



Submariners Association of Canada (East)



Minutes of Monthly Meeting Wednesday 24 February 2016 MOG5 HQ SR's Mess

Opening The Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order at 1935 hrs. The Chair welcomed and thanked the members for coming out tonight. The Chair gave special thanks to Shane Applin for Bartending tonight and welcomed Marc Osmond who just joined SAOC(E) and came tonight from Truro. A moment of silence was observed for sick and ailing members. Buster Brown payed tribute to his old friend Eddie Temple who passed away this morning. Eddie is a well-known RN submariner cook and gun layer whom Buster had the good fortune to spend three days with last year at the Alliance meeting. It was noted that Mr. Temple was also a swim boy for the tank (Escape Tower) at HMS Dolphin. May they rest in peace and be remembered for their good deeds.

Attendance 12 members were in attendance: Art Bodden, Buster Brown, Wade Berglund, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Rob Fraser, Sylvain Rouillard, David Russell, Brum Tovey and Willy Waugh. Two new members joined and were present Marc Osmond and Shane Applin.

Minutes The 2015 AGM minutes were distributed tonight and tabled for the overall membership for acceptance at the next AGM, scheduled to be held Saturday, 3rd December 2016 at MOG5 Senior Rates Mess. They are also posted on the SAOC(E) Web site. Members are reminded that this is an election year. The 27 Jan MGM minutes were distributed and approved as amended. Secretary noted to change Ron "Copper" to "Cooper".

Correspondence: Tridents were picked up and distributed. A letter of thanks was received from the North Hants Community Food Bank for our thoughtful donations from our Summer BBQ, care of Helen Dube.

Reports: Chairman: Membership List and email list. The issue of our membership list update was brought up by Dusty Miller Sr at a meeting last year stating that several names of members who had passed away are still on the list, which should be removed. The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer went through the SAOC Web membership list and pared it down from 230 to 130 members and updated contact information as well as was possible. The Treasurer indicated which members were current in the last three years. Past members not current within the last three years were taken off the list but kept on archive. The chairman then tried emailing the remaining members who had email addresses and found out when using a group contact list, the email would not go through due to anti-spam software. So, he found out the frustration that the secretary had been going through for the past year. Only groups of 20 names or less are getting through making it necessary of cutting and pasting the same message to 5 or 6 emails to get the message out as discovered by the secretary. Marc Osmond, as an expert IT, offered to help with the problem with a Gmail account. A question was asked how Bazoo is able to send out his emails. As George is down in Arizona, we have no clear answer and Terry Chatham can't remember how they did either. Sylvie has sent email out to members asking them to update their personal information ie phone numbers and addresses. This will be updated on the Web site

membership list in the near future. Willy Waugh commented that he still has a rotary phone and gets annoyed when he gets told to press one for more information.

Vice Chair: Is at home and recovering sends his regrets and has no report to submit.

Health and Wellness: The chair gave an update on Shane Irvine. Everyone was informed last month by email of Shane's condition which he was not expected to last more than a couple of days due to cancer. But then he was pumped full of steroids and antibiotics and they kicked in and he was released from hospital last week and Shane said it is the best he has felt in six months. His oxygen levels were very low and now he has an O2 generator provided by the VA and a portable O2 bottle to take with him, which is vital for him to walk around. This week he managed to walk down his laneway a couple times. He welcomes visitors but please give a call first 435-6850. Wade Berglund talked to Shane this morning and commented on the difference from two weeks ago which is night and day. Shane was getting over 50 people visiting a day in the first week. Willy Waugh informed the meeting that John Rodgers is in bad shape. He went over to England in 1957 on first RCN submarine draft; commissioned HMCS Ojibwa and he is living in Stewiacke NS. He was transferred from the Turo Hospital to Halifax and his surgeon thinks that he cannot stand a heart operation. Mr Rodgers has decided he doesn't want the operation anyways. Willy will have more information for next month's meeting. No update on Cyril McDonald. There were concerns raised on John Madison health but Buster was talking to him this morning and he is fine and he will be seeing him tomorrow. Coxn Dave Russell said that LS Brown should give all his best to LS Madison. Buster asked if he would have to wear his gaiters. The story came out that he had thrown over the side all the right side gaiters when told to stand watch on the casing. Cox'n Russell just told him turn one upside down and turn to anyway. A Coxn's job is never done. Terry Chatham informed us that Bazoo is doing great in Yuma, Arizona and his arthritis has not been bothering after day two. He is enjoying himself and is looking to buy a mobile home down there and Terry will be picking him up in Charleston in Mar. Willy stated that Paul and Helen Dube are missing him. Soapy Watson cannot drive at night and no one could pick him up for tonight's meeting. Buster couldn't due to not liking to drive long distances ie Timberlea at night due his eye condition.

Slops: Greg Hallonquist sent his regrets as he had a previous commitment therefore no report was submitted

Treasurer: Ron Cooper gave out a detailed monthly financial report dated 24 Feb 2016 showing a bank balance of \$14,816.76 after expenses and deposits. There was a bank charge of 23 cents (CD Fee) which he didn't question but will if it appears again. There was question from Buster about slops about the sale of items that are not moving. It was discussed these will be a half-price sale at the summer BBQ. Inventory is listed at \$7500. It was noted when George had his fire he had to write off over \$3000 worth of stock. Upcoming costs of the Commemorative coin TBD and Summer BBQ which cost \$650 last year plus another \$100 for keg of draft. The chair and Brum informed Marc Osmond of our Summer BBQ at the Dube's in Rawdon is easy to find just look for the flags at end of driveway and all the cars parked there. No alternative rain date was envisioned.

Social: Brum Tovey restated the Annual Summer BBQ will be held at the Dubes on the 16 July. It was agreed the Xmas Dance at Lions Club in Sackville will be held on the 16th Dec. Raffle tickets are ready for sale for a 100th Anniversary Submariner's Rum bottle donated by Pony

Moore's widow. The cost is \$5 for one ticket and \$10 for three. 15 books were put behind the SR bar for sale. The money raised will be given to Pony Moore's widow to donate to a charity of her choice. This was supposed to be a surprise but Ron has talked to her and it was decided to donate to the ALS. Brum told a joke about the difference between polygamy and monogamy. Polygamy is having one wife too many and monogamy is still the same thing. Another old groaner he said that he had stayed up all night wondering where the sun went then it dawned on him. A big groan went up for this one. It was better than last month's joke with starter pistol. He commented that the secretary had written that Buster's joke was better but Brum commented it was a lot older. We don't know if Brum was saying which was older Buster or the joke.

Old Business: Commemorative Coin for Crossing the Bar Ceremony The Chairman turned the meeting over to Ron Cooper who had brought up the idea of having a Commemorative Coin designed and manufactured for the crossing the Bar Ceremony at a member's funeral instead of using the member's coin at the last two funerals. Ron brought in some samples designs from a BC Company, Sharkz Coins which were disturbed. They are designed in Canada but are manufactured in China. Of the three samples the middle one is most appealing but a couple of changes are required ie on the laurels which are incorrect and should be red. Some of the wording needs to be changed ie the name Canada was repeated too often. Sample coins were brought it by secretary by another company AFPP from Calgary. The poppy was inserted at the bottom but we need to clear this by the Legion due to copyright concerns as the Legion has sued other people for using it without permission. Name bar to engrave for a cost for 10 dollars by Nova Trophy. This would replace the \$50 to charity of the family's choice. Wade Berglund suggested we get a SAOC coin for presentation for special quests and for sale in slops. Ron will go back and find out more information for the next meeting. The Chair had discussed with Shane about using his coin when planning his funeral here, Oshawa and at Beachwood Cemetery in Ottawa. They also discussed the prayer to be used at his funeral. Shane wants the Canadian version that we use at SAOC meetings. Buster pointed out there is naval hymn version that has 3 verses specific for submarines.

AOB Buster Brown brought up topic of having a guest speaker on Alzheimer's disease in for the Mar meeting. He thought it would be a worthwhile presentation due to our age group. Most of the members know of friends and family who are suffering from this disease. It would be a worthwhile educational evening with a 10 minute Power Point Presentation that would be given to all interested and show what help is out there. Members can donate, participate in the walk or help with fundraising. It was agreed it was a good idea. Dave Russell commented that Mr. Bobby Coxford had just been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. He was part of the 6th Submarine Sqd and was 2nd PMC for the Fleet Club. Chooch commented that he had been barred by Mr. Coxford for two years from the Fleet Club for trying to show the coat check girl the tiger in his tank. Marc Osmond said he was glad to make the meeting tonight as he had planned to do so for a long time and join SAOC. He brought us up to date on his life. He lives in Turo. He had been driving school buses then was a radio dispatcher but due to cut backs they wanted to put him back on the road. He didn't like driving in winter especially over Mount Thom going to River John. So he is now employed for Turo Fire/Police Dispatch 4 days on, 4 day off. Terry Chatham reminded us of BAO Sunday and Peregrine Club is having a Lost Ship's dinner at 30 dollars a ticket a week before. All are welcome. Dinner will be held at the Italian Club and it is mixed dinner.

50/50 No draw was conducted as not enough members were present tonight to make a 50/50 draw worthwhile.

The Submariners' Prayer read by Marc Osmond

Adjournment There being no further business it was moved Terry Chatham seconded by Wade Berglund that the meeting be adjourned. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 2040 hrs

Next Monthly General Meeting will be held 30 Mar 2016 at MOG5 HQ JR Mess 1930

Robert B Fraser

Respectfully submitted,

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC E Chairman