

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

1. The **Chair Terry Chatham** brought the meeting to order at 1930. Terry thanked the membership on the good turnout and welcomed Charlie Lonsdale from Manchester, UK in town visiting Paul and Helen Dube to his 2nd meeting in a row. (Charlie flew to the UK Tuesday September 4th after a great 6 week visit.)

2. Members in attendance were Pierre (Minky) Alarie, Art Bodden, Don (Buster) Brown, (Immediate Past Chair), George (Bazoo) Byzewski, Terry (Chooch) Chatham, Ron Cooper, Pierre Doutre, Bob Evans, Don Hood, Brian Lapierre, Anthony (Charlie) Lonsdale, John Meehan, James Dusty Miller, Pony Moore, JJ Surette, Harry Suto, Boyd Thomas, Keith Brum Tovey, Irv Watson, Willie Waugh and Tim Wood. The Chair then passed on the SAOC (E) regrets with the passing of George (Sully) Sullivan and Barb Hillier, widow of Charlie Hillier. Terry went on to note Roger Morgan, a retired Electrician was fighting cancer and Terry wished Roger all the best. A moment of silence was observed for Our Troops in Afghanistan and members ill at home and in hospital.

The Secretary tabled the minutes from the Monthly General Meeting of July 25, 2012. It was moved by **Brian Lapierre** and seconded by **Harry Suto** that the minutes be accepted as read. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried.

3. **Reports:**

The Secretary opened by encouraging members to renew their memberships. He then went on to speak of the BBQ at Helen and Paul Dube's and how well it went and thanked all who attended. George said all who attended enjoyed the day. The Secretary closed by saying there was no Out going mail and that a Thank You card from the Dubes had been hand delivered by Charlie Lonsdale.

The Treasurer John Clahane regrets. The Treasurer John Clahane regrets. The bank statement for August arrived after the meeting and the balance in the Operating Fund is \$2320.83 as of August 23rd, 2012.

Social Keith (Brum) Tovey spoke of the Aug11th BBQ. Brum stated food for the BBQ was supplied by the SAOC (E) and was well received. Brum stated that 48 attended and he thanked them all. Brum then said the total cost for the BBQ function was \$537.00. The Chair then asked for a motion from the floor to pay the \$537.00 from the Operating fund. Moved by Art Bodden and seconded by John Meehan and all in attendance were in favour and the motion passed. Brum then went on to talk about ideas for the Christmas function. It appeared that the Lion's Club in Lower Sackville was a venue of interest. Date, time and menu to follow.

The Vice Chair, Pierre (Minky) Alarie stated he would be out of the Halifax area for the September, 2012 MGM. He said he and his wife enjoyed the BBQ at the Dubes. Minky then went on to say with regret he could not re-offer for this election time constraints.

The Chair then spoke of the upcoming election. Terry stated the entire present executive was standing with the exception of Minky Alarie. Terry said anyone interested could be nominated up to the Election Day. Terry then stated any amendments to the constitution had to be received in writing by October, 2012 Monthly General Meeting for the 2012 AGM. Terry reminded the meeting that **Ron Cooper** assisted by **Dusty Miller** would conduct the election and any questions or nominations to be directed to them. **Dusty Miller** reminded the meeting that as this upcoming AGM, Dec 1st, 2012, was an election year that there would be no Pot Luck. Terry then went on to remind members that Bob Evans has arranged for the Vets Outreach and Transition program to make a presentation to the SAOC (E) Monthly General meeting in September and members were encouraged to bring their wives and significant others. Valerie Mitchell Venoit will be the presenter. Refreshments will be served upon completion.

The Chair then read **Helen and Paul Dubes'** heart felt thank you card to the meeting. The **Dubes** thanked all who attended the BBQ and said how it raised their spirits to see the members at their home.

4. **New Business:** No new business

5. **Any Other Business (AOB):** **Charlie Lonsdale** spoke of his trip to Groton, Ct for the annual Old

Salts Pig Roast and of the great time that he had as did Tim Wood and Bob Evans. Charlie stated, "I Will Return" it was such a good trip.

Brian Lapierre then spoke of the Museum and his hope to have a "Way Ahead" meeting with **Mr Sanderson** by mid September. **Brian** stated that photo and notation card annotation for items was progressing.

Minky Alarie raised the idea of the possibility of combining the **Annual Central BBQ** with the **East Summer BBQ** to take place at **Onondaga in Rimouski, PQ or Ojibwa in Port Burwell, on**. The Secretary said he would write to Central and West Branches with the proposal.

Dusty Miller commended **Charlie Lonsdale** for planning his trip from Manchester, UK to coincide with 2 Monthly General Meetings, the trip to the Pig Roast and the BBQ at the Dubes.

Brum Tovey then invited the bartender, **Dave Mayo** to recount his recent experience in the UK of liberating the "Shovel". Dave gave a lively and humorous account of the escapade much to the delight of all. Dave closed by telling of a request for a set of Dolphins for a dignitary to wear and the intended recipient's reaction of never wearing Dolphins that he did not earn!

6. The 50/50 draw of \$40.00 won by **Minky Alarie** and he promptly rang the Bell.

7. The Submariner's Prayer was read by **Ron Cooper**.

8. **James "Dusty" Miller** moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Pierre Doutre. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

The next Monthly meeting will be held Sept 26, 2012, 19:00 for 19:30 JR's Mess, Mog 5, and HMC DYKD.