

SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
(EAST) BRANCH

Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting 30 May, 2012
MOG5, JR's Mess, Halifax, NS

1. The Chair Terry Chatham brought the meeting to order at 1930 and welcomed the members in attendance. The chair acknowledged the bartender and reminded members not to forget the bartender. The Chair then bid a special welcome to Luc Rollin, Jerry Bourgeois, Dave Logan, Keith Griffin, Marcel Simard, Don Hood and Irv "Soapy" Watson.
2. Members in attendance were Pierre Alarie, Art Bodden, Jerry Bourgeois, DH (Buster) Brown, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Jim Gordon, Keith Griffin, Jim Harris, Don Hood, Gary Hopkins, Keith Lavers, James Miller, Pony Moore, Greg Pease, Luc Rollin, Marcel Simard, Keith (Brum) Tovey and Irv Watson. A moment of silence was observed for our troops in Afghanistan, our ill at home and in hospital.
3. The Chair tabled the minutes from the Monthly General Meeting of April 25, 2012. It was moved by James Miller and seconded by James "Lucky" Gordon that the minutes be accepted as tabled. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried.

4. **Reports:**

There was no new correspondence other than returned mail.

The Vice informed the meeting that with regrets he would not be re-offering this AGM and that he would miss the next meeting.

The Secretary spoke of the efforts with de-storing Ojibwa and her move from NAD by Tug and Barge to Ontario and how glad he was to see her go to a new life as a museum rather than scrap.

The Treasurer stated he had received the monthly statement and that the account balance was \$1706.62 plus any membership fees received at the meeting. John then passed out membership data sheets showing status of paid, lapsed and former members.

Brum Tovey (Social) commented on the Social side of the proposed summer event of the BBQ at the Dubes' scheduled for August 11th. Brum went on to implore members for input and suggestions for events such as Guest Speakers etc.

The Chair opened by extending the deadline for QDJM nominations until the end of June. He reminded members that 2012 is an election year and asked for a volunteer by the end of June for the Election Committee with Dusty Miller assisting. The Chair then went on to speak of the Centenary Committee Chair Brum Tovey was looking for assistance with the committee. The Chair asked Buster Brown to speak of the museum progress. Buster said that he along with his assistants would meet and they intend to begin moving material from storage to the museum. Buster stated with Brian Lapierre's return they would continue to photo and log artefacts. The Chair thanked Buster and the Group for the effort.

The Chair then spoke of Ojibwa's departure and of the Group who witnessed her departure along with an "Up Spirits" of Pussers that Lucky happened to have for such an occasion. Terry told of Lucky Gordon's honour of riding OJ's fin as she was floated onto the barge.

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

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

7. **Any Other Business (AOB)**: Jim Harris mentioned the “Relay for Life” being held and asked for any sponsors for the “Lions Roar” group.

Keith Griffin then spun a Dit from a ‘62 bottoming exercise with the RN. He told being stuck in mud and gravel and the difficulty they had breaking free. Once free the boat was docked and all but the fin hatch were found fouled with mud, gravel, silt and were inoperable. He noted that the screws were shiny polished by the abrasive effect of the gravel and sand. Had an escape situation arose Keith said they would have been in a pickle. Keith then went on to tell of being on 30 days stoppers and that on the 29th day he succumbed to temptation and proceeded ashore to join a Houlie ashore where he sat down with a beer next to the Skipper who asked if he was enjoying himself. Keith got another 30 days in the morning. A good laugh was had by all.

Lucky Gordon then reported that George (FBI) Sullivan had received 4 rounds of Chemo and had gained some weight back and was doing better.

8. The 50/50 draw was won by Jim Harris (\$50.00).

9. The Submariner's Prayer was read by Ron Cooper.

10. Keith Lavers moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Keith Estabrooks. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried.

11. The Chair closed by saying that the next Monthly meeting would be held **June 27, 2012, MOG5, SR's Mess.**