



Submariners Association of Canada (East)



Minutes of Monthly Meeting Wednesday, 29th April 2015 MOG5 Junior Rates Mess

Opening

The Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order at 19:30hrs. The Chair welcomed and thanked the members for such a good turnout for tonight's meeting to catch up on the news. He gave special thanks for Rob Boutette for bartending tonight. A 'Moment of Silence' was observed for ailing members at home and in hospital and our fallen Brothers in Arms and a special mention was given to Pony Moore.

Attendance

26 members were in attendance; Bob Beaudin, Art Bodden, George Byzewski, Peter Braun, Buster Brown, John Carpenter, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Pierre Doutre, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Jim Gordon, Larry Hickey, Don Hood, Gary Hopkins, Taft Jones, Keith Lavers, John Madison, Jim Northrup, Sylvain Rouillard, Dave Russell, John Smith, Brum Tovey, Soapy Watson and Mike Wigger.

Minutes

It was moved by Gary Hopkins and seconded by Jim Gordon that the minutes for 25th March 2015 MGM be accepted as amended as Judy Reid wife of Dan Reid, Ontario was not well and a sympathy card was sent on behalf of SAOC. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence

March and April Tridents were distributed. Bills given to Treasurer

Reports

Chairman: No report

Vice Chair: Shane Irvine is undergoing chemo treatment will not be able to attend till is concluded in June. Therefore no report was submitted.

Slops: Greg Hallonquist sent his regrets as he could not attend tonight's meeting due to illness. He also communicated to the secretary that he had no report to submit.

Treasurer: Ron Cooper gave a detailed financial report which was passed out to all members present showing a bank balance of \$15,841.40 after expenses and deposits. Rum sales are now all done with a balance of \$2,103.50. A concern was raised by Buster Brown about bank fees going up. The Treasurer commented that he believed it will not affect our account but he will keep a close eye on it. It was moved by Keith Estabrooks and seconded by Peter Braun that the financial report and bills be accepted as tabled.

Motion Carried. (Note April Financial Statement included as an Attachment)

Social: Brum Tovey reminded all that the summer BBQ is still slated 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. 50/50 draw for tonight will be 65 dollars. Brum commented why he transferred from the Royal to Canadian Navy as he always getting asked this question. He read a RN Admiralty Instruction in how to stow warheads with the bottom now stowed on top and now stamped on the bottom that this is the top.

Health and Wellness: George Byzewski filled in for Health and Wellness as Keith Estabrooks just gotten back from down south.

Update on Wilfy Broyden condition as of 8th April. He has started his Chemo treatment and is regaining weight that he lost. His spleen has come down in size and is working. He passes on his hellos to the membership and is grateful for our support.

Willy Waugh is at home sick and not sounding well. He is going in for follow up tests.

Peter Braun had successful knee replacement surgery and is back riding his motorcycle as demonstrated by his presence here this evening

Dusty Miller is resting at home due age related medical problems and he just celebrated his 86 birthday.

Nancy Glover wife of Fred Glover just passed away in Ottawa last week. George sent a condolence message on behalf of SAOC to Funeral Home Web Site.

Pony Moore is in Dartmouth General and has been diagnosed with ALS. Buster visited him on Saturday and gave him a Jolly Roger Pin. His wife informed Buster Brown afterwards they are requesting no visitors. A card will be sent on with Best Wishes from SAOC E.

Secretary: stated he is still having problems with the email Dist list as some members are still not receiving emails concerning SAOC notices and news. He is now sending out receipt requests with all notices. He has received about 50% returns. The secretary asked that all members recheck their email addresses and send an email to him (rbfraser@accesswave.ca). George Byzewski will post a notice on the Web site requesting all members sent an email to the secretary to confirm their email address.

Old Business

HMCS Ojibwa's 50th anniversary SAOC Central AGM and BBQ in 22nd to 23rd Aug of 2015

Sylvain Rouillard reminded our members who are going to attend SAOC Central AGM and BBQ in 22nd to 23rd Aug of 2015, which will be held at Port Burwell in conjunction with HMCS Ojibwa's 50th anniversary is still questionable as Port Eglin Museum is still in serious financial problems (26k a month in interest) but they still planning to open for this summer. Therefore at this time the SAOC (C) Summer BBQ, AGM_HMCS Ojibwa's 50th anniversary at Port Burwell is still on. We will keep in close contact with SAOC Central to see if there are changes to the program.

Meet the Submariners The ONONDAGA Site Historique de Pointe au Père Que 5-6th June

From Moe Allard sent an email to George with an update the weekend schedule has changed 5th & 6th June. Members who are going to attend the recommended Dress is SAOC Blazer with Shirt and Tie. Discount Rooms may still be available at Hotel Rimouski.

Weekend Program

Friday 5th June > Brunch 1200- 1400 hrs in Hanger 14
1400hrs - 1530hrs > Q&A visit to boat with staff.
1700hrs -1900 hrs > Happy Hour in Museum Restaurant

Saturday 6th June > Official Opening and Open House to Museum 0900-1800 free entry
1300 hrs – 1700 hrs > SAOC members onboard Onondaga to meet visitors
1700 hrs -1900 hrs > Happy Hour in Museum Restaurant

Project Ojibwa's Financial problems

Buster Brown restated the need for a common front from all three SAOCs to show that we care and support Port Elgin Museum. A letter and or phone calls will be made to the Central & West Chairs by the Chair to come with way ahead. As pointed out fund raising or financial support from just our associations would be a spit in bucket as stated previously the interest payments alone are 26K a month and township is on the hook for as co-signer for the loan to the RBC. It was recommended by Larry Hickey that a petition or letter to sent to MPs and Newspapers to keep up the pressure on the government. We have to get general public involved as if is just submariners we have just a small voice and vested interest.

New Business

Submarine Vests

John Clahane and several other members had discussion after a visit to US Sub Vets Hog Roast down South. They were impressed about the idea of getting a Submarine Vest for us to wear on SAOC non formal occasions. All are asked to go away and come back at the next meeting to see if there is any interest in a design. George Byzewski stated that we should not copy USN or RN vests but should be distinctively Canadian either leather or other material. There will two choices Peter Braun said as take it or leave it.

Battle of Atlantic Sunday 3rd May

SAOC meeting Battle of Atlantic Remembrance Ceremony is happening this Sunday 3 May at Point Pleasant Park. All members are encouraged to attend. We will be forming up at the Shakespeare by the Sea Theater Parking Lot at 1000hrs.
Dress will be SAOC formal > SAOC Blazer with medals, Shirt, Tie, and Beret.

Note parking gets taken up early.

AOB

Web Page: George Byzewski gave a brief update on the SAOC (E) Page. He and the Web Master Ted Hirtle are making headway the Web Page. Ted should be congratulated on his efforts which he does for free. Lots of suggestions have been made for corrections. Members are reminded as this is an old style Web Site they should hit refresh on changing to each page. Please check your vital stats on the member's page.

George Byzewski asked about the status on Letter of Thanks has been sent Ironworks Distillers on behalf SAOC for the Centenary Rum. It is still to be sent. A draft letter by the secretary will be submitted to Chair for approval and then sent afterwards.

Special Thank you to Charlie Lonsdale for his sending us the Up Periscope articles from UK.

George will pass any new information he gets on OJ he gets from his contact at Port Eglin Military Museum to the secretary. But he is not getting any return calls at the moment.

From John Clahane there will an entry and links on the Web Page from the Hog Roast in Charleston and will be a lot of pictures from the members who attended.

Terry stated that Pig Roast at Groton celebrating the 51 anniversary of USN SubVets organisation on the weekend 7, 8 and 9 of Aug.

Next MGM 27 May 2015 SRs' Mess MOG5 HQ

RCNA Naval Reunion at Cornwallis on 25th Sept. You do not have to part of the RCNA to attend just been naval personnel. The Beast will bring forms to the next meeting there will be dinner and accommodations on the base. It will be posted on the Web Page as well. Keith mentioned that Jerry Sigrest is moving back to HRM for medical reasons and has lost his eyesight.

It was asked if the Port Burwell OJ function is cancelled is any thought of doing something for Ojibwa's 50 anniversary in Halifax. We will have to think of having a possible function on 23 Sept at RCNA Club or another venue. More discussion will be held on this at the next meeting.

Terry Chatham will see if he can arrange a wreath for BOA Sunday thought the legion.

Best Blade: Lots of shit being chucked this evening. Ie Eddie Hinch being the best NWT in submarines then Roger McCabe's name was mentioned. But George Byzewski had the best for Terry. He announced that HMCS Iroquois is being decommissioned on Friday 1 May in Halifax Dockyard after 43 years in commission (commissioned 23 Sept 1972). Both he and Terry Chatham were part of the commissioning crew. He gave us a trivia question asking who was the first person to get in the shit onboard IROQUOIS. No surprise everyone said Chooch. Correct he was late for his duty watch.

50/50

The 50/50 was conducted tonight 65 dollars was won by Don Hood

The Submariners' Prayer

The Submariners' Prayer was read by Brum Tovey.

Adjournment

Having no further business, it was moved Scotty Parsons and seconded by John Clahane that the meeting to be adjourned at 2040hrs. **Motion Carried**

Robert B Fraser

Respectfully submitted,
SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard
SAOC E Chairman