



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 22nd February 2017
MOG5 HQ SR MESS



Opening The Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at 1930 hrs. Thank you was given to CPO2 Shane Applin for bartending tonight. A moment of moment of silence was observed for all sick and ailing brothers. A Special Remembrance was given to three submariners who had just passed away. Paul Renner an ex Chief Elect who served on "O" Boats passed away on 14 February in Saint John NB. Don Stevens an ex Stewart who severed on "O" Boats passed away in Halifax 16th Feb. Paul "The Fossil" Dube an ex PO1 WU who served on "O" Boats passed away this afternoon at QE II Hospital in Halifax NS. We are waiting for the funeral announcement for Paul which will be coming out on Monday's paper. George Byzewski is in close contact with Helen Dube about the arrangements. A submarine memorial will take place at a time place TBD. May they always be remembered for their good deeds.

Attendance 18 members were in attendance: Cliff Boettcher, Buster Brown, Terry Chatham, Bob Davidson, Keith Estrabrooks, Rob Fraser, Bert Houde, Brian Lapierre, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Marc Osmond, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh and Peter Weis. **Regrets** were received from 8 members: Marc Aalbers, George Byzewski, Ron Cooper, Greg Hallonquist, Ray Hunt, Ken McMillen, Ian Mitchell and Lee Thompson. Mark Osmond stated that Vic Miniotas sent his regrets as well. The chairman will call Art Bodden as this is the first meeting Art has missed in the past three years.

Minutes the 25th January 2017 MGM minutes were distributed by email and copies were available tonight for review. There being no errors or omissions it was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by Keith Estrabrooks that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Approved

Correspondence Tridents were received and distributed. A letter was passed onto Brian Lapierre concerning a membership address update. A check for dues was passed to the Treasurer. A Membership Application was received from Murray Lewis, USN Submariner Fire Control Technician who served on USS JALLAO 1968-1972 from Kings Park, NY, USA. Mr. Lewis was born Yarmouth County, NS in 1947. Terry Chatham knows him quite well from the Pig Roasts in the States. An email was received from Victor Miniotas from Truro an ex Stewart requesting a membership application which the secretary sent to him. We remember Mini as having the smelliest shoes onboard OKANAGAN and they were buried at sea for him as a favour to the electricians who had to take the battery dips. An email was received from John Madison concerning the Battle of Atlantic Ceremony to be held at the National War Memorial in Ottawa on the 7 May 2017. They are trying to identify as many Battle of the Atlantic Veterans who will be the Ottawa area for this time to be Guests of Honour for this event. We are asked to nominate any of members with a brief Bio NLT 2 March to Susan Trimble. Unfortunately, we have only one member who qualifies, Philip Wood but he is in frail condition and we need more contact information for this event. The executive will investigate and contact John Madison on this and the chair will contact Mr. Phil Wood. Mr. Wood was part of the boarding party for the surrender of U 190 in 1945 off Newfoundland. We received a message about the retirement of LCDR Pete "Bobo" Bryan on the 13th March after 28 years. The RPC function will be held at HMCS BYTOWN the Wardroom on Lisgar Street at 1300 on 9th March in Ottawa. Those wishing to spin a dit may contact CDR Mike Mangin (819) 939-3976 or by email at MIKE.MAGIN@FORCES.GC.

Reports Chairman Had no report to give

Vice Chair Jim Northrup stated that he has only received three bios and is hoping more members will submit them to him to help update our web site. This will be a big boost to let everyone know a little more about their fellow members. As an example, Ken McMillian, has led a very interesting and active career.

There was some confusion on the Bio update and the contact information update which is being conducted by Brian Lapierre.

Secretary No report

Health and Wellness Keith Estrabrooks stated that he had some info on Wilfy Broyden. He is doing better. Wilfy will be over to Canada in the next few months and will be taking a cruise on the West Coast. Wilfy has new email address which Keith will provide. Wilfy has pulled another swift one and has moved with his wife into the Sailor's Rest Home in Liverpool UK. Buster stated that Wilfy still owes him 8 quid from 1998 for taking care him with food, booze and a fast black to Dolphin. Buster had to take the bus back as he spent all his money on Wilfy. Keith related another story about Wilfy and how much he hates to spend his own money when had to pay full price at hotel in Plymouth UK by not pre-registering for a function. Jim Northrup informed us that Cyril McDonald is out of the hospital after 113 days and 12 surgeries and is now at home recovering. He will be starting chemo therapy to fight his cancer soon. Jim stated that Cyril is interested in joining the association and we should see him the near future. Brian Lapierre stated that he had talked to Dave Yeo and he had liver transplant surgery a couple years ago, and is doing well. Sylvie stated that he has been exchanging emails with Paul Renner's family. His family wrote that Paul passed away peacefully after a very short illness. They also stated that his time in boats was a very big part of his life and we should feel free to spin any dits and share any photos on the web. Serena, Nathan and Michelle extended their thanks for our condolences extended on our behalf by Sylvain. Keith Estrabrooks related a story about when he and Paul had traveled to St John's Newfoundland in Paul's old Camaro to crash Lloyd Blagdon's wedding. This was before the Trans Canada Highway which they did in less than six hours. They were flying low and hit only every other bump. Buster related another story about Paul and a spud and wiener roast in UK with some dolly birds. Unfortunately, all they got was rain and fog and the ladies ditched them. So, all they got for their efforts was a wet and soggy meal. Keith related another story about Paul and how much he liked his rack time. They were sitting in the Aft Ends and said let's scare the shit out of Paul. They pulled the old trick of turning out all the lights and had someone dress up in a Training Escape Suit and giving Paul a shake and asked him "Are you coming?" **Buddies in Boats**. Brum related another story about when he first met Paul and Paul had pink ring about his mouth from all the Pepto-Bismol that he used drink it by the gallon. Willy Waugh had yet another story about Paul getting Willy to go back all time to make him a cup of tea when they were on watch in the Motor Room. Willy decided to make one with a table spoon of vinegar. Paul never asked Willy for another cup of tea after that. Paul passed away of at the age of 78 and secretary passed around a copy of his obituary from the funeral home. This one was lot better than one which made the local paper which didn't mention his military time.

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Social Brum Tovey expressed a concern about the Summer BBQ venue with the passing of Paul Dube and the uncertainty of Helen staying out in Rawdon on her own. Brum needs to talk to George to find out what is going on. The other venue was to be Willy Waugh's place but if he sells we will be looking for a new spot. John Meehan volunteered his place out in Chezzetcook as an alternative for the Summer BBQ. One question is if we required a Porta Potties for the ladies. This will have to be determined. The Xmas party is still on the Lions Club again like last year 15 Dec. Brum brought back some pins from UK if anyone is interested. Brum has his usual joke this time about going in for a colonoscopy. The examine was done and when the nurse came in Brum heard three word's he didn't want to hear. "Who was that?" Brum had another hard time at the border with his Duty-free booze coming back from his Mexico vacation last night. Note even if you have it all sealed up with in the proper bag once you get back to Canada you cannot bring onboard when you change planes as carry on you must pack it into your checked luggage or security will confiscate it. Beast stated that Brum and Booze do not get along at the border. Scotty Parsons stated that is cost Brum \$50 for the bottle of Grand Marnier and CSBD agent didn't care about the 400lbs for fertilizer in the back of the truck. Good thing Brum didn't let his inner voice get out

about making a bomb or he would still be there at the border.

Old Business **Web Site Membership Update** Brian Lapierre has been working on getting the SAOC E Web site membership list updated after volunteering at last MGM when the chairman asked him. There are 268 people on the list. After a brief confusion with George Byzewski a blanket email was sent out to all email addresses by Bazoo requesting that members confirm or update their personal information. 46 members have replied, 46 e-mail addresses failed and 73 have not yet responded. So, if you are not happy to reply to Brian via email you can call Brian. Brian is also identifying members who have passed away with a small cross on the membership list. It was suggested by Mark Osmond that some people will not even open an email if they do not know the sender then they will send it directly to the trash as they fear it may contain malware. So, the executive will send out an official email stating that this has been authorized for Brian Lapierre to conduct this membership update. Brian will try calling members next those with no working emails or no email address with the listed phone numbers on the member's page. Sylvie thanked Brian as this is a lot work. Brian will pass around a paper to list to present members to check their contact information

New Business **50th Anniversary of the Commissioning of HMCS ONONDAGA 22 June 2017**

The Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard moved that the MGM be moved to the 22nd June to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Commissioning of HMCS ONONDAGA at MOG5 HQ with a Mixed Dinner cost not to exceed \$1200 and be subsidized with nominal fee of \$10 per individual. Seconded by Keith Estrabrooks. We have \$14k in the bank. **Approved.** Note a short MGM will conducted prior to the Dinner same as the annual BBQ and our last 50th celebration for OJIBWA. Details will be finalized by the executive. This will be like the 50th Celebration we had for HMCS OJIBWA two years ago, that Ron Cooper headed up. Buster asked if there was going to be celebration up in RIMOUSKI at the Museum with ONONDAGA. Sylvie was not going to mention it but he was invited to this celebration and the museum would pay for the hotel accommodations but they only wanted Francophones. Sylvie has declined the invitation. The SAOC C will be having their AGM/BBQ in August at Rimouski. Buster wanted to know how this individual in Ontario found about this. This was talked about in our minutes which have been sent out and it is posted on our Web Page. Sylvie will send a function request to the MOG5 HQ soon to the chief cook. Some one said we should get Darrel Shine or Claude Gendron, the Cockroach to help with the cooking.

AOB Sylvie will have to remember to call Bert Houde by the proper name. Buster had a concern about a few items that seemed to him have gone missing in the mess and why pictures of targets were in the mess. After a brief look at what he was talking about the plate and the painting of the A Boat had just been moved after the painting of the mess and the pictures were of the periscope attacks of CPFs You can see the cross hairs. So, no worries Buster. Brian Lapierre has scanned the Ambrosia books which less is than one gig on JPEG which turned well. It took Brian six hours to scan these books. So, the question is how are we going to distribute this information? We can post it on our web page if there is enough room or get jump drives or sell them for nominal fee. Even though there is no legal copyright on these books there is a moral copyright. We therefore should contact the family of the authors and get permission. If we sell this, we could donate the profit to a charity of their choice. This will be investigated by Willy Waugh as he knows the family. Keith will not be at the next meeting as he will be down south. John Meehan passed on that Mike Broomfield a friend of Steve Jenner's had passed away in Musquodoboit Harbour three weeks ago; John also passed on regrets from Marc Aalbers who lives in Musquodoboit Harbour. Marc has had a varied military career. He remustered from a Sonar Op to Air Traffic Controller and then to the service battalion as a combat engineer and has moved back to Nova Scotia. The secretary remembers him quite well from their Basic Submarine Course (no 55) in Dec 1976. Summer BBQ is slated the Saturday 8th July. Some people asked when HMCS ATHBASCAN is having her final sail past. This the 8th of March is for ex crew members. 10th March for family day. Brian Lapierre related some commissioning crew who he knows will be on the 8th March cruise.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$45 was won by Conrad Petrikowski. Ski also won two prizes at the Xmas dance. Conard donated his winning back to the Organization.

Submariners Prayer was read by Jim Northrup

Adjournment There being no further business it was moved by Terry Chatham seconded by John Meehan to adjourned the meeting at 2035 hrs. Carried.

The next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ JR Mess 29th Feb 2017 @ 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman