



Submariners Association of Canada (East)



Minutes of Monthly Meeting Wednesday 29th June 2016 MOG5 HQ SR's Mess

Opening The Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order at 1930 hrs. The Chair welcomed and thanked the members for such a good turnout. The chair welcomed visitors and members who have not attended in a while; Sandy Sadler from Ottawa, Ken Macmillan, Sherm Embree and Jon Carpenter. The chair thanked Shane Applin for bartending tonight. A moment of silence was held for sick and departed brethren. May they rest in peace and be remembered for his good deeds.

Attendance: 27 members were in attendance: Pierre Alarie, Shane Applin, Wade Berglund, Art Bodden, George Byzewski, John Carpenter, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Terry Chatham, Bob Davidson, Sherm Embree, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Brian Lapierre, Andy Lovasi, John Madison, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Mark Osmond, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Brum Tovey, Lee Thompson, Soapy Watson, Peter Weis, and Tim "Slinger" Wood. **Regrets** were received from 6 members: Buster Brown, Jim Gordon, Larry Hickey, Dusty Miller Sr, Conrad Petrikowski and Willy Waugh. Sylvain informed us that Buster had banged his leg and had 8 stitches. George asked if Buster knew that he had won the 50/50 from last meeting and it had been voted that it be put on the bar. It was sent out in the minutes so Buster must have known. George passed on regards from Bower "Zeke" Bekoenv. There is story about he was only one of two people to wear toques in their bunks. The other was Kenny Irvine. **Greetings** George brought greetings from Charlie Lonsdale in UK and he hopes to be on our fair shores in the near future. Sylvain made a special welcome to Lee Thompson who just joined SAOC today. Soapy Watson regrets to inform us that today was the day 48 years and 49 years ago that Okanagan and Onondaga were commissioned. When asked why he regrets this event Soapy replied he regrets that he can remember this far back. A good laugh was had by all. John Meehan reminded us that today in 1927 Vimy Ridge became part of Canada as national park. Wade Berglund spoke up about the Vimy Ridge Park in Outremont Quebec being renamed for Jacques *Parizeau*.

Minutes The 25th May 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. There was one amendment for John Meehan wedding anniversary which should have read "50th" not "55". There being no further amendments they were declared approved as distributed.

Correspondence: Tridents were picked up and distributed. Secretary passed bills and dues to treasurer. A CD was received from Singapore Marine Offshore and Gas for PR. Another card was received from CNIB on donation made in behalf of Pony Moore by his wife Joan from the raffle of a Pony's Submarine Centennial Rum. No Correspondence out.

Reports: Chairman: Lot of us attended Shane Irvine's funeral and visitation at the Atlantic Funeral Home in Dartmouth. There was a very good turnout at the funeral. John Madison reported that Carol, Shane's wife is home now after the big road trip. The memorial service in Belleville was attended by friends and family. SAOC C members and cooks turned out in good

numbers in Ottawa for Beachwood cemetery ceremony. The secretary reported that he with four other SAOC members, Lucky Gordon, Jim Northrup and Peter Weis attended Les Brown's Celebration of life at Point Pleasant Park having left Shane's funeral. It was a nice little ceremony with mostly family and friends attending. Rev Kevin Crowell gave a eulogy for "Downtown". After the ceremony we came back to the Main Street Legion to lift a glass to both Shane and Les memory.

Vice Chairman: Jim Northrup our new Vice Chair had nothing to report. Jim stated that as this was his first meeting as Vice –Chair he is just learning the ropes and will have more to say next month. He is looking forward to attend the next graduating class of submariners and would like to personally present the Top Student award.

Secretary: had nothing report but to bring up an item which will be under old business.

Health and Wellness: Keith Estabrooks reported that Wilfy Broyden is feeling better and had sold his trailer in Florida. There is no update on Ray Hunt's condition other than he is still in the hospital. The chair stated that Buster Brown has a lot of news on various people which will be sent out later. It was reported that Bob Tremblay had passed away on the west coast in Port Hardy. George Byzewski informed us that Jerry Sigrist's grandson who was only 8 years old had passed away of a form of Down's Disease and he had sent a Condolence Card on SAOC's behalf. The chair thanked Bazoo for sending this kind gesture. Brian Fisher is undergoing chemo and radiation therapy but he is out of the hospital. George had a senior's moment and someone piped up that he was. Terry Chatham reported that a American Sub vet named Buda from Charlestown who attends annual Groton Pig Roast had just had a heart attack and had a pace maker put in on the 22nd June but is still in the hospital. John Clahane reported that Cyril McDonald has stomach cancer and is fighting it with the help of his family. Cyril is currently at home in Mount Uniacke.

Slops: Slops are doing well. Greg passed around the design for the new ball caps featuring all three O boat crests as it is their 50th Anniversaries. Everyone thought it was a good design. He is still waiting for a design for T- Shirts. Greg will bring a price quote depending on size of the order to our next meeting as his supplier is very busy for Canada day. Greg wants to have a fire sale at the summer BBQ as the some of the stock hasn't moved in years. Greg has @ \$6000 in stock. There is over \$2000 in pins which had been ordered for the submarine Centennial for all SAOC Branches, however the other branches did not buy any. Lee Thompson is going to Victoria for a few weeks and has volunteered to take some pins with him and see if he can sell some. It was moved by George Byzewski seconded by Wade Berglund that there will be a Fire Sale of 50% off all SAOC Slops at Summer BBQ. **Passed** It was reported by Sandy Sadler that there had a good sale of SAOC E slops at Port Burwell by Gordie Burns. George stated that unless you have the money up front for joint ventures they do not work. Scotty Parsons had a question but it was too late.

Treasurer: Ron Cooper gave his detailed monthly financial report dated 29th June 2016 showing a bank balance of "\$14,651.91" after expenses and deposits. Soapy Watson was on fire tonight saying that BBQ expenses would be covered by the fire sale of the pins. That was two zingers for him tonight.

Social: Brum reported the Summer BBQ is still on at the Dube's 16th July starting at with a quick MGM starting at 1300 hrs. There will be ribs, sausages and beer. Everyone is welcome expect Byzewski. Unfortunately Soapy needs a ride so George can come. 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. George informed us please no gift for Helen. She doesn't want anything. This may be our last BBQ at the Dubes so we will have to start thinking of new venue due to Helen and Paul's health as this a large imposition on them. Note Willy Waugh is selling his place next year so his place is out. Brum said he was approached prior to the meeting about having food ie chips and pepperoni at the MGMs. The chair asked for a show of hands if there was any interest. There was an overwhelming lack of interest so no food. Brum stated that Ron Cooper should get a round of applause for his efforts in writing his Member of Parliament in getting the 95 year Norwegian Veteran into Camp Hill Hospital. There were a lot of comments about the way Veteran Affairs works and there is a move to shut down Camp Hill as soon as last Korean War Vet has passed away.

50/50 Mark Osmond won the 50/50 of \$70 dollars tonight. Bazoo piped up that this will pay for Mark's gas to Truro.

Old Business SAOC Commemorative Coin for Crossing Bar by Ron Cooper reported there had been no movement on this item.

Burial at Sea The Secretary, Rob Fraser reported that he had been in contact with Stadacona Chaplain's office and got the information requested by Dusty Miller Sr on the protocol in having your ashes buried at sea. He has passed this on to Dusty and will have this information posted on the Web page. The main thing if want your ashes buried at sea you have to make your wishes known in your will and to your family. If you want your spouse's ashes buried at sea as well she would have to be a veteran as well or have them mixed in with yours. Brum asked what if she was still alive.

New Business Chair asked for volunteers for the nomination committee for bi-annual election of officers. Terry Chatham volunteered as the I/C of the Election Committee with his shadow George Byzewski as his 2 I/C. The Chair Sylvain Rouillard said he would let his name stand for Chairman again and so did all the other members of the Executive: Jim Northrup for Vice-Chairman; Ron Cooper for Treasurer; Rob Fraser for Secretary; Brum Tovey for Social. Greg Hallonquist stated he would stay on in charge of slops but Keith Estabrooks would stand down from Health and Wellness. As this is an Ex-officio position the chairman will look for a volunteer by the AGM at Dec 3. Every position is open for nominations and everyone is encouraged to put their name forward if they wish to lead and perhaps make a difference to our association. Note that any amendments to the SAOC Constitution must be submitted in writing before the MGM in Oct. Note there will no pot luck or wives at this year's AGM.

AOB Sherm Embry thanked everyone for all the emails for the past year as it makes him feel part of the association as he only gets to town occasionally from the valley.

Sandy Sandler informed us that SAOC C their Annual Summer AGM & BBQ will be held in Ottawa in the newly renovated HMCS Carleton Mess on the 13th July. This decision was made by the executive on behalf of the membership due to poor registration and high cost of BBQ and Bus transportation to Rimouski.

Wade Berglund informed us that he has accepted a job at Babcock in Victoria and is going on a house hunting trip next week and hopes to be back for the summer BBQ. He will be starting his new job on 22nd Aug so this may be his last meeting.

Slinger Wood gave greeting and his regrets for next meeting as he will be on the west coast. He will pass on our greetings to SAOC W meeting.

Terry Chatham said he tried out the free luggage baggage as veteran for his family on West Jet and Air Canada with CF1 Card when he went up to Ontario for his nephew's wedding. John Meehan stated instead of the Record of Service card everyone should get the CF1 Card like an awards card. You can go the web site or call 1-855-245-0330 that way you can get deals with airlines, Canex, etc and take the priority lane at the airport security.

George Byzewski asked that he was trying to get the information on the membership list update on the Website. He asked that all members check their information and if out of date to please send an email to him or website to update it. Note if you receive an email from George and it does not have SAOC in the subject line do not open it as this has been hacked. Brum said if you get one from Willy Waugh definitely don't open it. Note Willy only has a rotary phone. Helen and Paul are definitely looking forward to the BBQ.

The Submariners' Prayer was read by Ken MacMillan.

Adjournment There being no further business it was moved by John Meehan seconded by John Clahane that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2030 hrs

Next Monthly General Meeting will be held at Annual SAOC BBQ 16th July 2016 at Dube's at @ 1300hrs

Robert B Fraser

Respectfully submitted,

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC E Chairman