

**SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**  
**(EAST) BRANCH**  
**Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting**  
**September 26, 2012**  
**MOG5, Junior Rates Mess**

1. The **Chair Terry Chatham** brought the meeting to order at 19:40. Terry thanked the members in attendance and welcomed Mike "Soapy" Watson (Sonar) to the meeting. Terry went on to acknowledge Dan Reid and his sons Michael and John visiting from Ontario, Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte, Guest speaker from the Royal Canadian Legion and Phil Webster.

2. **Members in attendance Art Bodden, Don (Buster) Brown, (Immediate Past Chair), George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Pierre Doutre, Keith Estabrooks, Bob Evans, Jim Gordon, Ray Hunt, Shane Irvine, John Madison, James Dusty Miller, Jim Northrup, Greg Pease, Dan Reid, Harry Suto, Keith Brum Tovey, Irv Watson, Willie Waugh and Phil Webster.** The Chair then passed Pierre Alarie's and John Clahane's regrets due to work commitments. 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 Aug 29, 2012 with the amendment that Don (Buster) Brown was not in attendance but had passed his regret. It was moved by Ray Hunt and seconded by Dan Reid that the minutes be accepted as read with the amendment. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried.

3. **Correspondence:**           **In:** Letter from Paul Renner renewing membership. Trident Papers

**Out:** Nil

4. **Reports:**

**The Secretary** opened by reading an E-mail received from Anthony (Charlie) Lonsdale thanking members for making his visit an enjoyable one. He went on to say the trip to Groton, CT for the Old Salts' Pig Roast was something special and is to be repeated! He then went on to speak of the BBQ at Helen and Paul Dube's and how it went very well and how that Paul and Helen Dube were touched to say the least. The secretary finished by informing the meeting that he had received confirmation of the SAOC (E)'s \$50 donation in the memory of George Sullivan to the Pancreatic Cancer Society.

**Health/Wellness-Slops:**       **George** suggested a small quantity items be ordered such as T-shirts, Golf shirts, Ball Caps and Decals until the fire insurance issues were settled. George also said he is in talks with SAOC (W) on sharing purchasing orders to keep stock levels and costs down.

**The Vice Pierre (Minky) Alarie and the Treasurer John Clahane** regrets. The bank statement had not arrived for the meeting.

**Social Keith (Brum) Tovey** talked about ideas for the Christmas function. The Lion's Club in Lower Sackville is the venue. Date: Dec 22, 2012. Time: 18:00 for 19:00 meal with DJ and dancing commencing 20:00. The menu will be chosen when members indicate their intention to attend. Brum finished by saying how good the function was last year with the meal and DJ being exceptional. He encouraged all to attend.

**The Chair** opened with the fact that the QDJM nominations had been submitted and accepted by the GG's office. Terry said all written submissions were approved and the remaining nominations were for the past and present Executive of the Old Comrades and SAOC (E). Terry then spoke of the upcoming election. Terry stated the Treasurer, John Clahane as well as the Vice, Pierre Minky Alarie with regrets have to resign their posts due to work commitments. The remainder of the present executive will be standing. 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. Members were reminded that as this upcoming AGM, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, was an election year that there would be no Pot Luck.

**The Chair** then spoke of his recent trip to Kings Bay, Georgia for a retirement of a USN Submariner. Terry spoke of the “Tolling of the Lost Boats” and that the US SubVets were including Royal Navy losses.

5. **Old Business:** No Old business

6. **New Business:** No New business

7. **Any Other Business (AOB):** The Secretary told the meeting that a move was a foot to procure Submarine Centenary commemorative coins. George said he hopes the three SAOC branches cooperate in design and purchasing the coins. George then stated that he planned to have membership data forms available at the AGM for members to update their personal information.

**Keith the Beast Estabrooks** spoke of meeting Admiral (Retired) Dan McNeil at the Naval Association Annual meeting in Ontario and how Admiral McNeil assured that OJ will be settled in her final resting place this November.

**Dan Reid** stood and offered accommodations to all wishing to attend OJ’s final move. Dan went on to say he lives a short drive from Port Burrell.

**Shane Irvine** stood and informed the meeting that after 5 years of fighting cancer he was 90% clear of lung cancer. A heart felt round of applause was given by the delighted members.

**Jim Northrup** then spoke of Submarine models being available at the Museum in Stadacona. Jim said he would try and find the web site and pass it on to the members.

**John Madison** then stood and declared he was cancer free after his long battle with prostate cancer. Again a round of applause greeted John’s news.

**Dan Reid and his sons Michael and John** then approached the meeting and generously offered \$300 to be donated to the Cancer Society to aid with their fight to find a cure for cancer. A hearty round of applause followed as the members showed their appreciation of the donation. **BZ Dan and sons.**

**Buster Brown** spoke of the efforts to move the Submarine Museum section along and of Brian Lapierre’s photographing and cataloguing of effects. Buster said the committee was in a waiting pattern until the return of the Museum Curator in October.

8. **The 50/50** draw of \$47.00 won by **Bob Evans.**

9. **The Submariner's Prayer** was read by **Lucky Gordon.**

10. **Pierre “China” Doutre** moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Keith” The Beast” Estabrooks. All in attendance were in favour and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Upon adjournment the **Chair** then invited **Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte of the RCL** to speak to the meeting. Ms Mitchell-Veinotte spoke on the ACL’s Veterans Transition Program. She explained the operation and funding of the program and took questions on completion of her presentation. Ms Mitchell-Veinotte closed by passing her business cards to members and encouraged the SAOC (E) to consider helping with funding of the program. A warm round of applause showed the members appreciation. Refreshments followed.

**The next Monthly meeting will be held OCT 31, 2012, 19:00 for 19:30 SR’s Mess, Mog 5, and HMC DYKD.**