

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 24 SEPTEMBER 2008
SENIOR RATES MESS, MOGS

1930: Meeting called to order by the Chairman 24 members in attendance: Rob Arbour; Art Bodden; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Mike Gould; Stu Hall; Ray Hunt; Shane Irvine; Steve Jenner; Bill Kamermans; John Madison; Dusty Miller; Pony Moore; Scott Parsons; Roy Pepper; Gilles Poirier; Tex Ranger; Lee Ritchie; Brum Tovey; Soapy Watson; Willy Waugh; Phil Wood. Guests: Rick DeWolf (Phil Wood's Son-in-Law); Dennis Bodden & Charlie Lonsdale from UK. **Regrets:** Pierre Alarie; Conrad Petrikowski; Peter Weis & Mike Wigger.

Chairman welcomed Mike Gould; Shane Irvine; Lee Ritchie; Roy Pepper; Gilles Poirier; Stu Hall; back good to see them again after an absence and our guests. Reminded members to check off the attendance list & don't forget Shane Aplin the bartender. Members were then invited to rise for **A Moment's Silence** with thoughts of: member Roy Konrad; 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 27 August 2008 meeting. There being two: 1. Date should read "**27**" *not 26 August as date of Minutes*; 2. **AGM Election** Sentence should read "*The Chairman will have no vote unless there is a tie and Dusty & John Madison will have a vote.*" After correction, the minutes were moved by Dusty Miller and seconded by Roy Pepper that the minutes be adopted as amended. *Motion Carried.*

Correspondence:

In: Chatham Dockyard Historical Society

OUT: Chairman's Response to Chatham Dockyard Historical Society

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)

The Chairman informed that Rob "Bats" Arbour, Submarine Sea Training Group was on site at Rimouski during attempts in docking Onondaga and would provide a slide-show presentation after adjournment of the meeting. The Funeral/Memorial Service is complete and Buster and Harvey would be meeting to finalize the service. A response from Andrew Gardner (the gardener at Camp Hill) has not yet resulted.

Vice Chairman: Scotty announced with regret that he would have to step down as Vice Chair due to work commitments that take him out of the area for a majority of our meetings.

Treasurer: As of the end of August Bank Statement \$ 4544.07 (Operating Account). We have a 105 paid up members on our books. John was returning the monies for the cancelled Mess Dinner. Phil Wood donated his Mess Dinner refund to our operating account. Phil received a round of applause from the membership.

Secretary: All written submissions for the AGM are to be forwarded to the Secretary NLT 30 October 2008. It was stated in the last minutes that 15 November was the cut off date but that was an error IAW the C&BL. He also reminded of the Memorial Service for Jim Hinds on Saturday 27 Sep.08.

Health & Wellness/Slops: George has received the new Stormtech Jackets from our supplier and they were on sale at the meeting for a cost of \$25.00. Well worth the price.

Social: Brum spoke on his disappointment of having to cancel the Mess Dinner due to lack of numbers. Just 25. He was alarmed that we have 105 paid up members and couldn't get a minimum of 30 members to make the Association's subsidised dinner possible.

Museum: Buster stated that items have been removed from Okanagan and have been transported to Marcom Museum. All that remains is a few of the smaller items while inviting members who may wish to donate any "bits of kit" that they have at home. We will be calling on the membership shortly for work parties to get started in putting the displays together.

Nominating Committee: The Committee reported that no members have offered for any of the Executive Positions. The Nomination Chairman reminded everyone that they have until the end of October 2008 meeting to offer. Nominations may be made from the floor during the AGM.

Old Business: *REMINDER: Membership dues for 2008 are now past Due. Those members in arrears will be removed from the mailing list.*

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: Contact for Nominating Committee as per Chair address above. At the meeting Dusty advised that he and John Madison may vote while George Byzewski, as Chairman for the election, will *have a vote only in the event of a tie*. Anyone interested in offering should contact the Committee.

Food at Meetings: Arrangements have been made with the I/C of MOG5 Galley to prepare sandwiches for our monthly meetings at a cost of approximately \$35.00 per.

New Business: The Secretary announced that we have another opportunity to sell 50/50 tickets at a Mooseheads hockey game. The Association has to take this one because the people who arrange the groups are changing and it may be a while before our turn comes around once more. The game is on Sunday, 05 October 2008 at 4 PM. Ticket sellers are required NLT 2:45 PM to get prepared and be selling when the doors open at 3 PM. Anyone interested please contact the secretary at (902)462-7667 or t.chatham@ns.sympatico.ca or terry.chatham@baesystems.com.

Upcoming Events: 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.

Mooseheads 50/50 Ticket sellers: Information as per above.

A.O.B.

Steve Jenner has donated a book he has compiled about the 7th Squadron in Singapore to the Association for the Museum. Phil Wood also stated that he has a lot of memorabilia that he would loan for display. Dusty inquired as to the disposition of the Congratulatory 25/30 year Shadow Boxes that were presented by the former SOCA Canadian Br, to each of the three O boats on those Commissioned anniversaries. There was no indication of their whereabouts from the membership

50/50: Drawn by Steve Jenner and the sum of \$45.00 was won by Dennis Bodden

A Submariners Prayer: Offered by Stu Hall

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Pony Moore seconded by Pierre Doutre. *Carried.*

Next meetings: Monthly: 29 October 2008: MOG 5 JR's. Mess @ 1930

Exec.: Date and venue TBA.