

SAOC (East) MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 29 APRIL 2009
SENIOR RATES MESS, MOG5

1940: Meeting called to order by the Chairman 28 members and 1 guest in attendance: Pierre Alarie; Buster Brown, Art Bodden; Peter Braun; George Byzewski; Terry Chatham; John Clahane; Jim Gordon; Rob Gray; Keith Griffin; Stu Hall; Don Hood; Gary Hopkins; Ray Hunt; Taff Jones; Brian LaPierre; John Madison; Dusty Miller; Pony Moore; Scott Parsons; Greg Pease; Roy Pepper; Tex Ranger; John Shields; Brian Smith; “Brum” Tovey; “Soapy” Watson and Willy Waugh. Guest Lee Ritchie. **Regrets:** Carey-Ann Stewart ; Conrad Kerlikowski..

Chairman welcomed: Stu Hall; John Shields; Taff Jones; Roy Pepper; Keith Griffin; Lee Ritchie; Don Hood; Brian Smith; Rob Gray; Scott Parsons & Pete Braun. Members were then invited to rise for a **Moment’s Silence:** with thoughts Bill Kamermans; fallen troops in Afghanistan; our sick in hospital and at home: Paul Dube; Steven Jenner; Ryan Conroy; Luc Rollin; Gilles Poirier; Keith Lavers; and other members and family afflicted.

Minutes of Meeting: Chairman asked of any errors or omissions re: Minutes of 25 March 2009 meeting. There being none, Moved by Dusty Miller and seconded by Pony Moore that the minutes be adopted as tabled. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence:

In: Acknowledgement from RCNBF; BOA Oporod; Norwegian Submarine Centenary & BSQ Grad.

OUT: Nil

Reports:

Chairman: The Chairman asked for volunteers to present the “**Top Student Award**” to L/S Tilson on Friday 15 May 2009 at 0900. Unfortunately, there were no volunteers. 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. Buster received correspondence from the Diver’s Association about a petition regarding the **100th Naval Anniversary Monument** to be completed in 2011 in Ottawa. There is an initiative that the petition would recommend that structure be erected either in Halifax or Victoria. More to follow. The planned **SAOC (Central) BBQ and AGM scheduled for 2010 in Rimouski** has been cancelled due to commitment capability through volunteers, distance and communication. 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: ONONDAGA Museum will be opening June 12 2009 and is by invitation only, please contact Annemarie at annemarie@shmp.qc.ca if you want to go. The secretary has reserved 20 rooms at Le Gouverneur for our Association at a cost of \$85.00/night. Please let me know NLT 22 May 2009 if you require accommodation.

Treasurer: As of the bank statement for the month ending March 2009: \$3832.20

Health & Wellness/Slops: George informed all present that Gilles Poirier was progressing well from his knee operation; Paul & Helen Dube are back from UK after a visit. Stephen Jenner is

still in hospital in respite care. He is still working on getting some “Bumper Stickers & Decals” for slops.

Social: Brum reported on the progress of a Submariners’ get-together in July 2009. The dates are July 18/19 at the Fleet Club. A BBQ and a dance with a DJ will be held on the 18th. Sunday the 19th from 0900 to 1030 will be a breakfast/Church Service followed by a Rum Issue. There is a possibility of a meet & greet on Friday 17th in the Squadron. He informed members of Pete Hagan’s retirement 29 May 09 to be held in the Squadron.

Old Business: At the February meeting Bert Phillips suggested the idea of a “Rogues’ Gallery” on our Web Site. The membership’s help is required in this undertaking by donating pictures of themselves to be put on the “Rogues Gallery”. The Executive is still working on a “Storm Day” policy, which when developed, will be presented to the membership.

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: Submariners’ get-together July 17-19 2009.

A.O.B. Taff Jones spoke on the up-coming Diesel Boat reunion on August 02 2009 in Plymouth UK. Dusty Miller inquired about the available of a PA system at the meetings he was under the impression that a system was able to be made available. Keith Griffin reported that he ran across Ed Diplock grave sight at Qakmount Cemetery c/w brass plaque and Submarine Badge. John Madision informed all present that the opening of the ONONDAGA Museum was by invitation ONLY.

50/50: The sum of \$55 was won by Mike Gould. He donated \$25.00 to the Operating Fund. Thank you, Mike,!!

A Submariners Prayer: Offered by Willy Waugh.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by John Madision seconded by John Shields. *Carried.*

Next meetings: Monthly: May 27 2009: MOG 5 JR’s. Mess @ 1930

Exec.: 20 May 2009 @ CPO’s Mess @ Stadacona. Time 1530.