



Submariners Association of Canada (East)



Minutes of Monthly Meeting Wednesday, 28th January 2015 MOG5 Junior Rates Mess

Opening

The new Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order at 19:30hrs. The Chair welcomed Mike Wigger and Dusty Miller and thanked the other members for turning out for tonight's meeting. He gave special thanks for John Lacosse for bartending tonight. A 'Moment of Silence' was observed for ailing members at home and in hospital and our fallen Brothers in Arms. Especially for Wayne Severin who had recently passed away on 21 Jan 2015 in Rothsay, NB. Wayne sailed in "O" Boats during the 1970s as an RP.

Attendance

15 members were in attendance; Art Boddin, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Gary Hopkins, Dusty Miller, Sylvain Rouillard, David Russell, Brum Tovey, Willie Waugh and Mike Wigger.

Minutes

It was moved by George Byzewski and seconded by Keith Estabrooks that the minutes for 24th October 2014 MGM be accepted as read. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence

Tridents distributed.

Reports

Vice Chair: Shane Irvine sent his regrets this afternoon as he could not attend due to illness therefore no report was submitted.

Health and Wellness: The new representative for Health and Wellness, Keith Estabrooks, made his first report. Wilfy Broyden has been released from Hospital in UK but has many medical concerns chief of which is gall stones. He has also pneumonia and has to recover from that before they can do anything else. His gall bladder is full of stones and they have to be removed before starting anything else as they don't want him to have an attack while doing chemo. Keith's wife is in close contact with Wilf's Wife, Carole and the Secretary is in contact with a close friend of the family. We are trying to get a correct address for him as the get well card sent by SAOC was returned. Once a new address received a new card will be sent.

George Byzewski updated the members on Lloyd Blagdon's condition. He is recovering from his stroke and has requested that visitors be limited.

Keith Lavers informed us that Boyd Thomas is recovering from prostate cancer but is getting around all right.

There was no update on Jim Northrop's condition but he was able to attend the AGM and our Christmas Function in Dec and looked in good condition.

Slops: Greg Hallonquist has just taken over slops from George Byzewski. There are a few items outstanding (ie SAOC Crests) but he promises to have an update by next MGM in February.

Treasurer: Ron Cooper tabled the Financial Report to date as of 28th January 2015. Ron gave a detailed report with a bank balance of \$16,181.00 after Xmas Function expenses and deposits. It was moved by Gary Hopkins and seconded by Mike Wigger that the financial report be accepted as tabled. **Motion Carried**

(Note Jan Financial Statement included as an Attachment)

Secretary: The new secretary, Rob Fraser had no report as he is currently still doing the turnover with the outgoing Secretary George Byzewski, which is almost complete.

Social: Brum Tovey made his report that 2015 Christmas function has been booked for Friday 18th Dec 2015 at the Sackville Lions Club Hall. Food and DJ has also been booked. The summer BBQ has been scheduled for the 18th July at the Dubes' with the Waughs' as an alternative.

Chair: Sylvain Rouillard brought forward the idea of our members attending SAOC Central AGM and BBQ in Aug of 2015, which will be held at Port Burwell in conjunction with HMCS Ojibwa's 50th anniversary. Taft Jones was going to look into the possibility of seeing what prices would be to charter a bus to and from the event. He was not present and he will hopefully have info for the next MGM. Some members stated they prefer taking their own vehicles since they want to combine this event with other travelling plans. Gary Hopkins reminded the members that the only accommodations available are 50 kms distant and that is only a motel, therefore it would seem a must to have your own transportation while in the area.

Another item was brought forward from an email from Moe Allard: The ONONDAGA (Site Historique de Pointe au Père) are thinking of starting their season with a special day with a theme of "COME MEET THE MEN WHO SAILED IN OUR SUBMARINES." The weekend of May 29th being their anniversary, they are in need of SUBMARINERS to come to Rimouski for that Weekend. The boat is in great shape and at the beginning of each season she still has a slight odour of diesel. Moe states that they are willing to defray the accommodations costs. Many members expressed an interest in driving up if they were to attend. Moe would like us to send him the number of interested submariners so that he can make plans by mid-February. Please let our secretary Rob Fraser know so that he can liaise with Moe and make arrangements.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

George Byzewski had several items to bring forward:

First, he received a request from RN Submariners Association that they be given permission to use HMS SIDON booklet controlled by SAOC for their quarterly publication. Approved and the chair signed the request. It was discussed that the SIDON Memorial has been fixed up. Dave Russell commented that he was PO McLeod's relief and was over in UK for 6 years.

Second he passed on congratulations to the new members of the executive from Brower-Berkover and best wishes on job well done for the outgoing executive.

He also wished to congratulate Greg Pease on his idea for the Submarine Centenary Rum, which was a great success.

Next he congratulated Rob Fraser on his Canadian Submarine Centenary Calendar, of which only six were left unsold out of one thousand that netted the SAOC \$2700 dollars profit. Larry Hickey was a prime mover in supplying the initial outlay of funds, consulting/editing of the calendar with the graphic artist and printers to get the calendar out on time. Also, Rob Fraser's Power Point Presentation on the History of the Canadian Submarine Service was a great hit at the Centenary celebration in Oct, where RN and USN submariners requested copies of Rob's Presentation.

George then talked about the SAOC web page which needs an updated list of members. He will talk to web master Ted Hirtle and John Clahane to get the new pictures and contact information of new executive on line. Jim Northrup will be contacted for the pictures which he took at the AGM in Dec 2014.

Dave Russell informed the meeting that he was talking to the admiral today about the status of Stadacona. There is lot of work on the go. The New JRs accommodation building is being built beside the Fleet Club. Once finished, A Block, the house of the Slamming Doors, will be torn down and a new Drill Shed and Bosn Division will be built in that spot. The old main gate will be shifted to align with Almon Street. The Old Drill shed will be torn down as well. A new Tim Horton's will built by the old main gate. Two big items of news is that the hospital will be torn down as well and Windsor Park will be turned over to City to build two new Hockey rinks to replace the old Halifax Forum.

Dusty Miller is happy to keep on as the SAOC's Parliamentarian for as long as he is able. George Byzewski stated that he would be happy to shadow Dusty as Parliamentarian and as Archivist/Historian.

Willy Waugh had some comments to share about being the moose milk maker extraordinary from the ladies at the USSubVets Groton Pig Roast. Willie went on to speak on an article from a retired RAN submariner named Beresford concerning the decline of the RCN in the 1960's which raised Willie's ire. He also had a book concerning that fact there were 25 shipyards in UK in 1894-1895.

Best Blade: Willie opened up about losing 2 ½ feet of colon due to cancer which has reduced ability to talk as much he used to which the Beast had a quick comment about the doctors should

have of taken some off his tongue as well at the same. The whole meeting ground to halt for a few minutes until everyone composed themselves. **Buddies in Boats!**

AOB

The Chair went around to everyone to see if there was any other business. No further business was brought forward.

50/50

No 50/50 was conducted tonight.

The Submariners' Prayer

The Submariners' Prayer was read by George Byzewski.

Adjournment

Having no further business, it was moved Dusty Miller and seconded by Keith Estabrooks that the meeting to be adjourned. **Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,
SAOC (E) Secretary
Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Chairman
Sylvain Rouillard