



Submariners Association of Canada (East)



Minutes of Monthly Meeting Wednesday, 25th March 2015 MOG5 Senior Rates Mess

Opening

The Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order at 19:30hrs. The Chair welcomed and thanked the members for turning out for tonight's meeting. He gave special thanks for Mark "Dusty" Miller for bartending tonight. A 'Moment of Silence' was observed for ailing members at home and in hospital and our fallen Brothers in Arms.

Attendance

16 members were in attendance; Art Bodden, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Rob Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Gary Hopkins, Sylvain Rouillard, Brum Tovey, Willie Waugh, Pierre Alarie, Buster Brown, Bill Cleal, Pierre Doutre, Keith Lavers, Tex Ranger, Soapy Watson and Brian Lapierre

Minutes

It was moved by Brian Lapierre and seconded by Keith Lavers that the minutes for 28th January 2015 MGM be accepted as read. **Motion carried.** (The Feb meeting was cancelled due to bad weather)

Correspondence

Jan and Feb Tridents were distributed.

Reports

Vice Chair: Shane Irvine sent his regrets as he could not attend due to ongoing health concerns and will not be able to attend till after his medical treatment is concluded in June. Therefore no report was submitted.

Health and Wellness: George Byzewski filled in for Health and Wellness as Keith Estabrooks is down south. Keith will be back on 12 April.

Update on Wilfy Broyden condition. His gall bladder operation was cancelled due to blood clotting problems. He started chemo on the 12th Feb but had to stop after allergic reaction pains. Wilfy is resting at home on drugs building up strength to carry on Chemo. A get well card was sent by SAOC behalf.

Dusty Miller is resting at home and is 85 years young.

Shane Irvine as discussed before is undergoing cancer chemo treatment.

Judy Reid wife of Dan Reid, Ontario passed away a sympathy card was sent on behalf of SAOC

The wives of SAOC (E) wish to pass on to Ron Workman (USSUBVET Groton Base) their sadness over the passing of his wife Linda; who was an inspiration to all submariners' wives. She was always happy to greet the wives and keep them entertained in her own special way mainly chocolate cake and jelly donuts sampling while the men told submarine lies and drank beer. She will be missed by all Canadian submariners and their spouses. A sympathy card was sent on behalf of SAOC (E)

A sympathy card was sent to Mary Murray the significant other of Keith Estabrooks as her son passed away from a heart attack in Cuba.

Web Page: George Byzewski gave a brief update on the SAOC (E) Page. He and the Web Master Ted Hirtle are working on updating the Web Page. The Executive Page is redone and a new page called the Scrap Book has been added. This included the pictures cartoons and articles from Hoppy's Ojibwa Scrapbook. This will be annotated with dates and times later on. The Membership list is being worked to ensure the names and information is correct for example Brian Hills name has still not been added on after a year. George is going to send an email to all members to check out their information is current. The user name is "floodq" and the password is "blowq".

Slops: Greg Hallonquist mentioned that he has the slops in his car if anyone needing items.

Treasurer: Ron Cooper sent his regrets for this evening. The secretary summarized the Financial Report to date as of 25th March 2015. A detailed report was passed out to all members present showing a bank balance of \$15,889.80 after expenses and deposits. Rum sales are now all done. It was moved by Bill Cleal and seconded by Pierre Doutré that the financial report be accepted as tabled. **Motion Carried.**

It was requested by George Byzewski that an appreciation letter from SAOC be sent to Ironwork Distillery on their good work. In keeping to price from the first 200 bottles of rum to 700 which were sold and which mostly paid for the SAOC (E) Submarine Centenary function in Oct.

(Note March Financial Statement included as an Attachment)

Social: Brum Tovey wife asked that a special mention be made on the passing of Linda Workman on behalf of the SAOC (E) is added to this evening minutes. He reminded all to put in their diaries the summer BBQ has been scheduled for the 18th July at the Dube's and that 2015 Christmas function is booked for Friday 18th Dec 2015 at the Sackville Lions Club Hall.

Secretary: Rob Fraser stated he was getting complaints from several members saying they were not receiving emails from concerning SAOC notices and news. It was stated that all email addresses were received from outgoing secretary and rechecked again as correct this week. For some reason the same members were still not receiving emails via the group SAOC BCC dist list. The secretary asked that all members recheck their email addresses and send them to him. He will also check his email server to see if that is problem and change if necessary. George Byzewski will send an email out on behalf of the web master.

Old Business

Chair: Sylvain Rouillard reminded our members who are 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. The price to charter a bus to and from the event (investigated by Taft Jones) was deemed too difficult and expensive. It is recommended that any members wishing to go should make their own way. 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 and arrangements while in the area. It was brought to meeting's attention by George Byzewski that Port Eglin Museum "Project Ojibwa" is in serious financial difficulties with the loan of 6.2 Million dollars loan being called in by the RBC which the township is the grantor. Therefore the SAOC (C) Summer BBQ and AGM at Port Burwell is in jeopardy but has not been cancelled yet.

The ONONDAGA (Site Historique de Pointe au Père) are having a special day with a theme of "COME MEET THE MEN WHO SAILED IN OUR SUBMARINES." From Moe Allard the weekend has changed from 29th May to the June 6th weekend due to a big conference which filled up all the local hotel rooms. The following members have expressed an interest in driving up and attending Art Bodden, George Byzewski, Gary Hopkins, Sylvain Rouillard, Willie Waugh, Pierre Doutre, Keith Lavers, Brian Lapierre and Charlie Lonsdale flying in from UK. Pierre Alarie, Buster Brown, Bill Cleal, and Tex Ranger have expressed tentative interest. This list will be sent to Moe Allard and request for schedule of events/agenda for the weekend.

New Business

Buster Brown brought the need for all three SAOC associations act in cooperation in a fund raiser to help out with Project Ojibwa's financial problems. A letter should be sent to SAOC Central and West to see if there is any interest. The chairman stated that we only have 15k in the bank that is only a spit in bucket compared what is owed. It was mention there is petition on the museum web site so people can send protests to the local MP.

50/50

The 50/50 was conducted tonight 40 dollars was won by Greg Hallonquist

AOB

George Byzewski bought up the idea of car pooling for members who need lifts to and from the MGM. The following members volunteered for the following areas. Elmsdale, 9 Mile River, Sackville> Brum Tovey; Bedford & Tantalou>George Byzewski; Dartmouth> Terry Chatham & Rob Fraser; Halifax >Sylvie Rouillard; Waverly> Bill Cleal. This will be posted on the web page with phone numbers.

Terry Chatham brought to meeting attention that females are now serving on USN Ballistic Submarines. But onboard USS Wyoming 13 misslemen are being court-martial

for using their “I” phones to film members without members while taking showers. Their defence is that only one person filmed it and it passed on by just touching their phones.

Mark Miller our bartender passed on various bits of information. A Dutch submarine will be alongside for the weekend. HMCS Windsor is down south getting weapon certified in preparation of her deployment to Med this summer. HMCS Chicoutimi is alongside due to concerns about missing paperwork on weld x-rays. Mark asked if anyone has a large Ojibwa crest that has gone missing on one of our display boards. Several members said that they will check. Other pictures and memorabilia will be replaced shortly in SR mess and the shovel will be returned from Buster’s shed once he can get when the snow melts. We were also informed that the MOG5 Sickbay has shut down and everything has moved to Stadacona, MARFLEETLANT and MOG5 HQ has moved to D-201. Another piece of news is that D-165 and D-166 are slated for demolition in the future leaving just the battery shop with no plan for replacement. CPO2 Dan Pepper the DCPO for the Sub School has retired and has gotten a job in HR at FMFCS as of 20 March 2015.

Best Blade: Buster informed the meeting he still has a rotary phone in his garage so that there is no caller ID. Terry Chatham piped up saying that he has installed a caller- id so he knows when Buster calls from his rotary phone so he knows if to answer or not.

The Submariners’ Prayer

The Submariners’ Prayer was read by Bill Cleal.

Adjournment

Having no further business, it was moved George Byzewski and seconded by Keith Lavers that the meeting to be adjourned at 2030hrs. **Motion Carried**

Robert B Fraser

Respectfully submitted,
SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard
SAOC E Chairman