

**SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 25 FEBRUARY 2009**  
**SENIOR RATES MESS, MOG5**

**1930:** Meeting called to order by the Vice Chairman 18 members in attendance: Art Bodden; Jerry Bourgeois; Pete Braun; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; Keith Esterbrooks; Jim Gordon; Mike Gould; Don Hood; Gary Hopkins; Ray Hunt; Bill Kamermans; Dusty Miller; Bert Phillips; Tex Ranger; Cary-Ann Stewart and Soapy Watson **Regrets:** Ian Mitchell; John Clahane; Brum Tovey; Scotty Parsons; Buster Brown; Wade Berglund; Nigel Walsworth; Peter Weis & Mike Wigger.

**Vice Chairman** welcomed: Jerry Bourgeois; Bert Phillips; Don Hood; back good to see them again after an absence. Welcomed Peter “Blotto” Braun as a new member of SAOC (East) 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: members sick at home and in the hospital: at home: “Topsy” Turner, Paul Dube, Ryan Conroy, Luc Rollin and other ailing members; the recent passing of troops in Afghanistan;

**Minutes of Meeting:** Vice Chairman asked of any errors or omissions re: Minutes of 30 October 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:** Numerous membership renewals; Requests for Donations; RCNA Oxford Ont. Branch; RCN Centennial Update.

**OUT:** Nil

**Reports:**

**Chairman:** Absent

**Vice-Chair:** Passed regrets from Buster, he was in Ottawa. Advised that the Top Student award was presented by himself and Terry Chatham. Pierre also informed that after adjournment at our March meeting, the Secretary of the RCNBF (Royal Canadian Navy Benevolent Fund) would be in attendance to give a presentation defining the RCNBF and the services available. In his absence, the Social Chair had previously asked Pierre to put out the idea of a “Diesel Boat” get together sometime before end of June this year. More information to follow.

**Secretary:** Minutes from the AGM 2008. Dusty Miller moved as tabled for adoption at AGM 2009, seconded by George Byzewski. Carried. He advised that the Executive was working on a “Storm Day” plan for cancellation of meetings. The Executive had earlier voted to donate \$100.00 to the annual SUBVETS Scholarship Golf Tournament, a fund raiser for the Scholarship fund for their members’ families.

**Treasurer:** Absent.

**Health & Wellness/Slops:** George informed all present that Gil Poirer was going into hospital for his 2<sup>nd</sup> knee operation. He also had been in contact with Paul Dube and Luc Rollin.

**Social:** Absent

**Old Business:** None

**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.

**New Business:** There was no new business

**Upcoming Events:** TBD

**A.O.B.** Bert Phillips suggested we include a “Rogues Gallery” on our Website. All present thought it was a good idea. More to follow.

**50/50:** The sum of \$36.50 was won by Art Bodden

**A Submariners Prayer:** Offered by Tex Ranger

**Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Dusty Miller seconded by Bill Kammermans. *Carried.*

**Next meetings: Monthly:** March 25 2009: MOG 5 JR's. Mess @ 1930  
**Exec.:** Date TBD.