



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 26th Aug 2015
MOG5 HQ SR 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 and special thanks for Shane Applin for Bartending for tonight. A Moment of Silence was observed for ailing members at home and in hospital and recently departed (Keith Lavers)

Attendance 15 members were in attendance; Buster Brown, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Wynn Jones, Charlie Lonsdale, Jim Northrup, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh and Soapy Watson.

Minutes It was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by Keith that the minutes for 18th July 2015 MGM be accepted as tabled. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Tridents and Check received for dues from Billy Bimm

Reports

Chairman: Sylvie reported that all had a grand time at the Summer BBQ at the Dubes; it was very well done and enjoyed by all. He had received an email from Rimouski addressed to just the French Canadian members, requesting some representation for the 25th Sept anniversary of the Launching of HMCS ONONDAGA. The Chair will contact Rimouski requesting clarification and if this was also open to anglophones.

Vice Chair: The chair gave regrets for Shane therefore no report was submitted.

Health and Wellness: Update from Keith Estabrooks on Wilfy Broyden has completed his chemo therapy once he has regained more strength he will go in for his gall bladder operation. Shane Irvine is going for more chemo treatments. Wade Berglund is home resting after getting some pins put in his knee in Singapore. There was a large contingent of members who attended Keith Lavers funeral last week. George Byzewski sent a card to the Laver's family on SAOC behalf. George also suggested that a follow up card should be sent to Keith's family to let them know that they are not forgotten and we remember the living. Keith Tovey mentioned that has anyone been in contact with Topsey Turner wife Jan? Rob Fraser commented that the Masons keep a list of member's widows and families to keep in contact with them and give a fruit basket and invite them to celebrations. George commented on the Keith's funeral. Red's wife had requested a military funeral but the military does not provide services to retired members. (Note the policy from the Military Chaplains as there would be too many). So SAOC with George and Sylvain leading the way came up with a simple meaningful service called crossing the bar and the coin ceremony. Terry and George visited Luc Rollin in the Rehab Center on Summer Street. Luc has circulation problems deep bone infections in his left foot. George stated that Luc would like to get some visitors in.

Slops: Greg Hallonquist sent his regrets therefore no report submitted as he was in Victoria for his son's wedding

Treasurer: Ron Cooper sends his regrets but his detailed financial report dated 26th Aug was passed out to all members present showing a bank balance of \$16,174.18 after expenses and deposits. Ron made special note of the upcoming expenses for the Summer BBQ @ \$650, Ojibwa 50th event 23rd Sept @ \$1500 and Annual Xmas Dinner 18 Dec @\$1088 less ticket sales at Lions Club (Note July Financial Statement included as an Attachment). A motion was made by George Byzewski seconded by Boyd Thomas that a sum not to exceed \$1500 be spent for the 23rd Sept Dinner for the 50th Anniversary of HMCS Ojibwas commissioning to held at MOG 5 HQ. Motion Carried.

The MGM is on the 23rd Sep not the last Wednesday of the month as per normal. The venue will be MOG5 HQ but which mess will be determined more likely the SR mess. Ron wrote a report which was distributed.

50th Anniversary of the Commissioning of HMCS OJIBWA

Dress Members/Submariners – Association blazers & ties, negative medals, berets Wives/Guest – Smart casual

Table with 2 columns: Time and Event. Rows include 1800-1830 (Arrive, Bar open, Mingle) and 1830-1900 (Sep monthly meeting (30 min max))

1900 - 2030

Dinner, Dips, Toasts etc

2030 - 2130

loosen belts, Wind down

Social. Brum thanked everyone for showing up for the BBQ. Brum mentioned it was voted in at the last MGM that a Keg (\$250) (Keith's preferred). Brum gave his apologies for not being able to attend next month's function. The 2015 Christmas function is booked for Friday 18th Dec 2015 at the Sackville Lions Club Hall. Bring your wife, friends etc tickets will be for sale.

Old Business: already covered

New Business - No New Business

AOB

Groton Sub Vets Pig Roast George Byzewski reported that 9 members attended the Groton Sub vets Pig Roast and good time was had by all. He encouraged members to make the effort to attend next year. One note the Beast is not allowed to buy any more 50/50 tickets as he wins them all.

The HMCS Ojibwa's 50th anniversary SAOC Central AGM and BBQ Aug of 2015. George also reported that 11 members attended the HMCS Ojibwa's 50th anniversary SAOC Central AGM and BBQ in Port Burwell. The restaurant which had been booked by Central to cater the event had shut down and the Local Legion stepped in at one hour notice and did a bang up job. In gratitude Central donated \$500 to the legions general fund. Central was impressed on the number of East coast members who showed up. George and Terry were invited to tour Ojibwa to assist the Museum. There is a lot of material missing ie Blowing Panel, OOW Panel etc. If people have material at home they are asked to donate it. After much discussion it is suggested that the museum director write a letter to DND requesting the material held by the MARLANT Museum be released to them. The Ojibwa still smells like a submarine.

HMS Alliance Reunion Buster Brown commented on the great time he had at the HMS Alliance Reunion in Gosport UK with over 100 ex crew. He was to meet in London a long lost family and all he knew about Buster was the floppy ears and big nose. Buster commented that there is no more clicky clack on trains but you cannot use cell phones onboard. One of the submariners he was traveling with thought he had his cell phone turned off but it went off with ring tone "Harbour Stations Harbour Stations". Buster had a tour of the Tank which is at 32 degrees but is in bad repair with paint all flaking off and sheets of Rust. HMS Alliance is in good repair

Willy Waugh had interesting article on how the German "U" boats disrupted fishing fleet in Cape Breton during WW II if anyone was interested in reading

Special mention was made to Charlie Lonsdale in coming for the Pig Roast and Central BBQ sorry to see him go

Taff Jones commented on the RN Diesel Boat Reunion in Davenport in Aug and how met a sheep shearer from OZ and how he was led astray despite his best efforts. Taff had a great time even though his hotel room to a bus tourists was given away he got to stay for free in the basement. He and his mate went for a gooffer (curry) but they were barred by the Indian Restaurant for some reason. The RN submariners wished that more Canadian Submariners could make the trip. It was a good run ashore. But there is conflict of dates unfortunately with Central Annual AGM and BBQ

50/50 of 40 dollars was won Conrad Petrikowski. He donated 20 back to SAOC and placed the remainder on the bar

The Submariners' Prayer The Submariners' Prayer was read by Scotty Parsons

Adjournment Having no further business, it was moved by Jim Northrup and seconded by Terry Chatham that the meeting be adjourned at 2025hrs. **Motion Carried**

Next MGM and the HMCS Ojibwa's 50th anniversary is on the 23h Sept 2015 at MOG5 HQ SR Mess 1800hrs

Robert B Fraser

Respectfully submitted,

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC E Chairman