

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 29 OCTOBER 2008
JUNIOR RATES MESS, MOGS

1930: Meeting called to order by the Chairman 21 members in attendance: Art Bodden; Jerry Bourgeois; Buster Brown; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Keith Estabrooks; Don Hood; Ray Hunt; Shane Irvine; Bill Kamermans; Brian Lapierre; John Madison; Dusty Miller; Ian Mitchell; Pony Moore; Conrad Petrikowski; Bert Phillips; Cary-Ann Stewart; Soapy Watson and Willy Waugh. **Regrets:** Pierre Alarie; Peter Weis & Mike Wigger.

Chairman welcomed: Jerry Bourgeois; Bert Phillips; Brian Lapierre; Don Hood; Ian Mitchell; Conrad Petrikowski; Lucky Gordon; Ray Hunt & Cary-Ann Stewart; back good to see them again after an absence. Reminded members to check off the attendance list & don't forget Keith Viscount 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 24 September 2008 meeting. There being none, Moved by Dusty Miller and seconded by Pony Moore that the minutes be adopted as tabled. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence:

In: November 11th Remembrance Day Invitation from Scotian & Four written Submissions to the C&BL

OUT:

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 Funeral/Memorial Service is complete and Buster and Harvey would be meeting to finalize the service. Buster reported on a visit of a WWII SUBVET from Groton Base, Jack & Dee Higgins living in San Diego. They were visiting Halifax on a cruise ship and were in port for the day. John C from Groton put Buster in touch with them. Buster met and took them on a tour of Halifax and stopped by the Dockyard to see John Clahane and yours truly. During our time together Buster presented Jack with a plaque and license plate on our behalf. Jack was quite moved by this gesture. The Chairman reminded all present of Remembrance Day fast approaching and encouraged all that were able to take part in the ceremonies either at Point Pleasant Park or at cenotaphs in your area. For those attending Point Pleasant Park assembly would be at the old canteen @ 1030. Dress would be Association Dress with medals & berets. Cary-Ann Stewart has volunteered to be the serving member accompanying the Chairman to lay the wreath on our behalf. The Central Branch is toying with the idea of organizing an SAOC reunion in Rimouski in 2010 in celebration of the Centenary and Onondaga opening. If such an initiative goes ahead, we're in full support.

Vice-Chair: position vacant

Treasurer: As of the end of September Bank Statement \$ 4848.43 + \$750.00 collected since last statement (Operating Account). We have a 105 paid up members on our books.

Secretary: As stated, four written submissions for the AGM have been forwarded.

Health & Wellness/Slops: George has received the new Jolly Roger pins @ \$2.00/each and some “O” Boat Ball Caps. George Sullivan of Central is sending down some Bumper Stickers

Social: Absent due to illness in the family

Museum: Buster stated that items have been removed from Okanagan and have been transported to Marcom Museum. The new museum curator, Rick Sanderson, has begun insulating the crypt and also installed heaters.

Nominating Committee: The Committee reported that ALL positions on the Executive have nominations either new or incumbent re-offering.

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.

Camp Hill Hospital Memorial Gardens: ????? has been in touch with Buster about our opportunities to donate something to the gardens from our association. ??? suggested an “A” frame type of affair which would allow the veterans to garden while remaining in their wheel chairs. The donation toward is \$500.00 approved by the executive and brought to the membership.

New Business: George Byzewski moved to change our minutes of July 25 2005 to read: *Have an annual function vice an annual mess dinner.* All present were in favour.

Upcoming Events: AGM pot luck supper to be held on the 05 December 2008 as per the C&BL in an election year. Brum will be contacting members for food donations.

A.O.B.

Lucky Gordon got up and spoke on the DVA Town Hall he attended on October 27 2008 at the Fleet Club. DVA has set up an Ombudsman to try and cut through all the red tape associated with DVA claims. It is just a new organization and they are just feeling their way.

50/50: The sum of \$42.00 was won by Ian Mitchell

A Submariners Prayer: Offered by Conrad Petrikowski

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Pierre Dautre seconded by Dusty Miller. *Carried.*

Next meetings: Monthly: AGM 06 December 2008: MOG 5 SR's. Mess @ 1300
Exec.: Date and venue TBA.