

**SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**  
**(EAST) BRANCH**

**Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting 25 April, 2012**  
**SR'S Mess, MOG5 HMC DYKD, Halifax, NS.**

1. The Chair, Terry Chatham brought the meeting to order at 19:36 and welcomed the members and especially the returning well tanned Snow Birds in attendance. The chair said how pleased he was to welcome Willie Waugh, Shane Irvine, John Madison, John Meehan, Lucky Gordon, Jim Harris, Don Hood, Pony Moore, and Greg Pease and last but not least, new member Jerry Springall. The Chair went on to thank the bartender and reminded the meeting not to forget him. The Chair finished his opening welcome by thanking Pony Moore for the effort in procuring the wreath for the Battle of the Atlantic Sunday this coming Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to be held at Point Pleasant Park commencing 10:00 Local. The Chair encouraged all who could to turn out.

2. Members in attendance were Pierre Alarie, Art Bodden, DH (Buster) Brown, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Pierre Doutre, Robbie Fraser, Jim Gordon, Jim Harris, Don Hood, Shane Irvine, Keith Lavers, Jerry MacGowan, James Dusty Miller, Greg Pease, JJ Surette, Jerry Springall, Boyd Thomas, Keith (Brum) Tovey, Irv Soapy Watson, Willie Waugh and Tim Wood. A moment of silence was observed for Our Troops in Afghanistan and our ill at home and in hospital.

3. The Chair tabled the minutes from the Monthly General Meeting of March 28, 2012 and asked if there were any errors or omissions? There being none, it was moved by Art Bodden and seconded by Boyd Thomas that the minutes be accepted as tabled. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried.

4. **Reports:**

Correspondence In: Tridents and a letter from Lung Association Appeal.  
Out: None

The Vice Chair Minky Alarie thanked the meeting for the emails of encouragement during his recent "PITA" prostate procedure.

The Treasurer John Clahane stated he received the March statement and that the account balance is \$1510.62 and he more dues to add to the operating fund.

Brum Tovey (Social) spoke of proposed summer event, BBQ at Paul and Helen Dube's and Brum went on to poll the meeting for "Best" date. After a short discussion the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in August was deemed best. Arrangements and timing will be promulgated. Watch this space and your email for more.

The Chair told the members that there was now a "Hyper-Link" on the SAOC (E) website for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal nominations. Terry then went on to remind the meeting that he was still seeking a volunteer Centenary Chair SAOC (E) for the end of May 2012. Terry then told the members of the Battle of the Atlantic Sunday arrangements and that he would seek a Serving member to lay the wreath. Terry then invited Buster Brown to an update in regards to the museum. Buster reported that he intends to have a "Way ahead" meeting of the volunteer group. Buster noted that a Good muster had been completed and that Lapo LaPierre had done Yeoman duties cataloguing items. The Museum group will check the gear already in the Museum and once the plan for the "Theme" of the museum is settled the remaining gear will be available from D-40. The Chair thanked Buster and the group for their efforts to date.

5. **Old Business:** There was no Old Business
6. **New Business:** The Chair announced a \$100.00 donation to US Sub Vets Groton Branch Annual Education Bursary Golf Tournament. The SAOC (E) has done so for a number of years.
7. **Any Other Business (AOB):** James (Dusty) Miller informed the meeting that 2012 was an even year therefore an election year. Dusty recommended committee members confirm their intentions to re-offer. The Secretary said he would table election rules next meeting. The Secretary asked members to go to the Assn website and confirm their personal information such as address, phone number and e-mail address is current.

Robbie Fraser next spoke on his Centenary Calendar project. Robbie had a computer display of numerous photos in his possession. He also asked if anyone had "Crew" photos. Robbie's photo display was well received.

Jim (Lucky) Gordon then spoke of George Sullivan and his ongoing rounds of Chemo and how Sully is in good spirits and feeling well.

John Madison then spoke of Ross Webb being in medical distress and that Bob Parks had paid Ross a visit. Ross is in Palliative care.

Shane Irvine then thanked the SAOC (E) for their card, messages and support during the recent passing of his mother.

Jim Harris then spoke of the Relay for Life fund raiser for cancer and Jim said anyone wishing to donate to his efforts can do so at the Sackville Lion's Club website, The Lion's Roar.

Willie Waugh after a couple pointed jabs directed to the Secretary concerning paper Minutes and their scarcity at his home that brought a thunderous round of laughter from the members in attendance passed to the meeting his recent experience with cancer and he strongly encouraged all of us to take responsibly for our health and get checked for cancer and especially if one has or had a family member with a history of cancer. Willie finished by saying he is 70 and sure is hell not ready to quit and is going full out.

Brum Tovey then thanked Jim Harris and the Sackville Lions Club for their efforts in regards to the Christmas function this December past.

John Clahane then brought the members up to date with Aubrey Rice. John stated Aubrey is able to stand on his own for extended periods and is itching to get back to work. Aubrey will undergo continuing medical treatments towards the end of May. The members wished Aubrey the best.

8. The 50/50 draw was won by JJ Surette (\$50.00).
9. The Submariner's Prayer was read by George Byzewski.
10. Pierre Doutré moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Keith Lavers. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried.
11. The Chair stated that the next Monthly meeting would be held May 30, 2012, JR's Mess, MOG5