

SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
(EAST) BRANCH

Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting 27th of June, 2012
SR'S Mess, MOG5 HMC DYKD, Halifax, NS

1. The Chair, Terry Chatham brought the meeting to order at 19:37 and welcomed the members and noted the especially good turnout. The chair said he was pleased to welcome Taff Jones, Harry Suto and newly joined Fred "9 Fingers" Fry. The Chair went on to thank the bartender and reminded the meeting not to forget him. The Chair finished his opening welcome by passing Pierre Alarie and Brum Tovey regrets.

2. Members in attendance were Art Bodden, Jerry Bourgeois, DH (Buster) Brown, George Byzewski, Jon Carpenter, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Keith (Beast) Estabrooks, Freddy Fry, Jim Harris, Don Hood, Gary Hopkins, Ray Hunt, Shane Irvine, Taff Jones, Brian Lapierre, John Madison, Charlie McManus, Jimmy Northrup, Greg Pease, JJ Surette, Harry Suto, Irv Soapy Watson, Willie Waugh and Tim Wood. Wynn (Taff) Jones also had a guest at the meeting. His name is Alex Jackson and he was on a quick visit staying with John Madison and family. Jacko an ex Cox'n/ Lt in the RN, served in the Gulf war of 91.

A moment of silence was then observed for Our Troops in Afghanistan, our ill at home and in hospital and recently deceased Mike White Moncton, NB and Dave Davies (Life Member) of Martin's River NS.

3. The Chair tabled the minutes from the Monthly General Meeting of May 25, 2012 and asked if there were any errors or omissions? There being none, it was moved by Buster Brown and seconded by Art Bodden that the minutes be accepted as tabled. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried.

4. **Reports:**

Correspondence In: Tridents and a Thank You card from widow of Chief Gab Chellew.

Out: None

The Vice Chair Minky Alarie regret.

The Secretary passed regret for Larry Hickey as he is presently on the USCGC Mackinaw and read this report from Larry as follows. R/V'd in Rimouski and walked through ONONDAGA this past weekend. I met with 3 members of the Project OJIBWA team (RAdm McNeil ret'd, the EMM Exec Director, and the EMM PA officer). We toured Onondaga with Moe Allard. The team took tons of photos and video, and we spent a couple of hours talking to Moe about the challenges and surprises that came with turning ONONDAGA into a tourist attraction. The EMM team went away with a much better appreciation of what their priorities need to be post-September, and they felt that the liaison visit was of tremendous value. They remain optimistic that they can meet their schedule for opening in Ontario.
Larry

The Secretary passed regret for Robbie Fraser due to a previous commitment. Robbie passed that he is awaiting a scanner to scan photos for the Centenary Calendars.

The Treasurer John Clahane stated he received the May statement and that the account balance is \$1404.36 and he more dues to add to the operating fund.

Brum Tovey regret.

The Chair reminded the members that QDJM nominations will close 30th of June, 2012 and that there is a "Hyper-Link" on the SAOC (E) website for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal nominations. Terry then went

on to say that he was still seeking a volunteer Centenary Chair SAOC (E). Terry then told the members that Ron Cooper has volunteered to Chair the Election Committee with James (Dusty) Miller assisting. Terry then invited Buster Brown to an update in regards to the museum. Buster reported that he intends to have a meeting of the volunteer group Wed July 4th. Lapo LaPierre is continuing cataloguing and photographing items. Brian had samples of photos on his Net Pad for members to view. The Museum group will continue to check gear and to plan for the “Theme” of the museum. The Chair thanked Buster and the group for their efforts.

5. **Old Business:** The Secretary, (for Brum Tovey) Social, told the meeting of the planned BBQ at Chez Dube to take place August 11th, 2012. The plans for the SAOC (E) are firming up. Members are encouraged to indicate their plans to attend as early as possible.

6. **New Business:** The Secretary passed **James (Dusty) Miller’s** regret and said Dusty will be at the July meeting.

7. **Any Other Business (AOB):** 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. The secretary then reminded the meeting of the Blog on the SAOC (E) website. He and the John Clahane encouraged all to visit the Blog.

Jim (Lucky) Gordon passed his regret as he is recovering from a PITA session.

Jerry Bourgeois passed regret from Bertie Phillips. Bertie is supporting his wife full time and the Assn wishes them both all the best in the future and we look forward to seeing Bertie soon.

Slinger Wood raised a question concerning CF pension and “Claw Backs” and a lively discussion followed. It is apparent there is lots of misinformation and misunderstanding of the pension facts.

Ray Hunt then informed the meeting of a proposed Reunion to mark the anniversary (2013) of the decommissioning and transfer of USS Argonaut to Canada and the commissioning as HMCS/M Grilse. More to follow.

Gary Hopkins then stood and told meeting that recently an Extended Care Home had been built right across from his Pockwock Road homestead. He said he thought to himself, “What a great place to trap as they would be a “captive” audience. But alas much to his dismay we he got the chance to meet and perhaps corner a lady they were all in wheel chairs and could out run him. Life can be cruel Gary murmured as the members burst into laughter.

8. The 50/50 draw was won by **Ray Hunt** (\$47.00). Ray donated \$20 to the General fund.

9. The Submariner's Prayer was read by Harry Suto.

10. **Jim Harris** moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by John Madison. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried.

11. The Chair stated that the next Monthly meeting would be held July 25th, 2012, JR’s Mess, MOG5