

SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

(EAST) BRANCH

Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting

28 September, 2011

Mog 5, Senior Rates Mess

1. The Chair Terry Chatham brought the meeting to order at 1930. Terry thanked the membership on the good turnout and welcomed the members in attendance.

2. Members in attendance were Pierre (Minky) Alarie, Art Bodden, Don (Buster) Brown, (Immediate Past Chair), George (Bazoo) Byzewski, Jon Carpenter, Terry (Chooch) Chatham, John Clahane, Pierre (China) Doutre, Keith (Beast) Estabrooks, Jim Harris, Don Hood, Gary Hopkins, Ray Hunt, Greg Pease, Boyd Thomas and Willie Waugh. A moment of silence was observed for Our Troops in Afghanistan and members ill at home and in hospital.

The Secretary tabled the minutes from the Monthly General Meeting of Aug 24, 2011. It was moved by Gary Hopkins and seconded by Boyd Thomas that the minutes be accepted as tabled. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried.

3. Reports:

The Secretary read an E-mail received from Rick Morgan concerning the state of OJIBWA's move to Ontario as a museum. (Enclosure) The secretary then went on to encourage members to renew their memberships. As the Slops Guru, Bazoo stated slops items can be ordered by phone/ internet for mail delivery or pick up.

With Keith (Brum) Tovey, (Social) in Europe the Secretary in his stead reported details of the Christmas event to be held December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Sackville Lion's Club. (Enclosure)

The Treasurer John Clahane reported that the Operating Fund contained \$1344.42 as of End of August, 2011. GIC's have remained untouched. The Chair at this time thanked the membership and John for a great job of recovering from our financial low earlier in the year.

The Vice Chair Minky Alarie had no new items.

The Chair updated members on Jimmy Northrup and Aubrey Rice. Both are receiving ongoing treatment and Terry stated he would pass along any new information. The chair asked George Byzewski to report on his visits with Jim (Dusty) Miller who recently underwent Quadruple by-pass surgery. George said he expected Dusty to be sent home as soon as Friday coming. The Chair then invited DH (Buster) Brown to speak on the Museum and to give an update. Buster stated that the effort will commence soon and invited volunteers to a planning meeting.

4. New Business: There was no New Business.

5. Any Other Business (AOB): After a short discussion it was agreed to continue the mailing of minutes.

6. The 50/50 draw of \$26.50 won by Boyd Thomas.

7. The Submariner's Prayer was read by Jim Harris.

8. Pierre (China) Doutre moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Keith (Beast) Estabrooks. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

**The next Monthly meeting will be held Oct 26, 2011, 19:00 for 19:30 SR Mess, Mog 5, HMC DYKD.**

## (ENCLOSURE SECRETARY) Project OJIBWA

Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2011 09:38:07 -0400

Subject: Re: Status of OJ?

From: rickmorgan@projectojibwa.ca

To:gbazoo@hotmail.com

Hi George:

Unfortunately we have nothing concrete at this time. We continue to talk with DND on the matter. The main issue is that they are insisting we show them that we have 100% of their estimated capital requirements in place before giving us the release. (Obviously they are still feeling the lash from the Fraser episode.)

Our problems are 1) Their estimate is about \$ 2 mill higher than our quoted costs and 2) They have yet to give us any kind of agreement, even a conditional one that we can use to apply for financing or to convince donors that the project is a go-ahead. On top of that, while they tell us the boat is ours, their non-committal statements to the press have left the impression that they aren't on side with the project (examining all of their options etc...) and it may not happen, resulting in negative press, which has not helped the cause.

We have obviously missed the opportunity to move OJIBWA to the lakes this season. While we remain hopeful that DND will eventually agree to release the vessel, we are concerned that it may come too late. Our funding from FED DEV Ontario was to be spent by Oct 31, and that is not possible now. We have already had one extension, and we are working the political levers, (such as they are) to get a further extension, but we probably won't know anything until the 11th hour, knowing how things work in the bureaucracy.

A recent study indicates this project is a \$15 million annual economic generator for the local economy, there will be a great uproar from this region especially if this fails because the powers just can't or won't try to work co-operatively, which is why I believe it's far from over.

So my message to the members is "Have Faith Brothers", DND's asking to set up another meeting in the next week or so, we continue to be optimistic and will update you when we have something real

Yours aye

Rick

## (ENCLOSURE SOCIAL) Christmas Function

### SAOC (E) Christmas Function

Date: December 16, 2011

Cost: \$20.00 per person. **YES JUST \$20 PER PERSON!** Members are encouraged to bring family and friends as the more the merrier.

Time: 1800 through 0100 Location: Sackville Lions Club, Beaver Bank Connector Road, Lower Sackville, NS (across from Sackville Super Store).

Cash Bar: 1800-0100

Meal to commence at 1900

Menu: Red and White Wines on each Table  
Rolls and Butter  
Roast Beef or Turkey  
Desert Tea and Coffee

DJ: Booked to commence 2000-2359

**Members wishing to attend must indicate by no later than Thursday December the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with cheque or cash and make known their choice meal. Feel free to contact any member of the Executive for reservations.**