



## Submariners Association of Canada (East)



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
MOG5 HQ JR MESS

**Opening** The Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order at 1930 hrs. The chair thanked everyone for the good turn out this evening. Special welcome was given to Spud Toole who was visiting from SAOC Central, Ottawa. Thank you was given to MS Hans Fucket who is our bartender for tonight. A moment of silence was observed for all sick and ailing brothers. Special Remembrance was given to two submariners who had just passed away. Donald Patterson passed on the 17 Oct in Edmonton due to cancer who was part of the commissioning crew for Ojibwa and Burton Wentzell who passed away on the 19<sup>th</sup> October at the young age of 53 who was an Admin clerk who served for Ojibwa, Onondaga and Chicoutimi and was the last scribe to sail on submarines. May they always be remembered for their good deeds.

**Attendance** 26 members were in attendance Art Bodden, Jerry Bourgeois, Buster Brown, Jon Carpenter, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Bob Davidson, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Jim Gordon, Greg Hallonquist, Don Hood, Ray Hunt, Brian Lapierre, John Madison, Marc Osmond, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, Sylvain Rouillard, David Russell, Lee Thompson, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh, and Tim Wood. **Regrets** were received from 6 members John Meehan, George Byzewski, Norm Chouinard, Dusty Miller Snr, Soapy Watson and John Clahane.

**Minutes** the 28 September MGM minutes were distributed by email. There being no errors or omissions it was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by Lee Thompson that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Approved

**Correspondence** Tridents were received and distributed. An application and check for membership was received from Marc Aalbers, a Sonarman. Some people remember sailing with him in the 70's on "O" boats. He currently lives in Musquodoboit Harbour NS. The chair remembers him and will contact him later.

**Reports Chairman** Had no report except to state that he attended Burt Wentzell's funeral on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct at Snows Funeral Home in Halifax that was well attended with an honour guard. It was well done with a good service and three people gave him a very good eulogy. Donald Patterson was a sonarman who retired in early 1970s not Pumpkin Head Patterson the stoker as Brian Lapierre informed us. Donald had sailed with Brian on Onondaga. Brian informed us that there is an article on Don Patterson at <http://www.forposterityssake.ca/RCN.htm>.

**Vice Chair** reported that Norm Chouinard was being awarded the Sovereign's Medal for his volunteer work. He has been playing for seniors and volunteer groups around Nova Scotia for a long time. He was recognized for this work by the Governor General.

**Secretary** asked about a membership update to see who is current with dues since membership information on the SAO (E) Web page is out of date but he decided to table this until he can talk to Bazoo. Ron Cooper stated that he will have a refreshed list ready for the AGM.

**Health and Wellness** Keith Estabrooks said that he had no update on Wilfy Broyden or anyone else. Sylvie informed us that Dusty Miller was getting injections in his eyes at the hospital today. Brian Fisher is home but other than that there is no new information. Marc Osmond reported that Robert Bray and Tramp Yeman are doing well and they are living in Lower Sackville. Rob Bray has had trouble with his lungs but if he has a good day he could make it to meeting. Tramp has lost a lot of weight (78lbs) and is a shadow of his former self. He and Joanie are doing well. Marc informed the group that Tramp would like to come but due his meds he could not have a drink and drive so Marc has offered him a ride. Marc also informed us that Elmer Jones is back in the province and lives down in the valley near Kentville. Marc had a picture sent to him and they both look alike now. He was asked by a mutual friend if there was something in what we ate and drank in submarines that made them like this.

**Slops** Greg Hallonquist said that he had brisk sales of \$2,000. He has passed a check of that amount to Ron Cooper. He is now looking at jackets and ball caps. He said that he should bring slops to the AGM so people could shop for their Christmas presents. He has gotten interest from Central and West branches on some of his items. There is lots of stock he has on face book. He passed a sample jacket that can be embroidered with names and 50th anniversary crest for a \$75 cost. He will bring some other sizes for the AGM to ensure that people get the size they want even up to Fat Bastard size. There was lot of discussion of other items to be made up for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Onondaga for next year. Buster mentioned that Greg hand delivered two license plates to Pony Moore's widow Joan at no charge. Lee Thompson has made up a plaque with some of the boat pins for @ \$20. So, Greg will get together with Lee and make some samples for next meeting.

**Treasurer** Ron Cooper gave his detailed Monthly Financial Statement as 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 which shows a bank balance of \$12,133.58 not counting the \$2000 of slop sales which he was given a check by Greg Hallonquist. The Xmas Dinner /Dance @ cost from last year was \$1,157.59 less ticket sales.

**Social** Brum Tovey stated that everything is ready for the Xmas Dinner and Dance on the 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at Sackville Lions Club starting at 1800hrs with tickets for \$20 per couple going on sale at the AGM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Dec and at the door. Brum needs to know how many will be attending.

**Old Business** No amendments to the bylaws were submitted in time for the AGM as this was the cut off, therefore none will be entertained

**Commemorative Coin** Ron Cooper had no new information on this subject other than he is in contact with the company out west.

**New Business** It was decided that there would be a Pot Luck with this year's AGM.

**AOB** Brian Lapierre brought up that we should inventory the submarine display cases in MOG5 HQ for history. Due to security concerns cameras could not be brought into Dockyard. Jim

Northrup is looking into this. Willy Waugh received a set of books on Ambrosia from Pierre Doutre's widow. Dave Russell informed us that both Dusty Senior and Doc Smith were both right and wrong about the 6<sup>th</sup> Submarine Sqd/Div. It was originally Squadron in the fifties then the RN Sea Lords changed to Division in the Sixties. When the last RN boat left in 1967 it was signed off as 6<sup>th</sup> Submarine Division. Rob Cox is in poor health. Last thing from Dave is that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec seventy years ago OS Russell crossed the gate into HMS Raleigh.

**50/50** The 50/50 of \$65 was won by Mark Pallard. This is the second time in a row that Mark has won.

Brum decided to share a story about how stupid security people are over in Europe. Brum had lost a bit of weight in last little while and he had to give up his belt and was holding up his pants with one hand. He was told to put his hands up. Brum said I'd rather not. He was ordered again to hold up his hands. So he gave a thrill to some old girls.

**Submariners Prayer** was read by Keith Estabrooks.

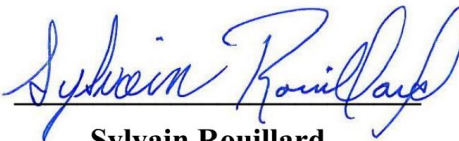
**Adjournment** There being no further business it was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by Slinger Wood to adjourn the meeting at 2035hrs. Carried.

The chairman reminded everyone about Remembrance Day at Point Pleasant Park. Sylvie and Buster will be laying a wreath on behalf of the SAOC. All members are encouraged to attend a Remembrance Day ceremony at a location of their choosing if they can't make it to Point Pleasant Park

The Next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and the Election of Officers. It will be held at the MOG5 HQ 3 Dec 2016 @ 1300 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Robert B Fraser**  
**SAOC (E) Secretary**



**Sylvain Rouillard**  
**SAOC (E) Chairman**