

SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
(EAST) BRANCH
Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting
January 25, 2012
MOG5, Senior Rates Mess

1. **The Chair Terry Chatham** brought the meeting to order at 1930. Terry thanked the members who turned out and remarked it was good to see **John Madison, Jim Northrup, Harry Suto, and Lucky Gordon** at the meeting...

2. Members in attendance were **Pierre (Minky) Alarie, Art Bodden, Don (Buster) Brown, (Immediate Past Chair), Ron Butchart, George (Bazoo) Byzewski, Terry (Chooch) Chatham, Pierre (China) Doutre, Keith (Beast) Estabrooks, Jim (Lucky)Gordon, Larry Hickey, Ray Hunt, John Madison, Jim Northrup, Scott Parsons, JJ Surette, Harry Suto, Keith Tovey and Willie Waugh**. A moment of silence was observed for Our Troops in Afghanistan and members ill at home and in hospital.

The Chair tabled the minutes from the Monthly General Meeting of Oct 28, 2011. He asked if there were errors or omissions. There being none, it was **moved by Pierre Doutre** and **seconded by Keith Estabrooks** that the minutes be accepted as read. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried.

The Chair then tabled the minutes of the AGM Dec 3, 2011. It was moved by Don Brown and seconded by Scotty Parsons that the minutes be accepted as tabled. Motion carried.

3. **Correspondence:** **In:** Tridents, Financial Statement and a letter from the QE2 Foundation.

OUT: Sympathy Cards to Sally Tovey on the death of her Father
Family of Peter Bowen, SAOC Central, on his passing

Get Well Cards to Joan Lavers Wife of Keith Lavers,
George Sullivan SAOC Central.

Membership card to Charlie Lonsdale, Manchester, UK

4. **Reports:**

Secretary: The secretary encouraged members to renew their memberships. George stated he has been in regular contact with James Dusty Miller and passed Dusty's regret at missing the meeting but his health is not 100%. George then informed the meeting that he had just been informed of the passing of Sheila Evans wife of Bob Evans and George on behalf of the membership expressed condolences to Bob. The Secretary then reiterated that if a member hears of deaths or illness to please it to the secretary or any other member of the Executive Committee.

George then went on to say a small amount of Slops items were available such as knives, some pins and dolphins and that the remainder of Slops was still with the Insurance people and there would be more to follow.

Social Secretary Keith (Brum) Tovey spoke of the Christmas function held **Dec 16th, 2011 at the Sackville Lions Club**. He said for those who attended the time was enjoyable and the food excellent. Brum thanked the membership for the Sympathy card for his wife Sally. Brum concluded with saying he hoped the Assn could have a Pork Roast or BBQ this summer.

The Treasurer John Clahane regret. The Chair read the latest statement and reported that the Operating Fund contained \$1077.62 as of November, 2011. GIC's have remained untouched.

The vice Chair Minky Alarie had no new items.

The Chair invited **Buster Brown** to update the membership on the museum. Buster said there had been a meeting of the Volunteer Group and Brian Lapo Lapierre had started cataloguing and photographing items. Buster went on to say he would be inspecting 3 ShakeOns for items to be displayed. One display of CC1 and CC2, then on to the U-190 era moving on to the "First Block" in '54 then on to the "O's" and the end of the RN phase in 1968 and finishing with the present day Victoria Class. Buster stated there would be a Basement passage way displays as well as a 2nd Deck display with an emphasis on photos and displays. Buster went on to recognize the people who have volunteered to help with the museum and encouraged others to help. The Chair thanked Buster for his report.

The Chair then invited Jim Gordon to speak to the meeting regarding his recent trip to visit George Sullivan. Jim stated he travelled to Ottawa to visit with The Sullivans' and Jim gave a thumbnail of the trip. Jim told of telling lies and having a coffee or two with George and of having a good time and many laughs with his "Old Friend". He said George's attitude is to face his Gallbladder and Pancreatic treatment head on. Jim said George has made thoughtful decisions regarding his treatment and he plans on bouncing back from this. Jim said George hadn't lost weight in a week and remains realistic and positive. Lucky finished by saying George thanked all for their messages of concern and was receptive to emails and calls. The Chair thanked Jim for his talk.

The Chair then spoke of the QE2 Foundation and their request for funding. From the floor Buster Brown reminded the meeting of the Camp Hill donation and it was consensus that the SAOC (East) would decline. The Chair went on to note that a \$200.00 donation was made to the Submarine Centenary Committee for the Logo/Photo contest. Terry then spoke about the Submarine Centenary Committee Initial meeting in early January held at the Museum consisting of delegates from the Tattoo, Fleet School, Marland, HMCS Sackville Trust and members of the SAOC(East) Executive. The Chair went to say he the 2 main stakeholders of the Centenary were the Navy and the SAOCs. Buster Brown expressed his hopes that the Centenary would recognize the Canadians who sailed in RN submarines on to the 1st Block thru to the arrival of the O's in '68 as well as those who had held command in RN Boats such as CDR Gigg and the of the Sixth Squadron's history in Halifax. Many nodded in agreement.

5. **Old Business:** There was no Old Business

6. **New Business:** There was no New Business

7. **Any Other Business (AOB)**: There was no AOB.
6. The 50/50 draw of **\$35.00** won by Jim Northrup who promptly rang the bell.
7. The Submariner's Prayer was read by **George Byzewski**.
8. **Pierre (China) Doutre** moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Harry Suto. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

The Chair then invited all in attendance to retire to the Wardroom bar where recently retired Larry Hickey gave a lively, informative and humorous account of his time with the RCMP in the early 90's in BC. Larry's presentation was met with appreciation and more than a few laughs. The Chair thanked Larry for the effort and welcomed him to the Association. All in all a well received talk.