

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 27 AUGUST 2008
JUNIOR RATES MESS, MOGS

1930: Meeting called to order by the Chairman 20 members in attendance: Pierre Alarie; Art Bodden; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Stu Hall; Steve Jenner; Taff Jones; Bill Kamermans; Dusty Miller; Pony Moore; Greg Pease; Tex Ranger; Brum Tovey; Soapy Watson; Willy Waugh; Phil Wood. Guest Jeff Cannon (Phil Wood's Son-in-Law) **Regrets:** Conrad Petrikowski

Chairman welcomed Bil Kamermans; Tex Ranger; Phil Wood (& Guest Jeff Cannon) back good to see them again after an absence. Reminded members to check off the attendance list & don't forget Brian the bartender. Members were then invited to rise for **A Moment's Silence** with thoughts of: Liz Pike, wife of Larry Pike; Chuck Forrest's Mother; the recent passing of troops in Afghanistan; at home: "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 30 July 2008 meeting. There being none, moved by Dusty Miller and seconded by Tex Ranger that the minutes be adopted as tabled. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence:

In:

OUT: Condolence e-mail to Larry Pike on the recent loss of his wife Liz.

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)**

Plans for the Centenary are still ongoing and we are still looking at possible venues to host visiting submarines. See Museum comments below for update on the Centennial Project. Chairman met with Harvey Waddell to discuss our Funeral Service proposal. Harvey made some revisions to the Service to make it exclusive to that of a submariner. He also made some suggestions in modernizing the *Submariner's Prayer* and further, that a shortened Memorial Service might be considered that could be integrated into a standard church/chapel order of service along the lines of the Legion Service. The provision of the newsletter is still ongoing. The Chairman announced that CDR Jamie Clark CSO as our guest speaker for the Annual Mess Dinner in September.

Vice Chairman: Absent

Treasurer: As of the end of August Bank Statement \$ 4544.07 (Operating Account).

Secretary: Reported on the away team trip to Groton CT & New York City for the 19th annual Pig Roast and the Liberty Crouse. Both of these functions are outstanding and if possible as many as possible should try to attend. Also, all written submissions for the AGM should be to the Secretary NLT 15 November 2008 via e-mail and 30 October 2008 via snail mail.

Health & Wellness/Slops: George has ordered new Stormtech Jackets from our supplier and they will be available at the Mess Dinner and the next meeting. George reported that Paul is resting comfortably and Helen held an English Garden Tour at their home in support of the Rawdon Medical Centre. Luc Rollin is feeling poorly at this time.

Social: Our **4th 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 can be paid for at the door please advise Brum (902-883-9572) and John Clahane (902-864-4985).*

Museum: Buster had a meeting with Marilyn Gurney and from that meeting we will be working with the new Curator for the transfer of gear from *Okanagan*. (Post meeting happening Buster and Brum are going down to N.A.D. (11 Sept.'08) for a reccy with the dockyard riggers)

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. At the meeting Dusty advised everyone that George Byzewski will act as the Chairman for the election and have no vote whereas Dusty and John Madison will have a vote in the event of a tie. Anyone interested in offering 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: We received from the QEII Foundation a request for donations for the Memorial Gardens at Camp Hill Veterans Hospital. Buster is to be contacted by the gardener Andrew Ritchie as well as the Co-ordinator to discuss what sort of contribution SAOC (East) might make. Buster asked for some members to accompany him for a visit to the gardens for ideas. Phil Wood and Tex Ranger volunteered to do so.

Food at Meetings: This topic was proposed by the Chairman and was decided at the last Exec meeting the Executive would rotate the responsibility with the cost not to exceed \$60. (Since the meeting, Buster has met with MOG5 I/C Galley PO2 Tim Berryhill and the service has been re-established well within our budget. Brum and John Clahane will co-ordinate.)

Upcoming Events: Memorial Service: A memorial service for the late Jim Hinds will be held in Centennial Branch RCL #160 on Main Street in Dartmouth at 1100 Saturday, 27 September 08. Dress: Association Dress with medals or equivalent.

A.O.B.

50/50: The sum of \$38.00 was won by Bill Kamermans

A Submariners Prayer: Offered by Bill Kamermans

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Pierre Doutre, seconded by Phil Wood. *Carried.*

Next meetings: General: 24 September 2008: MOG 5 SR. Mess @ 1930
Exec.: TBD.