

**SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**  
**(EAST) BRANCH**  
**Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting**  
**February 29, 2012**  
**MOG5, Senior Rates Mess**

1. **The Vice Chair Pierre Alarie** brought the meeting to order at 1930. The Secretary stood and announced to the meeting the death of **Wayne Presley** after a short fight with cancer. The Secretary expressed his sadness and sent condolences to the Presley family on behalf of the Association.

The Vice thanked the members who turned out and welcomed **Dusty Miller** back after his recent medical tribulations and that it was good to see him at the meeting. Pierre then welcomed Jim Northrup and Robbie Fraser to the meeting.

2. Members in attendance were **Pierre (Minky) Alarie, Art Bodden, Don (Buster) Brown, (Immediate Past Chair), George (Bazoo) Byzewski, Don hood, Larry Hickey, Ray Hunt, James (Dusty) Miller, Jim Northrup, JJ Surette, Boyd Thomas, Keith Tovey and Mike Willie Wigger**. A moment of silence was observed for Wayne Presley, our Troops in Afghanistan and members ill at home and in hospital.

The Chair tabled the minutes from the Monthly General Meeting of Jan 25, 2012. He stated an omission to the minutes had been corrected and were as follows, "From the floor Buster Brown reminded the meeting of our recent Camp Hill donation of \$500.00 and suggested that the donation was sufficient at this time. It was the consensus therefore that the SAOC (E) would decline. "The floor was then asked if there were any other errors or omissions. There being none, it was **moved by Boyd Thomas** and **seconded by Mike Wigger** that the minutes be accepted as read. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried.

3. **Correspondence:** **In:** Financial Statement, T5 and thank you card from Bowen Family. Membership renewals from Dave Yeo and Tony Anthony and a cheque from Chris Dykman for slops.

**OUT:** Sympathy Card to Don Hogg Family on his death.  
Encouragement card to Wayne Presley who was fighting cancer.

4. **Reports:**

**Secretary:** The secretary encouraged members to renew their memberships. The Secretary then invited Don (Buster) Brown to speak of his recent trip to Ottawa and his visit with George. Don said George's health is not 100% and that he has lost weight but not his sense of humour. Buster went on to say George will be starting Chemo and was in little pain, was relaxed and in good spirits. Buster finished by saying he passed "Best Regards" to George from the Association. The secretary thanked Buster for the report and wished George Sullivan all the Best.

The Secretary then said how happy he was when Dusty called and requested a ride to the Monthly General Meeting and how after his long absence due to ill health issues that it was a pleasure.

The secretary then reiterated that if a member hears of deaths or illnesses of fellow members or family members to please pass it to the secretary or any other member of the Executive Committee.

George then went on to say Slops items were available such as knives, some pins and dolphins.

**The Social Secretary Keith (Brum) Tovey** spoke of the possibility of an **August/Early September** function to be held at the **Paul and Helen Dube Homestead**. Brum said a Pig Roast or a BBQ with attending members bringing salads, breads and condiments and refreshments of choice. More to follow as time passes.

**The Treasurer John Clahane** regret. The Vice Chair read the latest statement and reported that the Operating Fund contained \$933.62 as of Jan 23, 2012. GIC's have remained untouched.

**The vice Chair Minky Alarie** spoke of his recent stint in Victoria, BC. Minky spoke of seeing Corner Brook in the dock and he talked on the damage and of its looking far worse than real. The free flood area was impacted and that there was no damage to the pressure hull. The membership nodded in agreement and comments were heard regarding "Media" hype

**The vice Chair spoke of the Centenary** and tabled a number of messages on the subject. (Enclosed) He then went on to talk of the committees struck and polled the membership for volunteers for the SAOC (E) committee. **Buster Brown** mentioned the possibility of the Museum and Centenary merge as the SAOC (E) centenary project. Larry Hickey suggested that the Submarine Museum be the SAOC(E) prime directive. After an active, lively, lengthy and informative discussion the consensus was that the SAOC(E) would strive to compliment the Centenary celebrations rather than compete. It was again emphasized the desire to fully acknowledge not just the 100 years of Submarines but also to recognize the people who went before from the WW2, 1<sup>st</sup> Block, Oberons, Grilse/Rainbow through to the "Victorias". The Vice thanked the meeting for their opinions and active participation.

5. **Old Business**: There was no Old Business
6. **New Business**: There was no New Business
7. **Any Other Business (AOB)**: Dusty Miller addressed the meeting and expressed his thoughts on the strength of the SAOC(E) sense of having 2 Families. Dusty thanked all who visited him in hospital and to those who called and sent emails. Dusty expressed his gratitude and closed by saying how great it was to be part of the Submarine Fraternity. Once a Submariner always a Submariner.
8. The 50/50 draw of **\$32.00** won by **Don Hood**
9. The Submariner's Prayer was read by **Brum Tovey**.
10. **Duster Miller** moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by **Boyd Thomas**. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

**The March Monthly General Meeting will be held in the JR'S Mess Wed**