

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 25 MARCH 2009
JUNIOR RATES MESS, MOGS

1930: Meeting called to order by the Chairman 22 members and 2 guests in attendance: Pierre Alarie; “Wiggy” Bennet; Bob Bergeron; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Pierre Doutre; Shane Irvine; John Madison; John Meehan; Dusty Miller; Ian Mitchell; “Pony” Moore; Scott Parsons; John Smith; Tex Ranger; Dave Russell; Boyd Thomas; “Brum” Tovey; “Soapy” Watson; Willy Waugh; Mike Wigger and Guests “Max” Factor RCNA., Paul O’Boyle Secretary RCNBF. **Regrets:** Carey-Ann Stewart; Wade Berglund & Nigel Walsworth.

Chairman welcomed: Shane, John & John back from China; Wiggy Bennett; Bob Bergeron; John Meehan & Dave Russell and his guest Paul O’Boyle RCNBF, who will give a presentation at the end of the meeting; good to see them again after an absence. Reminded members to check off the attendance list & don’t forget the bartender Brian & Mac. Members were then invited to rise for a **Moment’s Silence:** with thoughts Paul “Topsy” Turner: Mildred Hopkins, spouse of Gary Hopkins; Donna Smith spouse of Dr. John Smith; fallen troops in Afghanistan; our sick in hospital and at home: Paul Dube; Ryan Conroy; Luc Rollin; Gilles Poirier; Bill Kamermans; and any others afflicted.

Minutes of Meeting: Chairman asked of any errors or omissions re: Minutes of 25 February 2009 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 re-newals; US SUBVETS Scholarship Fund donation for a Diesel Boat was reduced to \$75.00 vice \$100.00.

OUT: Nil

Reports:

Chairman: The Chairman commented on the “**Top Student Award**” of how that Central & West responded in their awareness for the cost sharing and had made queries about the cost to date for 2008. Buster reminded all present of the **Battle of Atlantic** Sunday 03 May 2009 at Pt. Pleasant Park and keeping with tradition that a serving submariner ‘lay the wreath’. Shane Irvine volunteered to do so escorted by the Chairman. Since the last meeting the executive is still discussing the best method of handling “**Storm Days**” so that all members have plenty of notice of a cancellation. The Chairman had received some **souvenirs** from the **Centenary** Committee and passed them out to the members present. On the **Museum** front we are still awaiting word from Rick Sanderson wrt the air quality of the crypt. When ‘within spec’, things will start moving again.

Vice-Chair: Nothing to report

Secretary: As per the Correspondence and an increase to the charity/flower donation request for a deceased member to \$75.00.

Treasurer: As of the bank statement for the month ending February 2009: \$3822.20

Health & Wellness/Slops: George informed all present that Gilles Poirer was progressing well from his knee operation; Paul & Helen Dube were in UK for a visit. He is still working on getting some “Bumper Stickers & Decals” for slops.

Social: Brum reported on the progress of a Submariners' get-together before the end of June. The Fleet Club is fully booked but he and John Madison are going to look at other alternatives. He informed members of Pete Hagan's retirement 29 May 09 to be held in the Squadron.

Old Business: At the last meeting Bert Phillips suggested the idea of a "Rogues' Gallery" on our Web Site. It was favourably discussed and preparations would be made to get this going.

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: None

Upcoming Events: TBD

A.O.B. There was "No other business"

50/50: The sum of \$47 was won by Shane Irvine. He 'pressed the Klaxon'. Thank you, Shane,!!

A Submariners Prayer: Offered by Dave Russell

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Dusty Miller seconded by Tex Ranger. *Carried.* The meeting was adjourned and after a quick break the membership assembled for a briefing from Paul O'Boyle of the RCNBF. Paul provided a lot of insight into the RCNBF, starting with its history, growth and purpose. The floor was then open for questions to Paul. A number of good questions were put to him and all assembled thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. As we are presently without the aid of a Newsletter, the following e-mail has been received:

Good Evening Mr. Chairman;

Thank you again Buster, for the invitation to speak at your meeting. As we discussed afterwards, the following is the contact information for the Eastern Region Claims Committee. The office is located on the top floor of the Trident building at CFB Halifax (next door to the ACPOA). We are open each day Monday through Friday from 0900 to 1200. If I'm not there, anyone can simply leave a message and I'll contact them as soon as possible. Of course, if you would like to include our website as a link on the SAOC East homepage, please feel free to do as well. I can also give you a copy of our poster in PDF format if you are interested. Using the PDF format will enable you to download a copy with sufficient quality to reproduce for a newsletter.

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Next meetings: Monthly: April 29 2009: MOG 5 SR's. Mess @ 1930

Exec.: Date TBD.