

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 30 JULY 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; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Rob Grey; Stu Hall; Steve Jenner; Brian Lapierre; John Madison; John Meehan; Dusty Miller; Greg Pease; Boyd Thomas; Brum Tovey; Soapy Watson; Willy Waugh; Mike Wigger. **Regrets:** Conrad Petrikowski

Chairman welcomed Brian Lapierre; John Meehan and Rob Grey back good to see them again after a long absence. 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: the recent passing of **member Jim Hinds** and troops in Afghanistan; Cpl James Arnal; Cpl Brenden Downey. At home: members "Topsy" Turner, Paul Dube, Ryan Conroy, Luc Rollin and other ailing members.

Minutes of Meeting: Chairman asked of any errors or omissions re: Minutes of 25 June 2008 meeting. There being none, moved by Dusty Miller and seconded by George Byzewski that the minutes be adopted as tabled. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence:

In: Centenary Posters and Jim Hinds Obituary.
QEII Foundation solicitation

OUT: Condolence Card to Doreen Hinds
Sympathy card and Cheque to Canadian Cancer Society on behalf of Jim Hinds.

Reports:

Chairman:

Reminded that 2008 is an election year and a nominating committee is in place. Co-Chairs Dusty Miller, George Byzewski and member John Madison. **Dusty Miller (455-9494 or jdustysr@hfx.eastlink.ca)** **George Byzewski (826-9311 or gbazoo@hotmail.com)** and member **John Madison (435-5788 or jmad861@eastlink.ca)**

Stated that ONONDAGA had departed displaying corporate sponsors responsible for getting her to Rimouski. ETD was 03 July 2008 and she arrived safely. Plans for the centenary are still ongoing with no money coming from the Federal Government and we are still looking at possible venues to host visiting submarines. Buster has approached Harvey Waddell to have a look at our Funeral Service and act as our Padre for these occasions. Harvey is out of town and he would speak with him on his return. The provision for the newsletter is still ongoing. Chairman is going to approach Commodore Bill Woodburn as our guest speaker for the Annual Mess Dinner in September.

Vice Chairman: Absent

Treasurer: As of the end of June Bank Statement \$ 4571.00 (Operating Account).

Secretary: Proposed the idea of a golf game at some later date. A show of hands indicated that six (6) members were interested. More information to follow.

Health & Wellness/Slops: George has ordered new Stormtech Jackets from our supplier

Social: Our 3rd Annual Mess Dinner is on September 18 2008 in the C&PO's Mess in Stadacona. The cost will be \$50.00 per ticket and will go on sale next monthly meeting 27 August 2008--MOG 5 Junior Rates' Mess. Accommodations are available at Juno Tower, the contact phone number is 422-6038.

Museum: Difficulty ongoing with equipment being landed to 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.*

Transportation: For members requiring transport to Monthly Meetings, contact co-ordinator **Brum Tovey (1-902-883-9572)** who holds a list of volunteers from various locations. He will then contact a driver in your area to arrange for pick-up. He has a list of six (6) members and if anyone else would like to drive member(s) to and from meetings, contact Brum.

AGM Election: A nomination Committee as per Chair address above. Anyone interested in volunteering for an Executive position should contact the Committee. Dusty requested that the sitting executive make their intentions known to the nomination committee at least two (2) months before the AGM. To date there have been no offers.

New Business:

Upcoming Events: **SAOC Fourth Annual Mess Dinner** to be held 18 September 2008 in the C&PO's Mess at Stadacona. The cost is \$50.00 per ticket and will go on sale beginning 30 July 2008.

Memorial Service: A memorial service for the late Jim Hinds will be held in RCL #160 in the Sept/Oct 2008 timeframe, more information to follow.

A.O.B.

CDR Jenner tabled the subject of the "Friends of Alliance" Fund and if members who at one time, served in *Alliance* and/or the Association, might participate in making a contribution. The fund is intended to provide contract expenses for the conservation of submarine *Alliance* at the RN Submarine Museum in UK.

We also received from the QEII Foundation regarding donations for the gardens at Camp Hill Veterans Hospital. The Chairman concluded that both appeals will be taken under advisement for the executive to consider and report back at the end August Meeting.

50/50: The sum of \$59.00 was won by John Madison

A Submariners Prayer: Offered by Mike Wigger

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Pierre Doutre, seconded by Brian Lapierre. *Carried.*

Next meetings: General: 27 August 2008: MOG 5 JR. Mess @ 1930

Exec.: 20 August 2008 @ 1500 in C&PO's Mess Stad.