

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 28 MAY 2008
SENIOR RATES MESS, MOG5

1930: Meeting called to order by the Chairman 22 members in attendance: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Keith Estabrooks; Stu Hall; Don Hood; Ray Hunt; Taff Jones; John Madison; Dusty Miller; Pony Moore; Greg Pease; Luc Rollin; John Smith; Carey-Ann Stewart; Boyd Thomas; Brum Tovey; Soapy Watson; and Mike Wigger

Chairman welcomed Carey-Ann Stewart back from sea; John Smith; Taff Jones; Stu Hall; and Luc Rollin. 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; and other afflicted members.

Minutes of Meeting 30 April 2008: Chairman asked of any errors or omissions. There being one, should read Dusty Miller's *great* grand daughter. Moved by Pony Moore and seconded by Luc Rollin that the minutes be accepted as amended. *Motion Carried.*

Correspondence:

In: Thank-you note from SUBVETS Groton and a Certificate of Appreciation re: \$100 donation for the SUBVETS Scholarship Golf Tournament sponsor.

OUT: Nil

Reports:

Chairman:

Reminded that 2008 is an election year and a nominating committee should be appointed by June. This would allow sufficient time to canvass the entire membership in forming a slate of nominees for the December AGM. Dusty Miller spoke on the wording in the By-Laws regarding the normal timings of setting up a committee. After providing guidance, discussion ensued on just how the committee would contact the membership on their willingness to offer their names as nominees. *After discussion, a Nomination Committee was stood-up consisting of Co-Chairs Dusty Miller (455-9494 jdustyr@hfx.eastlink.ca) and George Byzewski (826-9311 gbazoo@hotmail.com) and member John Madison (435-5788 jmad861@eastlink.ca) Anyone interested in running are to submit their names in writing or by e-mail or phone to the Nomination Committee on or before 29 October 2008 meeting. It was emphasized that nominations can be made from the floor during the AGM's "Election of Officers".*

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 were to have a meeting around 19 May but it did not happen due to circumstances. 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 are required to 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 reported on the Battle of Atlantic services at Point Pleasant Park and thanked CPO1 Pete Hagan for accompanying him in laying the wreath.

Buster then presented the long overdue HM Forces Veterans Badge to Taff Jones:

Vice Chairman: Absent

Treasurer: As of the end of May Bank Statement \$ 4036.58. John reported that the Bank will now be charging the Association \$4.00 a month service fee.

Secretary: The secretary gave a brief on the 44th Annual Anniversary Weekend which included a Golf Tournament for their Scholarship Fund, which SAOC (East) donated \$100. It was well attended with 188 people present. During the festivities the Secretary presented the SUBVETS Base Commander with an Association Plaque and Licence Plate in exchange for the State of Connecticut "SAMPLE" that mysteriously made its way north into our trophy cabinet

Health & Wellness/Slops: George spoke briefly on the sales of slops at the West Coast Gathering. He had a table set-up on Friday and Sunday and he made some sales. He advised all present that if you required anything just let him know. He has all his wares and will display them at stand easy. George estimated that we have about \$300.00 on inventory. George then proposed that we form a Transportation Committee so that if any members are in need of transport to meetings, they would contact a co-ordinator to arrange pick-up. **Brum Tovey (1-902-883-9572)** volunteered to coordinate and will hold a list of volunteer drivers. He will then contact a driver in your area to arrange for pick-up. Six members immediately volunteered as drivers and if anyone else would like to drive member(s) to and from meetings, please contact Brum.

Social: Brum 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 **3rd Annual Mess Dinner** is on September 18 2008 in the C&PO's Mess in Stadacona. Finally, Brum proposed a "**Christmas in July**" to be held on July 25 2008, at MOG5. We will need to know the amount of interest by the next meeting (25 June 2008 JRs Mess) in order to progress with plans.

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

Old Business: REMINDER: Membership dues for 2008 are now past Due. Those members in arrears will be dropped from the mailing list if not paid.

New Business: Top Student award will take place on 30 May 2008 at the Submarine School. Association reps to be determined (Buster presented the award to CPO2 Danny Upson)

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

A.O.B.

Member (former C.O. *Rainbow/Okanagan*) Ray Hunt gave a report on the SAOC (West) Gathering held 01-03 May 08 inc.in Victoria. In brief and as Guest Speaker, he spoke on past submarine acquisition and sustainability. He went on to report that there were approximately 180 members in attendance with registrants from U.K. and U.S. The event was held at downtown central location... Harbour Towers Hotel. The weekend comprised a Meet & Greet on Friday from 14-1700. On Saturday there was a bus tour and shopping for the ladies while the gentlemen visited the Maritime Museum led by Wilf Lund and Zeke Brower-Berkhoven. A reception and dinner were held that evening. The following day, sixty-two submariners led the memorial parade while Grace for Sunday Brunch back at the hotel was offered by Rev. Farley Mowat. On completion, farewells and good byes were exchanged. A great success!

Taff Jones reported on the death of Dolly Gray in Scotland.

50/50: The sum of \$50.00 was won by John Smith

A Submariners Prayer: Offered by Greg Pease

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Dusty Miller and seconded by Pierre Alarie. *Carried.*

Next meetings: General: 25 June 2008: MOG 5 JR. Mess @ 1930

Exec.: TBD