



Submariners Association of Canada (East)



Minutes of Monthly Meeting Wednesday 25th May 2016 MOG5 HQ JR's Mess

Opening The Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order at exactly 1930 hrs. The Chair welcomed and thanked the members for the good turnout. The chair thanked James Jesse for bartending tonight. A moment of silence was held for sick and departed brethren. The sad news of Shane Irvine death was passed on to all members and a prayer was said for him. May he rest in peace and be remembered for his good deeds.

Attendance: 25 members were in attendance: Wade Berglund, Art Bodden, Buster Brown, George Byzewski, Bill Cleal, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Terry Chatham, Bob Davidson, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Jim Gordon, Greg Hallonquist, Andy Lovasi, John Madison, John Meehan, Dusty Miller Sr, Jim Northrup, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Brum Tovey, Soapy Watson, Willy Waugh, Phil Webster and Peter Weis. **Regrets** were received from 3 members: Mark Osmond, Bob Davidson and Conrad Petrikowski.

Appointment of Vice chairman. The floor was turned over to Dusty Miller Senior on a point of order. As our parliamentarian Dusty pointed out according to our bylaws Article 5.5 it is the duty of the Chairman to nominate a new member to the executive if a member passes away during his term to avoid deadlock in executive decision votes. With the passing of our Vice Chair, Shane Irvine the Chair nominated Jim Northrup if he would serve out Shane's term as Vice Chairman until our annual election of officers at our AGM in December. Jim graciously accepted the nomination and all present approved his nomination. Jim was invited to join the executive this evening but he turned the chair over in Shane's memory as his last meeting.

Minutes The 27th April MGM minutes were distributed via email, posted on Web page and copies were laid out prior to meeting. They were read by all prior to meeting. It was moved by Terry Chatham and 2nd by Bill Cleal that the minutes be approved. Passed

Correspondence: Tridents were picked up and distributed. Thank you cards were received from Joan Moore's wife and charities CNIB & AILS from the proceeds of the raffle (\$270) of the Centennial Submarine Rum from last meeting. The secretary passed a condolence card for all the members to sign for Shane's wife.

Reports: Chairman: Nothing to report

Secretary: Nothing to report

Health and Wellness: Keith Estabrooks has no update Ray Hunt on his condition other than he is still in the hospital. Willy Waugh informed us that John Rogers is still in poor health. Brian Fisher is undergoing chemo therapy. He wants no emails and no visitors at this time. The floor was turned over to John Madison to update us on Shane Irvine's funeral arrangements. The service will be held at the Atlantic Funeral Home on Main Street in Dartmouth at 10 am. Dress SAOC blazers with medals. The Reception will be at the Main Street Centennial Branch Legion afterwards. Note Les "Downtown" Brown Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held at Point Pleasant Park Summer House 28th May, 2016 11:45. Several members will attend both. A copy

of Shane's obituary was passed around and will be sent out by the secretary to all members later this evening. There will be a memorial service in Belleville Ontario and then Shane will be laid to rest at the Beachwood National Military Cemetery in Ottawa on the 7th June. 50 dollars will be donated by SAOC E in Shane's memory for the Wounded Warrior's Fund.

Slops: Slops are doing well. Greg will get a price quote for new ball caps with design featuring all three O boat crests as it is their 50th Anniversaries at the June meeting.

Treasurer: Ron Cooper gave his detailed monthly financial report dated 25th May 2016 showing a bank balance of "\$14,335.66" after expenses and deposits.

Social: The Summer BBQ is still on at Dubes 16th July starting at 1200hrs with a quick MGM. There will be ribs, sausages and beer. There will be a 50/50 at BBQ. Part of it will be given to Helen Dube to donate to her local church. Please bring food donations for the local food bank. Brum just had his little finger removed by surgery and the first thing his son said to him when he picked him up from the hospital was for Brum to give him a high four. He said the hospital wouldn't let him keep it to pick his nose. There are two things that piss him off now first he can't have tea with the Queen anymore and can only count to nine now.

Old Business Ron Cooper restated that motif and background for the SAOC Commemorative Coin for Crossing the Bar Ceremony in light of all the members who had passed away in the past year. Ron passed around another proof of the proposed coin. It was pointed out by Wade Berglund the wrong type of laurel is around the dolphin. This discussion went back and forth. A Motion was made by Keith Easterbrook seconded by John Meehan to let the executive decide on the final design and cost for the coin for a paid up member of SAOC and report back to the membership at the next meeting. Passed. Get a Quote for 50 coins and for 100.

Battle of Atlantic Sunday was well attended by 10 SAOC members. The wreath was laid by Sylvain Rouillard and Buster Brown on behalf of SAOC. Lloyd Blagdon was present on his boat and the ashes were committed to sea from HMCS Montreal instead of HMCS Sackville. Terry Chatham informed the members that Lloyd Blagdon has offered to take 8-10 members out on his boat for Remembrance Day. Piere Doutré's ashes will be committed to sea either this Remembrance Day or at the next year's Battle of Atlantic Sunday. Willy Waugh passed on that Donna Doutré was truly impressed by the number of submariners who attended Pierre's funeral. It was reported 39 in total attended. It was decided that from now on all funerals will be 1A SAOC Blazers with medals. It was also stated that the Minister the Reverend Canon David Fletcher did an excellent job for the funeral service. Lucky Gordon did an excellent eulogy for Pierre and shared with us how Pierre got his nickname of China in UK when he was part of the commissioning crew of HMCS Ojibwa.

New Business The chairman reminded everyone that this year is an election year and any amendments to the constitution must be submitted in writing before the last MGM in Oct for this year's AGM. All positions of the executive are open and nomination committee will have to be appointed which will be done at the June's MGM.

Buster Brown had to leave early due to night vision problems but left us with a joke. It was about two old men who met in Point Pleasant Park. One was limping the other man asked him if was from shrapnel at Dunkirk the other answered no it was dog shit from the park 10 minutes ago.

John Meehan was given the floor. John and his wife are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary and wish to invite all with their families to their celebration at the Royal Canadian Legion #161 in Gaetz Brook 6644 Hwy #7 Gaetz Brook B0J IN0 (902-827-3008) on the Sunday 25th Aug 2-5 pm. There will be a Live Band, Dancing Bar etc...

Dusty Miller asked a question what is the protocol to having your ashes buried at sea as he and his wife are getting up in age of 87 years. The secretary thought it was possible but this has to go through the Padre office at the Stadacona Chapel. There was a lot discussion going back forth what is proper method. The secretary will investigate. The secretary stated that you cannot get a military padre to a funeral service for retired members as he was told there would be too many. So we will try to get retired padres. Frank Ralph and Kevin Crowell names were mentioned as possible ministers.

Alan Pedley, a Babcock GM from the west coast was invited to speak about the west coast subs. Mr Pedley has been involved with Vic class since they were commissioned by the RN and involved with the reactivation when Canada purchased them. He briefed us on the approximately 200 welds that were to be re-inspected and over half have to be repaired or redone due to subcontractors x-rays, poor quality control and higher standard adopted by Canada. They are going to have Chicoutimi back in service by the fall but no word when Victoria will be ready. Also there are issues with Corner Brooks EDWP refit with all the engineering changes. The new Ship control console and OMC will be not be installed on Corner Brook

AOB Bazoo informed the meeting that Charlie Lonsdale sent some very nice embroidered shirts from UK for some members to wear at the Pig Roast in New London Conn in the first full weekend in Aug. Bazoo asked if Mess Dress can be worn after a member retires. The answer was only with permission ie Base Chief for an official function as long as you are not a bag of shit ie haircut. Helen Dube celebrated her 75th Birthday and Paul Dube is doing well.

Peter Weis asked if there is any direction in attending both Shane Irvine's and Les Brown's funerals. It should be possible to attend both as Shane's funeral should be over by 1100 hrs.

Greg Hallonquist informed the chair that the access list for the gate needs to be updated.

50/50 Buster Brown won the 50/50 of \$60 dollars tonight. As Buster had left early he left his tickets with John Madison and it was decided to put it all on the bar.

The Submariners' Prayer was read by James Jesse.

Adjournment There being no further business it was moved by Bill Cleal seconded John Meehan by that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2045 hrs

Next Monthly General Meeting will be held 29th June 2016 at MOG5 HQ SR Mess 1930

Robert B Fraser

Respectfully submitted,

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC E Chairman