



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 25th January 2017
MOG5 HQ JR MESS



Opening The Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order at 1930 hrs. The chair thanked everyone for the good turnout this evening and hoped everyone had a great Xmas holidays. Thank you was given to MS Sean McConville who is our bartender for tonight. A moment of moment of silence was observed for all sick and ailing brothers. Special Remembrance was given to four submariners who had just passed away. David “Foxy” Fowler passed away on 11 January in Dartmouth NS. From the West Coast Fred Whit in Jan, Al Fast, a Radio Lady, on the 11th Jan and Bill Brown, a Stoker, on the 13th Jan. Both Mr. Fast and Mr. Brown were Plank Owners (Commissioning Crew) of HMCS Grisle. May they always be remembered for their good deeds.

Attendance 21 members were in attendance: Art Bodden, Cliff Boettcher, Boyd Thomas, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Ray Hunt, Mark Pallard, Brian Lapierre, Jim Northrup, Marc Osmond, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, Sylvain Rouillard, Lee Thompson, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh and Peter Weis. **Regrets** were received from 8 members: Buster Brown, George Byzewski, Bob Davidson, Jim Gordon, Ken McMillan, Dusty Miller Snr, Ian Mitchell and Soapy Watson. Note today was Robbie Burn’s Birthday

Minutes the 26th October MGM minutes were distributed by email and copies were available tonight for review. There being no errors or omissions it was moved by Keith Estabrooks and seconded by Lee Thompson that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Approved

Correspondence 2 months of Tridents were received and distributed. A check for dues was passed to the Treasurer. Marc Aalbers had contacted Brian Lapierre today asking about his application to SAOC E. It has been approved and the Secretary will contact him concerning the details. There are no membership cards given out.

Reports Chairman Had no report to give

Vice Chair Jimmy Northrup was glad to see everyone made through the holidays. Jim had been contacted by Ben Towns who had a name of an author who writes historical and romance novels who is looking to get some stories from the members of the association. Some comments were made about the Grass Cutters Inn on Ojibwa. It was decided to invite her to a meeting soon. It sounded like shades of Joe Comeau’s.

Secretary Had little to report other than he has a new computer and new email account which is rbfraser4@gmail.com that needs to be updated on the SAOC E Web page. Please have a look on the membership page and send updates on your contact information to Bazoo.

Health and Wellness Keith Estabrooks informed us that Spud Toole had suffered a heart attack but is now back at home resting and it is not as bad as first thought. Keith also informed us that Gerry Sigrist and Harry Suto are both in the Camp Hill Hospital with eye problems. They would enjoy comrades coming to see them on Tuesdays at noon for Tavern Day. You must get there early as it fills up quickly. Sam Jennings is in Camp Hill as well but is not up to visitors as he is suffering from dementia. Keith Estabrooks stated that he had no update on Wilfy Broyden. Brian Fisher is at home but other than that there is no new information. Jim Northrup informed us that Cyril McDonald is in the VG 9th floor and is having a tough go. He has been in hospital since October and just undergone a surgery 2 1/2 weeks ago, and is suffering from cancer. Cyril would be cheered up if some people could manage to visit.

Slops Greg Hallonquist reports that slops are doing well. Lee Thompson has made some plaques with the boat pins which are being passed around. The Small ones are \$15 and the Large ones are \$30. Greg has

received the Submarine Veteran Pins, which are very small and might be suitable as tie tack. They are available for \$2.00. Greg next talked about Jackets with SAOC crest and name embroidered for the cost of \$70, however he needs at least a minimum order of 12. At present, only 3 people have signed up. He showed samples with different colours: black, gray and even a sky blue one for Radio Ladies. He is looking at procuring Ball Caps for the different O Boats. Greg will come back for next meeting with proposed artwork from the suppliers. Out of the 200 Ball Caps he got for the Anniversary he only has a few left.

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his detailed Monthly Financial Statement as 25th January 2017, which shows a bank balance of \$13,479.29. The Xmas Dinner/Dance was \$2,110 including meals, wine, hall rental, DJ and Door Prizes. Ticket sales were \$1,060 making a final cost of \$1,150. Next items will be Onondaga 50th celebration 22 June, approximate cost of \$1,300 and summer BBQ with beer keg @ \$1000. The 2017 Xmas Dinner Dance is slated for Friday 15 Dec and will cost \$1,200. Ron has also collected @ \$400 in annual dues since Dec.

Social Brum Tovey thanked everyone who attended this year's Xmas bash, which was a great success despite the weather. Only two people couldn't make it. The kitchen staff are on our side as they won the 50/50 that night. After some discussion, it was decided to hold the summer BBQ on the 8 July at the Dube's in Rawdon. We will have the June MGM on the 22nd June for the 50th Anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Onondaga. Next year will be Okanagan's 50th on the 22nd June 2018. Brum then told a joke about a Newfoundlander carpenter and a French lady. They could only communicate with drawings. He drew a picture with a glass to ask her if she wanted a drink. Next, he drew her a picture with a knife and fork to ask her if she wanted dinner. They had a grand time. When it was getting late she drew him a picture of a four poster bed. The Newfie was flabbergasted and was amazed how she knew he was a carpenter.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$50 was won by Ray Hunt. Ray donated his winning back to the Organization.

Old Business Terry Chatham asked about the 50th Anniversary of HMCS ONONDAGA Commissioning at the SOAC Central AGM/BBQ in Rimouski Quebec at the Onondaga museum 25-27 Aug 2017. Peter Hopleston SAOC C Chairman had talked to us about this at the September 2016 MGM. If members wish to attend they should go on SAOC Central Web site and fill in the form to register. Everyone is invited to attend. Also, there is a block of twenty rooms at Hotel Rimouski ready to be booked which members have make their own reservations. There looks to be @ 10 members will attend. Terry Chatham said he will want to go up on a Wednesday for some reason it is very special day to enjoy Rimouski.

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

New Business the Chairman stated that the 2016 AGM minutes have been passed out via email and copies distributed tonight but iaw with our By-laws they will be tabled till the Dec 2017 AGM. Willy Waugh brought three books: Two on Ambrosia Scrapbook 6th Submarine Division at work and at play 1955-1956 by Steven Jenner and Peter Hayden. A supplement to Ambrosia Scrapbook of material omitted from original book. This one has pictures. A third book concerns the RN submarines in Australia. Willy Waugh is donating them to SAOC and they will be kept in our display cases in MOG5 HQ unless someone wishes to read them. They can be signed out on a monthly basis. Brian Lapierre is busy scanning the first books which came from Pierre Doure and hopes to have them up on our web site. This depends on the amount of space required and available on the web site. More to follow from Brian. Brian will also be talking to Garry Weir, the Web Master of the For Posterity's Sake Website: "<http://www.forposterityssake.ca/>" about putting the scanned books on his Website. He is also looking at putting them on a DVD or on Jump Drives. Willy Waugh told a good story about Steven Jenner and the last RN boat gun action in WW2 which was the Sybil, which was sold to the French after the war. He said to his daughter who worked in the hospital. "Willy found out what happened to Sybil". She got very upset asked "Who the hell is Sybil!" We will try to find out if there are any copyright issues with the books and Willy or Brian will have to contact the author's family to see if we can sell copies as a fund raiser.

AOB Jim Northrup is asking for everyone to submit a brief bio to him describing their career highlights. These can be posted to our SAOC Web Page so everyone can enjoy some dits and get to know each other better. As an example, Ken Macmillan has submitted his and Jim says it is quite amazing what Sammy had accomplished over his career. No incriminating stories please and keep the names of the innocent out the bio. Please no stories from Brum or he will have to return half the things he took. Sylvain related what Ray Hunt told him on driving in the Dockyard and seeing his old ship Preserver; When Ray took over as Captain of the Preserver he was amazed at the size of his cabin. It was 76 feet wide and compared to his Cabin on Okanagan it was quite a step up. Comments were made that he couldn't dive the ship; well, maybe once. The Bios could be posted to our SAOC Web Page. Jim stated that we do have a section for Dits on our Web Page but is rather bland and we need to update it. Willy Waugh had a story about Harry Suto and his MG sports car when they were living in Portsmouth. Harry comes wheeling into Willy's place and he had a 40 ounce resting beside his leg and when he opened the door it fell out and smashed on the driveway and they both had a cry. Hope it wasn't 12-year single malt! Willy has now joined the digital age of the 20th century ie 1970's and now has push buttons on his phones in his home. Next step maybe a cell phone?

Bazoo asked help in updating our membership list on our website, and Brian Lapierre volunteered to head up this effort. He will go through and identify past submariners who have crossed the bar and pass along that information to Bazoo who will have the list updated. He was thinking of putting a cross besides each of those sailors. All members are asked to review the membership list and send an email to Brian at "lapo48@gmail.com". You can also contact Brian on Facebook Submarine Group page and he does a lot work for forposteritysake.com. The Diesel Boat section is growing as well and he has submitted another 50 pictures to this website. There are 50 course pictures and needs names to identify. Sylvain has visited the site and had to correct his course picture as he was a student not an instructor as he joined submarines as a PO1. Garry Weir was PO1 Radio operator and started this site as a skylark and he is getting a massive amount of information and pictures from the 1940-50. The link is <http://www.forposterityssake.ca/>. Brian also stated the retired electrician from NZ that had put a Web page of how the Victoria Class Propulsion system works from information from Lee Thompson and now this link has been put up on the forposteritysake web site already. Keith Estabrooks had a comment of the Xmas dinner where he had a grand time. He had only spent 40 dollars for dinner, wine, dances and a gift certificate door prize and came out 30 dollars ahead. Sylvie thanked the Beast for bringing the entertainment. Beast's lady had studied as a Ballet Dancer/Teacher but everyone had to dance fast with her so as to protect their ass which the secretary could attest to. Brum had another story about Beast's Missus about his wallet and her bra. Brum couldn't get his wallet back as his wife was right beside him.

Submariners Prayer was read by Mark Pallard

Adjournment There being no further business it was moved by Terry Chatham seconded by Brian Lapierre to adjourn the meeting at 2035 hrs. Carried.

The next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ Sr Mess 22nd Feb 2017 @ 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser
SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard
SAOC (E) Chairman