

SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
Minutes of Monthly General Meeting
September 25, 2013
JR's Mess, MOG5

1. The **Chair** brought the meeting to order at 19:33. The Chair bid a "special" welcome to Pierre (China) Doutré and thanked all the members for the turnout. Terry thanked Jordan the Bartender and reminded attendees to be generous. Terry went on to inform the meeting of the "Snacks Trays" provided by Greg Hallonquist's crew would be laid out at meeting end.

2. Attendees were Minky Alarie, Art Bodden, George Byzewski, Don "Buster" Brown, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Pierre Doutré, Robbie Fraser, Lucky Gordon, Larry Hickey, Don Hood, Shane Irvine, John Madison, James "Dusty" Miller, Jim Northrup, Greg Pease, Boyd Thomas, Irv "Soapy" Watson and Phil Webster. A moment of silence was observed for our ailing members and families as well as our troops.

3. The minutes for August 28, 2013 MGM were accepted as being read. Moved by Pierre Doutré and seconded by James "Dusty" Miller. Motion carried.

4. **Correspondence:** In: Tridents, Bank statement. The Secretary mentioned he received various orders and monies for Slops with one from JB Brennan that included an extra \$46.00 for the bar as a gesture of appreciation. At this time it was moved by Buster Brown and seconded by Lucky Gordon that said monies be held until the AGM Dec 7, 2013 so as to afford JB the opportunity to join in the toast. Motion carried unanimously! George then said he received membership dues from Dan Reid.

Out: Various Slops items. SAOC (E) Life members quarterly mail out.

5. **Reports: The Chair:** Reminded the meeting of the upcoming AGM December 7, 2013 and that it was a Non Voting year and asked for proposed amendments in writing no later than October 31, 2013. The Chair went on to mention the Lieutenant Governor's office had expressed an interest with 2014 Submarine Centenary and said the LG's office will be approached.

Vice Chair: Nil

Treasurer: Tabled latest Monthly Financial Statement dated 25 September, 2013. Ron told the MGM that GICs maturing November 12, 2013 will go into Operating Fund.

Secretary: Reminded all in attendance of the upcoming November 11th ceremony at Point Pleasant Park. As usual dress to be warm.

Health Wellness and Slops: Slops were available for sale at the meeting.

Social: Regret but will be in attendance for Oct MGM.

6. **Old Business:** Nil

7. **New Business: The Secretary** spoke of the plans for 2014 Centennial year with SAOC (E) planning on holding their function Oct 4-7, 2014 and that he and Terry Chatham would be bringing information on locale and costs for next meeting. Shane Irvine said he would price catering and facility costs for Fleet Club.

8. **AOB: Robbie Fraser** informed the meeting that Brother Submariner JP Bremner, the son of Drew Bremner; former Firecontrolman Submarines was back in I.C.U. due to cancer relapse. He said he would keep members updated. Robbie then stated Jim Ford and his plans for a Centenary Mess Diner, June 27th, 2014 for serving and retired members. Robbie said he'd keep members updated.

Phil Webster stated he had attended the funeral of Keith Bowden and how well it was attended by SAOC members and Legionnaires. He said he saw lots of Old friends and former shipmates and went on to say it was a measure of how well Keith was thought of.

Buster Brown spoke of the donation made to the Calgary Relief Fund of \$1000.00 and how the SAOC (E) had raised monies by working the 50/50 draws at the Halifax Mooseheads' home games. Buster felt the monies went to a deserving organization and all in attendance agreed.

Greg Pease then spoke on the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Rum bottle from Iron Works Distillery in Lunenburg. Greg said the Legion is quite interested in the 100th and may do an article in the Legionnaire Magazine and Greg said he will check with SAOC West and Central for their input. Greg went on to say he will check NS/Nunavut Command in regards to their interest in doing a submission for their Newsletter with regards to content and length.

Willie Waugh reminded the meeting he had paid a visit to the Veterans Memorial Park in Bass River, NS and spoke of some of our members attending the Nov 11th ceremony in Bass River. A small contingent will be going to Bass River to lay a wreath with Willie. Jim Gordon and George Byzewski indicated their plans on attending with Willie.

9. 50/50 won by **Don Hood** \$ 45.00.

10. The Submariners' Prayer read by **John Clahane**.

11. Moved by **Dusty Miller** seconded by **Pierre Alarie** the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Next meeting will be the MGM to be held October 30, 2013 JR's Mess Mog 5.