



Submariners Association of Canada (East)



Minutes of Monthly Meeting Wednesday 28 September 2016 MOG5 HQ SRs Mess

Opening The Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order at 1930 hrs. The Chair welcomed and thanked the members for an excellent turnout. Special mention was given about John Rogers who had passed away on the 22nd Sept at his son's home. There was a gathering at Stewiacke Tim Horton's on the 24th for friends and family which Willy Waugh attended. Willy reported that John was part of the 6th Sub Sqd, commissioning crew for HMCS Ojibwa, HMCS Protecteur and HMCS Algonquin. A moment of silence was held for him and those who have passed the bar and are sick absent members. Sylvie thanked Shane Applin for bartending this evening.

Attendance: 28 members were in attendance: Shane Applin, Minky Alarie, Art Bodden, George Byzewski, Bill Cleal, Ron Cooper, Bob Davidson, Rob Fraser, Jim Gordon, Greg Hallonquist, Don Hood, Ray Hunt, Brian Lapierre, John Madison, Ken McMillan, John Meehan, Dusty Miller Sr, Jim Northrup, Mark Osmond, Mark Pallard, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, John Smith, Lee Thompson, Soapy Watson, Willy Waugh and Peter Weis. **Regrets** were received from 10 members: Buster Brown, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Rob Bray, Jerry Sigrist, Ian Mitchell, JJ Surette, Wade Berglund, Conrad Petrikowski and Brum Tovey. Bazoo piped up that he has lots of regrets but we didn't have enough time to go into his personal history. Special guest Peter "Hollywood" Heppleston, SAOC C President was welcomed who is visiting from Ottawa on vacation. Peter will be given an opportunity to address the meeting concerning SAOC Central AGM/BBQ next August 2017.

Minutes The 30th August MGM minutes were distributed via email. There being no errors or omissions it was moved by John Meehan and seconded Bill Cleal by they be accepted as distributed. Approved

Correspondence: Tridents were distributed

Reports: Chairman: Had a wonderful summer and has nothing to relate that is submarine related

Vice Chairman: Jim Northrup is looking for pictures and dits from members to start a project to pass on the history of Canadian submarines and submariners. The secretary mentioned that he had done a lot research for the 100th anniversary and has a power point presentation he used for Basic Submarine course and help supplied the pictures for the anniversary calendar. He has a lot more on his computer and file and boxes of pictures from John Madison that he has just started to scan. Jim stated that most of the current submariners serving have no idea who Fred Sherwood was other than a name on the submarine trainer. The chair said this is a good idea to send Jim any material and the secretary will put in next month's notice.

Health and Wellness: Bazoo reported that Lloyd Blagdon was going through a rough patch after going through open heart surgery. George and Buster visited him while he was in hospital but Lloyd is now at home and recovering. Ray Hunt is at the meeting after his long recovery from heart surgery. Ray said it was six months and two days in hospital before he got to go home. He

was 4 ½ months on an IV before he could eat or even drink water. He said he gets out of breath fairly easily and his walker is more for sitting than walking. This is first social event he has attended since getting out of the hospital. Greg Hallonquist reported that Cyril McDonald is going in for the 4th operation which will be the big one and will be out of commission until Christmas. George reported that it is colon cancer that Cyril is battling. Cyril is very involved as a councillor for the Mount Uniacke area.

John Meehan asked if anyone knew a submariner named Frank Zurfiski because he met his son at the gas station and was asked if he knew his father. Dusty Sr knew him and related a story about him having 21 children. He said Frank went onboard an "A" boat when X-Rays were being conducted in Dolphin. A Dockyard Matey yelled at him not to go back as he would get sterilised. There was a bunch of submariners on the casing and the dockyard Matey asked them if Frank was deaf or something. The boys replied he wasn't deaf and wasn't worried about sterilization any more. He was the first CPO1 ERA to take over a Canadian Submarine from UK. He had to ship his family over to UK by Cunard liner and he received a certificate for having the best behaved children they ever had onboard. Dusty also related that one of his sons was in politics and one of his questions brought down the Tory party at the time once the reporters got a hold of it. John Smith reported that Mike Broomfield had been diagnosed with bowel cancer an ex RN Submariner and joined the RCN. He is a life member of SAOC and good friends to Steve Jenner. Brian Lapierre received an email Anne Marie Hawkins daughter of Alan Robert "Justice" Hawkins who commissioned the Ojibwa as Coxn and was submarine school chief when RCN first started training submariners in Halifax at Fleet School.

Secretary: No report.

Slops: Greg reported that he had a very busy month with 50th Anniversary "O" boats T Shirts and Ball Caps. He had started last Sunday with 75 T-Shirts and only had 10 left. He has another order coming in Thursday. If people want slops they can contact Greg at greghallonquist@gmail.com. He has sold over \$2200 dollars not counting tonight. He has some items going to the west coast and some going to Ontario, Newfoundland and other areas. He said he could get other colours for golf shirts. He ordered 60 hats and has only 15 left. Greg asked if we should send a Ball Cap and T-shirt to Helen and Paul Dube as thank you for hosting the SAOC summer BBQ. George said we should present it at the Christmas function at the Lion's club. Everyone agreed that it was an excellent idea. Sylvie related that Helen looks forward to two things during the year, and that is the summer BBQ and the Christmas function. Greg also asked John Madison if we should give a ball cap to Carol, Shane Irvine's wife as Shane had sailed on all three O boats. We all agreed that this should be done with a card from SAOC as well. Greg also presented a Fleece lined waterproof windbreaker jacket that could be done up for the SAOC for @ \$75 with 50 year crest, Boat crest and name on the arms. Greg will have one made up for next month so people can think about it as Xmas present from their better halves. He will only order the jackets with money in hand.

Treasurer: Ron Cooper reported that the Pig Roast T-shirts had arrived but because he was away on vacation and no one was home they were returned to FedEx depot. He went today to pick them up after work and they couldn't find them. Hopefully he will have them for the next meeting. He doesn't have the list so hopefully the list is with the invoice. Ron Cooper gave his detailed financial report for Aug and Sept. It stated there were no major expenses except for the

bank fee and a sum outstanding to Brum for the BBQ. The 30 August statement showed a bank balance of “\$14,749.41”. The 28 September showed a closing balance of \$14, 749.66 after bank fees. The Xmas function last year cost \$1,157.59 less ticket sales. It was well attended last year and lots fun was had by all.

Social: Brum is in the UK but everyone is reminded of the Christmas Bash on the Friday 16th December at the Sackville Lions club.

Parliamentarian Dusty reminded everyone that if there are any amendments to the SAOC E By-laws they have to be submitted to the Chairman prior to the October meeting through the secretary. Dusty pointed out that only the Bylaws can be amended at the AGM. The Constitution can be amended at any time but the whole membership has to ballot on this. As he is getting older and his eyesight is not the best he asked if George if he could take over as Parliamentarian to review the amendments. George agreed to take over.

Old Business: Sylvie reminded us that if there any amendments to the SAOC E By-Laws iaw 10.1 they must be submitted in writing to him prior to the October meeting. All members of the Executive have reoffered for their positions for the AGM. We do need a volunteer for Health and Wellness as Keith Estabrooks will not entertain another 2 years. Dusty stated that this is an ad hoc position not an elected position and can be appointed by the chairman. The executive will still have to be elected and nominations can be accepted from the floor. If there is only one nomination he is elected by acclamation. The member is nominated he must be asked if he accepts the nomination. Dusty stated that there is no pot luck dinner or wives for this AGM. Sylvie said that we should think about changing this so the wives could be involved and the AGM should not last too long if there are no amendments. We do not know how long the AGM will last. George stated if there are no nominations by next meeting the chances are that members of the executive who said they would stay will be acclaimed. George said that Sylvie as Chair can put this out there for the October meeting it shouldn't be a problem. Sylvie will make a formal motion for next meeting on this subject.

“Ambrosia – a Scrapbook of the 6th Submarine Squadron” written by Steve Jenner Cdr RN and Peter Haydon Cdr RCN. This has been resolved with the help of Bazoo. Geoff Meeks is willing to give his copy to Gwyneth Taylor. I have put them in touch and they will resolve the details. I received an email from Gwyneth thanking SAOC and Geoff Meeks for our help. Her father Harry Hughes LCdr RCN retired served with the 6th Submarine Squadron and she was looking for a copy for her family history. There was discussion if it was the 6th Submarine Sqd or Division between Dusty and John Smith. Established in @ 1952 and the last “A” Boat sailed back to UK in 1967 according to Dusty. They had crews with a mixture of Canadian and RN sailors. The secretary stated he has a picture of three “A” Boats coming alongside old Jetty 5 by the old MARCOM HQ. The RN sailors lived in “A” Block the house of the slamming doors. Art Bodden was there in 1952 on one of the “A” boats.

The commemorative coin, Ron Cooper the POC has no news to update us on its status from Sharks coins.

New Business: Remembrance Day wreath will be ordered with the cost @ \$80 for Point Pleasant Park ceremony where the majority of the SAOC members will attend. We will be on the CFB Halifax Base chiefs list where Buster and the current SAOC Chairman will lay the wreath on our

behalf. The Bass River ceremony will not be attended by the usual crew according to George this year. The Chairman observed that the Remembrance Day ceremonies are being better attended year after year. Ron Cooper stated that Cliff Boettcher from the downtown Dartmouth Legion have new cenotaph for the Battle of the Atlantic ceremonies where the surrounding streets are named after ships.

Peter Heppleston the SAOC C chairman was given the floor to talk about the 50th Anniversary of HMCS ONONDAGA Commissioning for the SOAC Central AGM/BBQ in Rimouski Quebec at the Onondaga museum 25-27 Aug 2017. He brought greeting from SAOC Central branch. He had a comment about the submariner who had 21 children. He had an Uncle who was a fisherman who had 22 kids. There being no television or internet back then so there wasn't much to do after he got home from fishing at night so the 2nd and 3rd things he did were to shut the door and take off his boots thence the 22 children. He wanted to address the AGM for 2017 as their 2016 AGM had run into problems with venues and last minute changes. They had originally wanted to have it in Rimouski but when they were polling their membership via email and the correct question was not asked. They had run out of time and had to cancel rooms and food. They finally had their AGM and BBQ at a legion with 22 people attending. It was put forward at the AGM to have a commitment to have their next AGM at Rimouski in 2017. A block of thirty rooms have been reserved. Moe Allard is the POC as he is well connected with the Municipal government and the Museum. The mayor would like to do something for us. They love the ONONDAGA as it brings in lots of tourist dollars. Peter made a special invitation to SAOC E so that we could have a special bash to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of HMCS ONONDAGA Commissioning in 2017. Stu Glen SAOC C Web master has put this on the central web page for anyone can register and book rooms for next year. You can cancel your room up one month prior to the actual date in August. Sylvain stated that our MGM in Aug will be on the 30th Aug but he thinks it is great idea to get submariners from central and east to attend the function. Dusty asked a question about the SAOC C By-laws when they have their AGM. Normally it is the 2nd last weekend of Aug. Due to booking conflicts with venues they had to make a motion to change the date to the last weekend Aug 2017. Dusty mentioned that some consideration be made to change the date in our By-laws for our AGM from Dec to another time ie summer and make it three day weekend function. Sylvain stated he enjoyed the SAOC C AGM in 2001 & 2002 weekend with his wife at HMCS Carleton. Peter stated that they do not put any limit in how many guests attend out their budget but he has put the invite out to both the SAOC East and West branches and a surcharge of \$15-20 may have to put out to chip in. Moe Allard saying it could be a pig roast (*Méchoui*). Ron Cooper brought up the possibility of a tour of the Escape Trainer. POC could be Louis Hebert or HJ. XO of HMCS Carleton cancelled the AGM meeting due to mess reorganisation. Due to poor turnouts the SAOC C MGM meetings are now once every two months as luncheons in restaurants downtown Ottawa with a good turnout of 15-20 members with the SAOC C buying the first round. HMCS Carleton has offered display cases for Submarine memorabilia on loan under their care and custody.

AOB: Brian Lapierre met Peter Felwelleyn who was a LT (N) Navigator on HMCS Okanagan when they were run over by Grey Rover. Peter was a Fishery officer for 40 years after getting out the navy in 1977. He now lives in Japan and he was attending an UN conference and decided to visit Nova Scotia. He and his wife had a good lunch with Brian and his better half. Peter has looked at the SAOC web sites and is quite impressed with them. If you go the web site you see a picture of OK after the crunch with three people in what is left of the fin. They are Ray

Middleton, Tug Wilson and Peter Felwelleyn doing the navigating back alongside Faslane Scotland. Peter has worked around the world and is now a consultant concerning the jelly fish problem. Brian stated if we want see the information go on the website <http://www.forposterityssake.ca/> we now have a submarine section (DBF). If anyone has any information to help identify people in course photos please email Gary Weir or any other documentation. Lee Thompson was in contact with an ex RN Submariner chief electrician; Peter D Hulme served in RN submarines from 1949 to 1955. Peter now lives in New Zealand and is retired after a career in Public Power Distribution including some 5 years as NZ Railways Electrical Engineering and business consultant to GM Engineering. Peter Hume. He now works in New Zealand railways and he was asking questions about the electrical system for the Victoria class Boats for the Barrow submarine web site. Lee also sold many SAOC pins for \$270 to SAOC W branch. Greg Hallonquist says buy more slops!

50/50 The 50/50 draw of \$55.00 was won by Mark Pallard aka “Mad Dog”

The Submariners’ Prayer Chair had made a challenge six months ago for someone to memorize the submariner’s prayer. As no one had risen to the challenge the prayer was read by our special guest SAOC C Chairman Peter Heppleston.

Adjournment There being no further business moved by John Meehan and 2nd by George Byzewski to adjourn that the meeting at 2035 hrs. Carried.

Next Monthly General Meeting will be held at MOG 5 JR Mess 26th October 2016 at @ 1930hrs

Respectfully submitted,

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Sylvain Rouillard
SAOC E Chairman