

SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
Minutes of Monthly General Meeting
March 31, 2014
JR's Mess, MOG5

1. The **Chair** brought the meeting to order at 19:32. The **Chair** bid a special welcome to **Bill Cleal, Tim Slinger Wood, Pete Braun, and John Clahane**. The **Chair** thanked the bartenders for their services and reminded the members to be generous.
2. In attendance, **Art Bodden, Peter Braun, Don Brown, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Bill Cleal, Ron Cooper, Robbie Fraser, James Miller, Lionel Ranger, Keith Tovey, Irv Watson, Willie Waugh and Tim Slinger Wood**. A moment of silence for our ailing members as well as our troops was held.
3. Moved by **Bill Cleal**, seconded by **Slinger Wood** that the minutes for **February 26th, 2014 MGM** be accepted as read. **Motion carried**.
4. **Correspondence:** In: Tridents, Bank statements, **Hawkins Family** thank you card.
Out: Calendars and Slops items.
5. **Reports:** **Vice Chair:** Regret
Treasurer: Tabled latest Financial Statement dated 31st March, 2014. Ron said he had proceeds from calendar and slops sales to deposit as well as membership dues.
Secretary: The Secretary tabled a "Thank You" card he received from Life member Don Hawkins stating Don and his wife's appreciation upon receiving their Centenary calendar. George then went on to table a letter and a copy of the Christening brochure for HMS Trespasser and the prominence of Canadians listed within.
Health Wellness and Slops: George stated he was investigating procuring Submarine Centennial commemorative slops in conjunction with the other two SAOC's. George asked the meeting for suggestions. Lapel pins, Blazer badges and Centenary Commemorative pins were being considered. It was agreed to investigate demand, cost and shipping for Centenary items such as Lapel pins, decals, bumper stickers and shirts. George said he had Slops available for sale at the meeting and continues to ship Slops and calendar sales albeit at a slower pace.
Social: **Keith Tovey** reminded all of the Annual Christmas Function to be held December 19, 2014 at the Sackville Lions Club. Brum went on to encourage more to attend the Annual BBQ at the Dubes' in Centre Rawdon July 5th, 2014.
Chair: **The Chair** opened by thanking the members for making the effort to attend. Terry then introduced Jason Morgan, PMO, JRs' Mess and Jordan Tantin the bartender. Terry went on to speak of the plans for the Centenary, the Commemorative Rum bottle and the Executives' need for \$7000.00 to move ahead with Centenary plans. Monies were needed for preliminary costs for the rum art work, as well as facility fees. Moved by Don Brown, seconded by Willie Waugh that \$7000.00 be approved for Centenary requirements. **Motion carried**.
6. **Old Business:** **The Chair** spoke of the Centenary Rum project with Ironworks Distillery of Lunenburg, NS and the commitment for (250) 750ml bottles at \$35/ bottle. The SAOC membership will be canvassed for Rum orders. 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 with 8 rooms remaining. The Centenary agenda for Halifax was tabled. Thursday October 2nd, 2014 18:00 for 19:00 Fleet Club Registration Meet & Greet with

finger foods and music. Friday October 3rd, 2014 day time free. Options for Bus Tour to Peggy's Cove, Harbour Hopper Tours and Golfing. 18:00 for 19:00 Meet & Greet with BBQ followed by music and dance Venue Fleet Club. Saturday October 4th, 2014 free day with options for Bus Tour, Golf times and Harbour Hopper tours. 18:00 for 19:00 Buffet Dinner and followed by DJ Dance Venue Fleet Club. Sunday October 5th, 2014 Memorial Church Service at 10:00 Stad Chapel with Breakfast, Up Spirits and farewells at the Fleet Club following. Terry then asked for a volunteer to source hotel accommodations for the Centenary. Bill Cleal stood.

7. **New Business: The Chair** tabled a letter from US SubVets, Groton Base as a fundraiser offering Program Sponsorship for their publication celebrating the 50th anniversary of their incorporation. Terry said the SAOC (E) would buy a full page ad for \$100.00. All agreed.

8. **AOB: Robbie Fraser announced** he has commenced retirement leave and will inform us when his Anchor Swallowing will take place. **John Clahane** informed the meeting that Gary Hopkins' scrape book will soon appear on the website. Jason Morgan, JRs' Mess President stated the JRs' Mess would hold a Meet & Greet June 26th, 2014 16:30 in the mess prior to the All Ranks Mess Dinner and a Golf Tourney for August 15th, 2014. Jason expressed the desire to have closer ties with the SAOC (E) and offered the JRs' Mess for our convenience. Jason closed with the invitation for all to enjoy chilli and rolls upon completion of the meeting. **The Chair** thanked Jason to a round of applause from the members. **Buster Brown** then rose and gave an update on the Museum. He went on to explain that recently, the former Maritime Command Museum had been re-named The Naval Museum of Halifax and (CMS) Maritime Command authority had since been designated to Comd, CFB Halifax, administered by the Base Administration Officer, Cdr. Scot Guild. As a result and by last month (March) a meeting was requested with the BADO and his Unit CPO, CPO1 Rasmussen. The intent was to provide a history of the Association's efforts to construct a submarine display that was hindered with several delays and other setbacks dating as far back to the year 2005. Beyond those obstacles, it was then explained that by early in 2013, of the effort put forth by a team of 12 of our members who stood by to be called upon and begin to erect displays. It was then reiterated of the tedious work of cataloguing/photographing the S/m artefacts that ultimately, the Museum and its Director is now the custodian. It was then stated by Cdr. Guild that the Director in April of this year was to commence in having some sort of a submarine display mounted on the second deck of the museum to commemorate the Centenary. It was at this time, when it was stated that as we are well into the Centenary year and that because any further direction to the volunteers and progress beyond June of 2013 had halted, the enthusiasm and availability of volunteers has since dwindled. By raising the question that if any of the artefacts be assigned (loaned) to Ojibwa, authority could be sought combined with the appropriate NDHQ Directorate(s).

9. 50/50 won by **Terry Chatham** \$33.00 who put it on the Bar.

10. The Submariners' Prayer read by **Peter Braun**.

11. Moved by **Bill Cleal** seconded by **John Clahane** the meeting is adjourned. Carried.

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