



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of Monthly Meeting Wednesday, 24th June 2015 MOGS 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. Special welcomes were given to Jim "Chevy" Ford, Billy Harris, Lucky Gordon and Phil Webster. Chevy was the PMC who made the renovations to the JRs mess happen. He gave special thanks for LS Harding for bartending tonight. A Moment of Silence was observed for ailing members at home and in hospital and especially for Pony Moore who had passed away earlier this month. Sylvain said to think about our friends who had passed and say a prayer for those who are not well.

Attendance 25 members were in attendance; Art Bodden, George Byzewski, Jerry Bergeron, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Pierre Doutre, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Jim "Chevy" Ford, Jim "Lucky" Gordon, Garry "Hoppy" Hopkins, Don Hood, Brian Lapierre, John Meehan, Dusty Miller, Billy Harris, Jim Northrup, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Brum Tovey, Boyd Thomas, Willy Waugh, Phil Webster and Soapy Watson.

Minutes It was moved by Garry Hopkins and seconded by Terry Chatham that the minutes for 27th May 2015 MGM be accepted as tabled. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence June Tridents were distributed.

Reports

Chairman: Meet the Submariners The ONONDAGA Site Historique de Pointe au Père Que 5-6th June 10 members made the trip to Rimouski and all had a fantastic time. Lots of pictures were taken, lots of stories were retold, and lots memories rekindled. The society looked after the hotel bills so members didn't have to pay. This was the 2nd best opening day the site has had since opening with almost 1200 people visiting. This event lasted from 9am till 7pm. Special note to Sherm Embree who could still fit into his uniform from the 70s but he still needs a haircut.

Peace Keepers Memorial Garden 30 May 2015 Bass River Five members attended Peace Keeper Parade at Bass River A wreath was laid with on SAOC's behalf an excellent luncheon was provided. Even doggie bags were supplied because there was so much food.

Vice Chair: Shane Irvine has completed his chemo treatment but still has some maintenance treatments left so he sends his regrets for this evening. Therefore no report was submitted.

Health and Wellness: Maurice" Pony" Moore passed away at Dartmouth General Hospital on 14 June. Funeral service was held at Atlantic Funeral home on the 17th June. A good send-off attended by 25 members of SAOC (see picture on web site; names will be added). This was well appreciated by the family members. **Luc Rollin** is in Rehab but has a bone infection which is causing some concern. He still as cranky and nasty as ever but does get out for smoke but wants a beer big time. **Willy Broyden** has completed his chemo therapy and is now in Bulgaria on vacation. He will be reassessed on the end of the month. Once he has regained more strength he will go in for his gallbladder operation. Other members who attended tonight **Jim Northrup** is in remission from his cancer; **Willy Waugh** has been scoped from both ends and he is good for two years and **Pierre Doutre** is here despite having to go for dialysis 3 times a week which takes 4hrs each time. No updates on **Cyril McDonald** or **Lloyd Blagdon**

Slops: Greg Hallonquist sent his regrets therefore no report for this evening. Bazoo sold a great amount of Slops from the trunk of his car while in Rimouski

Treasurer: Ron Cooper gave a detailed financial report which was passed out to all members present showing a bank balance of \$16,046.93 after expenses and deposits. Ron made special note of the upcoming expenses for the Summer BBQ, Ojibwa 50th event and Annual Xmas Dinner at Lions Club (Note June 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. An email will be sent with map directions and timings for the Summer BBQ at the Dube's in Rawdon. A short SAOC meeting will start at @ 1300hrs followed by BBQ. (Note BOB) Wives, children and friends welcome. Bring a dry good for local food bank. The 2015 Christmas function is booked for Friday 18th Dec 2015 at the Sackville Lions Club Hall. Map will be provided and hopefully the tickets will not be forgotten by Ron this year.

Old Business

The HMCS Ojibwa's 50th anniversary SAOC Central AGM and BBQ Aug of 2015. Web page registration forms are available on Central site. Sylvain read the agenda for the events. Central wants a list of all who will be attending, including guests. Bazoo our OPI has 10 members who indicated their interest in going up. Hoppy reminded everyone that there is only one motel and one taxi cab in Port Burwell. It was said that after our last visit the legion was able to pay their bartender for the remainder of the year.

50th OJIBWA Commissioning Celebration Ron Cooper has agreed to the OPI for the SAOC E Commissioning Celebration. He will be looking at food and venues for this event with the help of Greg Hallonquist. Trying to decide if this will be formal event with wives and SAOC blazers. Try to get original crew ie Lucky Gordon. Rob Fraser will present his OJ power presentation to the group.

New Business

Rimouski 2016 The curator of Point au Père museum has asked that SAOC return for next year's ONONDAGA Site Historique de Pointe au Père for Meet the Submariner Day 2016. We were asked to see if we can organise something with Central. It is highly recommended for members to attend. More details to follow.

Submarine Service of Remembrance Helen Moore, wife of Pony Moore, called Buster Brown to read the Submariner's prayer at funeral service. At this time, Buster, who sends his regrets for tonight, informed Sylvain that a Submariner's Remembrance ceremony exists; this was started for Billy Layton's funeral. He suggested that it would be a good idea to revisit this in view of offering Submariner's families more choices in planning funeral services. To be continued.

AOB Dusty Miller expressed a concern about having meetings out of town and asked if this was becoming a trend. Because of this, some members are unable to attend for a variety of reasons and that also meant that those members would not be able to run for office. The chair stated that at present there is only one meeting scheduled out of town, which is the July Summer BBQ and meeting at the Dube's. The past Chair Terry Chatham explained that this was started four years ago in view of increasing the summer time meeting and allowing members that live in the valley a chance to attend at least one meeting since the distance to Halifax in the winter makes it very difficult for them to attend. The Chair stated that all other meetings will normally be held at MOG5 HQ but can be moved according to constitution. This will be AGM agenda item. Another concern was members that attend Remembrance Day ceremonies at Point Pleasant Park. It was the chair's opinion that members should attend at their local cenotaphs.

Billy Harris expressed a sincere thank you for the get well card and to George and Terry for visiting his wife while she was in the hospital. **Chevy Ford** brought greetings from Ottawa and he was happy to see all his old shipmates, even the CSE types. Just being here makes him feel young. **John Clahane** brought Greetings from Ted Hirtle and informed us that the Refit contract for Corner Brook has just been signed. Therefore some people will have jobs for the next couple years. **Jerry Bergeron** passed on a book concerning Canadian U Boats. **Brian Lapierre** will take it and see if there is an electronic one on line. **Willy Waugh** passed on a newspaper article concerning RN submarine disasters which have happened which the secretary will scan and pass onto the Web Master.

50/50 The 50/50 was conducted tonight. 55 dollars was won by Phil Webster who donated \$20 back to SAOC fund and placed the rest on the bar.

The Submariners' Prayer The Submariners' Prayer was read by Chevy Ford. Chevy then lead the meeting with two submarine chants.

Adjournment Having no further business, it was moved by Scotty Parsons and seconded by Terry Chatham that the meeting be adjourned at 2055hrs. **Motion Carried**

Next MGM is on the 18th July 2015 at Annual Summer BBQ at the Dube's 1300hrs

Robert B Fraser

Respectfully submitted,

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC E Chairman