

SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
Minutes of Monthly General Meeting
February 26, 2014
SR's Mess, MOG5

1. The **Chair** brought the meeting to order at 19:32. The **Chair** welcomed **Greg Hallonquist, Wade Berglund, Dave Russell, and Jim Northrup** and thanked all for the turnout. The **Chair** thanked **Marc Dusty Miller** the Bartender for his services.
2. In attendance, **Wade Berglund, Art Boddin, Don "Buster" Brown, George "Bazoo" Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Robbie Fraser, Jim "Chevy" Ford, Jim "Lucky" Gordon, Greg Hallonquist, Larry Hickey, Don Hood, Shane Irvine, John Madison, James "Dusty" Miller, Marc "Dusty" Miller, Jim Northrup, Dave Russell, Keith "Brum" Tovey, Irv "Soapy" Watson, Willie Waugh, Tim Wood and Phil Wood.** A moment of silence for **Lt. Andrew Webster**, our ailing members as well as our troops was held.
3. Moved by **Robbie Fraser**, seconded by **Jim Ford** that the minutes for **October 25th, 2013 MGM** be accepted as read. **Motion carried.**
4. **Correspondence:** In: Tridents, Bank statements, Webster Family thank you card.
Out: Sympathy card Webster Family, Calendars, and Slops items.
5. **Reports: Vice Chair:** Tabled estimates for October, 2014 SAOC (E) Centenary functions (Enclosed). Shane stated the dates of Oct 2nd through Oct 5th were booked by the Fleet Club for SAOC (E). Final arrangements to be made by end August, 2014.
Treasurer: Tabled latest Monthly Financial Statement dated 26th February, 2014. Ron said all the GIC's are now all in the General Operating fund as well as proceeds from calendar and slops sales and membership dues. James "Dusty" Miller stood and gave a "BZ" to all involved with the calendar project for all of their efforts. All in attendance agreed.
Secretary: The Secretary stated he had made deposits for Slops, calendar sales and membership dues to the Operating Fund. George said he made a donation to the Lt. Andrew Webster Memorial Scholarship Fund of \$50.00 on behalf of the SAOC (E). George then went on to speak of the Centenary Rum project with Ironworks Distillery of Lunenburg, NS. It was agreed that further study of demand, cost and shipping were needed. The SAOC membership will be canvassed for Rum orders.
Health Wellness and Slops: George spoke of the Andrew Webster funeral and of the military and SAOC (E) in attendance. George stated he was investigating procuring Submarine Centennial commemorative slops and asked the meeting for suggestions. Lapel pins, Blazer badges and Centenary Commemorative pins were being considered. Suggestions and Comments were invited from the membership. George said he had Slops available for sale at the meeting.
Social: Keith Tovey thanked all who attended the Annual Christmas Function December 20, 2013 at the Sackville Lions Club. Brum went on to encourage more to attend as a good time is had by all. Keith thanked the Boddens for their support and said the next Christmas function will be Dec 19, 2014 and the Annual BBQ will be held July 5th, 2014 at the Dubes'.

Chair: Terry spoke of attending **well** organized retirement functions for Garry Gillespie and Greg Hallonquist. Garry's mother from Vancouver and his family were in attendance and Greg's family were guests to his well attended function. Both Garry and Greg had excellent send offs. Terry went on to speak of the upcoming Centenary. He said the SAOC (E) has block booked Juno Towers for the 2nd through 5th of October, 2014 at \$60.00 a day. The reservation # is 204024. Juno Towers 902-422-5645 email @ LN45Juno@forces.gc.ca Terry spoke of the upcoming year with trips to Groton, CT to visit the US SubVets as well as Victoria and Ottawa in August and Halifax in October for Canada's Submarine Centenary.

6. **Old Business:** The Centenary agenda for Halifax was tabled. October 2nd, 2014 through October 5th, 2014. Activities to include Meet and Greet, BBQ, Bus Tours, Golf dates, Dinner and Dance finishing with Church Service, Breakfast and Up Spirits in Honour of HMCS Chicoutimi.

7. **New Business:** No New Business

8. **AOB: Greg Hallonquist** spoke about a 100th Anniversary Commemorative Ball Cap being sourced by MOG5 as well as a Centenary Coin. **Jim "Chevy" Ford** then spoke of the Synchro Shed naming scheduled for June 13th, 2014 and the plan to have ""Open Messes"" to celebrate. More to follow. Jim then went on to speak of the Submarine All Ranks Mess Dinner for June 26th, 2014 at Juno Towers. More to follow as plans firm. Jim encouraged all interested to book early as 1st of June will be cut off date. **Willie Waugh** stood and spoke of his conversation with a Mr. Jamieson of Bass River and his appreciation of for the SAOC (E) participation Nov 11th past. Mr. Jamieson told Willie they will have an International Day of the Peacekeeper at the Bass River Park and invited the SAOC (E) to lay a wreath commencing at 10:00 with a reception at the high school to follow. **Buster Brown** spoke of the upcoming Sea Training Mess dinner to be held the 5th of June, 2014 with the deadline to attend of 15th of May, 2014. All interested can contact Buster for info. Estimated cost is \$60.00. Robbie Fraser then told the meeting, "I've pulled the Plug!" to an enthusiastic round of applause and congratulations. **Phil Wood** thanked the meeting for ensuring he had the chance to attend by providing transportation and a warm welcome. Phil said he enjoyed the meeting and the camaraderie.

9. 50/50 won by **Jim Ford** \$ 45.00.

10. The Submariners' Prayer read by **George Byzewski**.

11. Moved by **James Miller** seconded by **Jim Ford** the meeting is adjourned. Carried.

Next meeting will be the MGM to be held March 26th, 2014 Mog 5 19:00 for 19:30 JR's Mess.