



Submariners Association of Canada (East)



Minutes of Monthly Meeting Wednesday, 27th May 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 such a good turnout for tonight's meeting to catch up on the news. He gave special thanks for Shane Applin for bartending tonight. A Moment of Silence was observed for ailing members at home and in hospital and our fallen Brothers in Arms. Buster asked Sylvie how he got ultra-quiet as this was the best he had seen in a long time. Sylvie said it was because he was an old sonar man.

Attendance

18 members were in attendance; Art Bodden, Slinger Wood, George Byzewski, Buster Brown, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Pierre Doutre, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Keith Lavers, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Sylvain Rouillard, Brum Tovey, Boyd Thomas, Willy Waugh and Soapy Watson.

Minutes

It was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by Keith Estabrooks that the minutes for 29th April 2015 MGM be accepted as amended. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence

May Tridents were distributed.

A Letter of Thanks was sent to Ironworks Distillery by the Chairman Sylvain Rouillard for their excellent work on the Centenary Rum produced especially for last year's celebration. This letter will be sent as an attachment with this month's minutes and posted on the web site.

John Clahane's wife Sandra sends her thanks for the Get Well Card sent by George Byzewski on SAOC behalf.

Reports

Chairman:

Project Ojibwa

The Chair was talking to Central Chair, Bill Irvine last month. Looks like the City of Port Burwell has made some financial deal with RBC and the Museum and OJ will be open this summer. Bill will be in contact with retired Admiral McNeil. There are retired submariners Bill Hom and George Roach who are tour guides for the boat. The HMCS Ojibwa's 50th anniversary SAOC Central AGM and BBQ in 22nd to 23rd Aug of 2015 is on. This was confirmed by the good news from recent emails from Derek Hughes SAOC Central. Peter Heppleston is the OPI for this function. All were reminded that all have to make their own way up and book their own accommodations. As for financial help Bill

Irvine said it is not feasible but if there are any people who have parts and pieces cluttering up their basements they can be donated. OJ is missing a lot of gear ie Diving panel. The Maritime Command Museum in Stadacona has a lot material that was slated for a submarine display in the basement that never happened. It is suggested that OJ Project inquire to CFB Halifax if they can get this material on long term loan. Keith Estabrooks stated that the RCNA has an agreement with Ottawa on their memorabilia which has to be signed for every five years. Note Brum's name came up as one who can help get the material one way or another. Brum Tovey passed on a bag of Tally plates from John Madison that could be used on OJ, which Sylvie will take up with him this summer's BBQ. Sylvain is driving up in his camper and has room for material.

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

Health and Wellness:

George Byzewski filled in for Health and Wellness as Keith Estabrooks is now getting a computer.

Get Well cards were sent to Erica Harris and Sandra Clahane of SAOC's behalf who were in hospital and are now out.

Luc Rollin is still hospital but is improving and is in good spirits. He is on a waiting list for the Rehab center. He is a little cranky as he wants to get out for a smoke and drink.

Dusty Miller is resting at home due to age related medical problems sends his regrets.

Pony Moore is still in Dartmouth General and has been diagnosed with ALS. Buster updated his condition. Pony has stabilized with all the tubes removed. He still cannot handle a lot of visitors.

Shane Irvine is still under medical care.

Hoppy Hopkins sent his regrets as he had a medical appointment.

Terry Chatham gave regrets for Phil Woods as he was feeling a little ropey this evening. Sylvie never heard this expression before so it had to be explained to him.

Buster informed the meeting that Ray Hunt won their court case for his condo association because of the poor construction.

Brum talked to Paul and Helen Dube and said that they are looking very well and the BBQ is still on at their place on 18th July.

Update on Wilfy Broyden condition by Keith Estabrooks. Wilfy has started his 3rd round of Chemo treatment and is regaining weight that he lost. Once he has regained more strength he will go in for his gallbladder operation.

Cyril McDonald is suffering lung cancer has been hospital for six weeks and just got out. Everyone was reminded how he got his nickname of Ike when he confused Einstein and Eisenhower. "Buddies in boats"

Buster gave regrets for Lucky for this evening.

No further news and as George quoted Willie Nelson: "I outlived my pecker." We don't know if George was talking about himself.

Slops: Greg Hallonquist said slops are doing well and sold some gear to Windsor when she got back alongside. If anyone needs anything just give him a call. He had just one question about ties. George told him to contact Ottawa ie Gordie Burns

Treasurer: Ron Cooper gave a detailed financial report which was passed out to all members present showing a bank balance of \$15,803.50 after expenses and deposits. The only outstanding items are the two wreaths one for BOA Sunday and the other for Bass River for 30th May in Bass River for Peacekeepers ceremony. It was moved by John Meehan and seconded by George Byzewski that the financial report and bills be accepted as tabled. **Motion Carried.** (Note May 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 45 dollars. There was a two young men were sitting in a bar one was looking very knackered. He complained to his friend saying that his girlfriend just wanted sex, sex and sex all the time. An old guy leaned over and said marry the ***** and that sort it out.

Old Business

The HMCS Ojibwa's 50th anniversary SAOC Central AGM and BBQ 22nd to 23rd Aug of 2015 is on. There was lengthy discussion on the events as per emails sent from Central. Bazoo was appointed as our OPI and a least 10 members indicated their interest in going up. George will send out an email on this.

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

News from George the standard of dress is casual for this event. Blazer not required except for Sylvie everyone else golf shirt, poopy suit and submarine sweater or pirate rig. Approximately ½ dozen members are going. Timings have not changed from last meeting. Some members are car-pooling and the rest will be met at Rimouski brunch.

Submarine Vests

After a long spirited discussion it was decided after Buster Brown made a Point of Order about the idea of having distinctive Canadian Submarine Vest/shirt made as a relaxed Standard of Dress. This should be referred to all members at the AGM as an action item (with a sample). Terry reminded that we have received many compliments from USN Sub Vets on how smart we look in our shirts, ties and blazers even with a pink shirt. (Terry)

New Business

Peace Keepers Memorial Garden 30 May 2015 Bass River

About a dozen members are attending Peace Keeper Parade 0900 hrs for 1000hrs at Bass River an hour 20 minutes away from HRM. A wreath will be laid with a luncheon to follow at school. Dress Blazer, Tie and beret.

50th OJIBWA Commissioning Celebration

Ron Cooper suggested that we have a celebration for OJ 50th here on the 23rd Sept. Keith Estabrooks made a motion that the SAOC Meeting in September be moved a week forward to celebrate HMCS Ojibwa's commissioning 50 years ago seconded by Pierre Doutre. The Chairman will look into cost of food with Greg Hallonquist and Shane Applin from MOG5 Galley. **Motion Carried**

Best Blade: Lots of shit being chucked this evening most it directed at Brum. It was hard to pick just one but Willy Waugh had a great comeback to George about all he has to offer is no hair, no money and a big shiny wristwatch

50/50

The 50/50 was conducted tonight 45 dollars was won by Art Bodden.

The Submariners' Prayer

The Submariners' Prayer was read by Slinger Woods.

Adjournment

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

Next MGM is on the 24th June 2015 JRs' Mess MOG5 HQ

Robert B Fraser

Respectfully submitted,
SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard
SAOC E Chairman