Brian Lapierre; Greg Pease; Wilfie Broyden and Phil Wood and son Brian. Buster also extended congratulations to Jim Embry on his promotion and to Dusty Miller on the birth of his great-granddaughter. 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: our troops in Afghanistan; ill at home: member Paul Dube; Ryan Conroy; Dusty Miller and any other ill and distressed Member.

Minutes of Meeting 27 February 2008: Chairman asked of any errors or omissions? There being none. Moved by Pony Moore and seconded by Pierre Alarie that the minutes be accepted as tabled. *Motion Carried.*

Correspondence: In: Thank-you note from Caroline Frechette; Thank-you note from Brian MacEachern Family; Battle of Atlantic OpOrd & Invitation; and Membership Dues.

OUT: Nil

Reports:

Chairman: Before Buster made his reports, he asked Keith Estabrooks, Pony Moore & John Clahane to come forward and each be presented each with the Association plaque in recognition for their years of hard work and dedication to the Association.

The Chairman then made note of the fact that this was an election year. A nominating committee should be appointed by June in order to allow sufficient time to canvass the entire membership in forming a slate of nominees for the AGM 2008. Buster has approached Harvey Waddell to have a look at our Funeral Service and act as our Minister for these occasions. He has looked at it and has agreed to assist. Buster and Harvey will meet 19 May for further discussions. The news letter is still in preparation. The Naval Centenary shall commence 01 July 09 and continue through 31 December 2010. If the association wishes to participate, we shall do so through HMCS Scotian for implementation. Public funds are not available and any suggestions from the membership about what we could do, please come forward. The Chairman asked that as many members as possible get out in support of Battle of Atlantic Services to be held on Sunday 03 May 2008 at the Sailors’ Memorial, Pt. Pleasant Park. CPO1 Pete Hagan will be accompanying the Chairman to lay the wreath on behalf of SAOC(East) If you are attending, please meet at the old canteen parking lot at 1030. If you’re not, it is hoped that members might do so at local cenotaphs if similar services are held.

Vice Chairman: Absent

Treasurer: As of End March 2008 we had a balance of \$4525.68 IAW the statement.

Secretary: The secretary advised that the Executive voted a \$100.00 US donation be made to the SUBVETS Scholarship Fund on behalf of the Association. The donation shall be in conjunction with the 44th Anniversary Golf Tournament and represents a Diesel Boat donation. It means that our Association would sponsor a Tee. Also, at this Anniversary the secretary presented an Association plaque to SUBVETS Groton on our behalf.

Health & Wellness/Slops: George on the West Coast selling slops at the SAOC(W) Gathering.

Social: The social (Brum Tovey) reported that all arrangements had been made in MOG 5 for a social gathering for Mikey Frechette, as was his last wish. His wife Caroline and family will be in attendance. The date and time are 30 May 2008 @ 1200. All members and spouses/partners are welcome. Our **Annual Mess Dinner** on September 18 2008 in the C&PO's Mess in Stadacona. We are proposing a 3-day social event in 2009 which might include a Candlelight Dinner, BBQ & dance, Sunday Brunch, etc. In order to do so will require a planning committee. Finally, Brum proposed a "Christmas in July" to be held on July 25 2008, at MOG5. More on this shall follow.

Museum: Difficulty is on-going in attempts to have items brought ashore from Okanagan.

Old Business: *REMINDER: Membership dues for 2008 are now payable. Those members in the arrears since 2006 will be dropped from the mailing list if not paid up by 30 April 2008.*

New Business: Top Student award will take place on 30 May 2008 at the Submarine School. Association reps to be determined although Keith Estabrooks and Philip Wood have volunteered.

Upcoming Events: *Mikey Frechette gathering 30 May 2008 and proposed Xmas in July.*

A.O.B.

50/50: The sum of \$30.00 was won by John Madison

A Submariners Prayer: Offered by Wilf Broyden.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Keith Estabrooks and seconded by Wilf Broyden *Carried.*

Next meetings: General: 28 May 2008: MOG 5 SR. Mess @ 1930
Exec.: TBD