



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 26th April 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 PO2 Pascal Desjardins for bartending tonight. Sylvie said he was proud to see Pascal as member of the SR Rates mess and congratulated him on his pending promotion to PO1. The Chairman thanked everyone for the great turn out for this evening's meeting. The Chairman called the meeting up for a moment of silence for all sick and ailing brothers. May they ever be remembered for all their good deeds.

Attendance 33 members were in attendance: Pierre Alarie, Rob Arbour, Art Boden, Cliff Boettcher, Buster Brown, George Byzewski, Jon Carpenter, Terry Chatham, Norm Chouinard, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Jim Gordon, Greg Hallonquist, Iain Hughes, Bert Houde, Ray Hunt, Wynn Jones, Brian Lapierre, John Madison, Ken McMillan, John Meehan, James Dusty Miller Snr, Jim Northrup, Mark Osmond, Mark Pallard, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Marcel Simard, Boyd Thomas, Lee Thompson, Brum Tovey, and Willy Waugh.

Regrets were received from 6 members Bob Davidson, Greg Pease, Conard Petrikowski, John Clahane Peter Weis and Phil Wood.

Minutes the 29th March 2017 MGM minutes were distributed by email and copies were available tonight for review. They were also sent by Bazoo and new email addresses have been added by the work of Brian Lapierre in his efforts to update the membership information. Mark Pallard asked what AOB stood for. Sylvie informed Mark it stood for Any Other Business. There being no errors or omissions it was moved by John Meehan and 2nd by Bert Houde that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried

Correspondence Tridents were received and distributed. 5 Cheques for Paul Dubé's Celebration of Life Service were received which were passed to the Treasurer. It was decided that the donors would remain anonymous. Money and cheques for dues were passed to the Treasurer. Applications for membership received from Geoff Mawdesley, Shaun MacDougal, Rob "Bats" Arbour and Iain Hughes. The secretary reported that he had received a very nice email from Geoff Mawdesley thanking us for our support and condolences on the passing of his wife Karen last month. The secretary attended the funeral and it was very well attended. Received a note from Ray Middleton concerning Paul Dubé and this will be passed onto George Byzewski to Helen Dubé. Received Parade Order for Battle of Atlantic Sunday 7 May from the Base Chief's office. Yearly bill of \$213.90 for the Association PO Box in Dartmouth Main Post Office was received and passed to the Treasurer for payment. Received a letter from Mr. David Keefe concerning the Alzheimer Society. They are looking for donations for this year's Walk for Alzheimer event taking place on Sunday 7 May 2017 starting from Cunard Center in Halifax. This will be discussed under new business. No correspondence out and Otto fuel sandwiches were placed out for the Buzzards.

Reports Chairman Sylvain Rouillard. Paul's service will happen on April 29th @ 13:00 for 13:30 at the Elmsdale, RCL. Helen Dubé wishes to have a "Submarine" themed "Crossing the Bar" and Coin Ceremony Service followed by a reception. Dress will be SAOC Blazer, Medals and no beret. Friends of Paul are encouraged to get up after the ceremony and share some stories about Paul for the benefit of Helen, family and friends. John Meehan asked when in the service will this happen? Sylvie has made a pamphlet with the program and this will happen right at the end of the service. Bazoo stated there will be a table set up to sign a registry. Local members will be allowed in but the bar will be closed until 1400 hrs or until after the service is complete. There may be a toast for Paul once the Bar is open. George has sent out an email with all the details which provides a map link for the location of the RCL Elmsdale branch.

Vice Chair Jim Northrup introduced Norm Chouinard as an accomplished musician who goes around the province to entertain people in Senior and Nursing Homes for the past few years. He is being recognized

for his volunteer work in the community on the 12th of June by the Governor General of Canada with a GG Service Medal. Congratulations Norm and a round of applause was given by all members.

Secretary Rob Fraser reported that he received two bags of American Submarine books and American Submarine Force Flag from Greg Pease. He had received them from the widow of Bill Butz, an American Submariner, and wished to donate them to SAOC for our use. After some discussion, it was decided that Terry Chatham would call Gumbo down in Groton to see if they want these items. If so they can go with a member attending the annual Pig Roast in August.

Health and Wellness Bazoo reported Irv Soapy Watson is at home resting. A call or card would be appreciated. The membership wishes Soapy well. Willy Waugh reported that Charlie Lonsdale was in hospital for eight days recently but now his wife is ill. Bazoo stated that Charlie is still hoping to attend our annual BBQ and the pig roast in Groton. Willy wants Charlie to be there as gall passer when they make the moose milk. More information to come. Brian Lapierre just received an email from Wilfy Broyden and has all his new contact information. Wilfy will be Halifax at the end of May for his daughter's retirement from the Navy. Bazoo wanted to wish Dusty Miller a happy birthday for his eighty-eighth on Saturday. George remarked that Dusty had joined submarines when he was born. The secretary piped up "we didn't think you were that old!" Bazoo said yes, he was that "old". Brum said that was when Holland was around.

Slops Greg Hallonquist informed that he had no report to give other than sales are going well.

Treasurer the Treasurer gave his report as of 26th April 2017 the closing bank balance is now \$13,831.52 after debits and credits. Upcoming expenses are as follow: 22nd June Onondaga 50th Dinner @ cost \$1,300; Summer BBQ @ cost \$1,000 for food and keg of beer; and 15 Dec Xmas Dinner Dance @ \$1,200. Ron stated that depending on how many attend the SAOC C BBQ in Rimouski in Aug we may be asked to help with the expenses. Sylvie stated that each member attending could help defer the cost as required of their own money since it shouldn't be borne by the membership. Buster raised the point that we are now below the bench mark of \$14K and expressed a concern that our finances are eroding. We were at \$23K and now we are below \$14K. We need to know how many are paying members. We must be careful with our spending. Bazoo stated that in 2004 we received a windfall of \$14K from Terry Chatham company when our finances were at \$4K. Sylvie stated that the Executive will take this under consideration and see if dues need to be increased or fund raising to be started which is difficult at any time. See how many people are joining and how many are paying dues. Marcel Simard asked about doing electronic, email transfer as he would have kept with his dues in past few years. Ron Cooper said that this had been set up for the 100th anniversary but no one used it. Ron will check into the status of this account. If feasible, this method of payment will be communicated to the membership. The Executive will take this for action and report at the Annual General meeting. Brum asked Greg Hallonquist how much money/inventory do we have in slops now. Greg answered @\$2K. Ron stated that he does not report on the assets we have in slops unlike what is done in SAOC C.

Social Brum Tovey stated that the summer BBQ is now slated for the 15th July due to rescheduling of the BBQ catering company. Brum has talked to Bazoo about the Summer BBQ venue and we are hoping we will still have it at the Dubé's. At the last meeting, John Meehan volunteered his place out in Chezzetcook as an alternative for the Summer BBQ. We should have an answer for next meeting. The Xmas Dinner Dance still on for the 15th December at the Lion's club. Bazoo piped up that is too bad that not more people take advantage of these events. The 22nd June 50th anniversary of Onondaga's commissioning has \$1300 laid aside for expenses plus we will be charging \$10 a head \$20 a couple. The Xmas Dinner Dance cost \$20 a head last year. Brum told his normal jokes. One was about Viagra which now comes in tea bags. This does not enhance sexual performance but it will prevent your biscuit from going soft. Groaner!! The next joke was about the nit pickers of the English language. There is medical difference is between having guts of having balls. We have all heard of people having guts to do something or the balls to do something. Do you really know the difference between the two of them? To keep you informed here are the definitions: Guts. Arriving home late after a night out with boys and meeting the wife at the back door with a broom and having the guts to ask "Are you still cleaning or are you flying out tonight?" Balls. Is coming home late after a night out with the guys smelling of perfume and beer with lipstick on

your collar then slapping wife on the ass and having the balls to ask “You’re next chubby.” Hope this clears up any confusion on the difference between Balls and Guts but there is no difference in the medical outcome for either; you will get kicked for both.

Old Business Paul Dubé’s Celebration of Life was previously discussed under the chairman’s report. A whip around was done and the membership was very generous. Bazoo want to thank members and submariners from across Canada for their support from people who knew Paul and sailed with him. It was good to see! Paul was well respected. John Meehan asked why the cost was \$700 for refreshments. George answered it was based on guess of 100 people attending the service at the legion. It all depends on how many people show up. George reminded the meeting this is being paid for by individuals not by SAOC. Sylvie thanked Bazoo for all his hard work.

22nd June HMCS Onondaga 50th Commissioning Anniversary We are having a celebration dinner at the MOG 5 HQ preceded by a short business meeting at 1800 hrs. Bring your better half. Consensus was to have a meeting but let Jim Northrup run it and it will be over in 5 minutes. Dinner will be at 1830hrs. Cost is \$10 per person and RSVP is required to confirm numbers. Dress will be semi-formal and members are encouraged to wear their SAOC Blazers. There will be 50/50 and raffles for attendees. The west coast SAOC is having a celebration as well. Bazoo wanted to know what the \$1300 was for as there seems to be some confusion. This was voted for at the Feb meeting to cover expenses. The tickets at \$10 a head to encourage people to attend and to confirm numbers. This covers wine and other expenses. Next year we will celebrate the 50th for HMCS Okanagan.

Web Site Membership Update Brian Lapierre gave his report on the SAOC Web Site Membership Update. Of the 289 members’ list, he was able to contact 159 members with another 129 left to be reached by phone or email. Bazoo gave a BZ to Brian for his efforts. There are a lot of people on the roll who have not paid their dues in a long time. The Treasurer has a list of who is current. Bazoo stated there are a lot of people on the list who do not come and have not replied to any communications sent to them in years. To be noted there are two people listed Serge Bastien and Don Courcy who live in PQ and are members of SAOC C. They should be removed from our roll. Note some people that Brian called have not responded. Also to be noted some people do not want their information published on the web site as there is a concern that our Web site has been hacked in the past. Brian is to be congratulated on his efforts as this not an easy job. There will have to be an Executive meeting to decide on a way ahead on who is current and who should be removed from the current list and archived. To be noted that we have a volunteer Web Master.

New Business Battle of Atlantic Sunday 7 May the Chair stated that the ceremony starts at 1100 hrs but be there early by 1000 hrs to get a parking space. Dress is SAOC Blazer with Medals and berets. The Chair gives his regrets as he will be in Cuba but Jim Northrup will fill in and place the wreath on behalf of the SAOC with Buster Brown. John Meehan stated that RCL Colour parties were not invited to attend the parade at Point Pleasant Park cenotaph by the Base Chief offices. Other Legions are attending ceremonies at different cenotaphs. Arranged by the Base Chief’s Office, there will be an Access bus to transport disabled veterans from the Point Pleasant Park parking lot to the cenotaph. You have to provide your own wheel chair if required. Hopefully Phil Wood will be able to attend as he is 95 years young. Terry Chatham is in contact with Phil and will arrange. We have a wreath being looked after by Cliff Boettcher. Cost being \$80.

Walk for Alzheimer event taking place on Sunday 7 May As discussed in correspondence. We received a letter from Mr. David Keefe concerning the Alzheimer Society. They are looking for donations for this year’s Walk for Alzheimer event taking place on Sunday 7 May 2017 starting from Cunard Center in Halifax. We donated \$500 last year from SAOC. This year we have decided to let individual members make their own donations. This can be done by visiting walkforalzhiemers.ca Web Site. This happens after the BAO ceremony. Will ensure that membership are made aware by email.

AOB Sylvie stated that the Pin Plaques made by Lee Thompson are available in slops for \$15. He thanked Lee for his good work.

When Terry Chatham was in South Carolina for the Pig Roast he found out that USS Pittsburgh (Old LA Class) will be visiting Halifax in late Aug (date TBA.) They are looking to hook up for a reception. As they will be berthed over Shearwater the Chair suggested we could have a reception at the Shearwater Yacht Club as he is a member. Tours for the submarine is possible. If it is on the 25th-27 Aug some will be in Rimouski for SAOC C Onondaga celebration. Buster asked what is the last Wednesday in Aug. which is 31 Aug. Ron was told by John Clahane that Terry was asleep standing up when they arrived on the plane. Good thing they weren't flying on United. Terry said that is why they went on Delta.

Brian Lapierre asked how many have gone online to see "Ambrosia and its Supplement on the Diesel Boats Forever section on Garry Weir's website www.forposterityssake.ca. Some have done so. Brian also stated that if any one has any submarine pictures, course photos you can forward it him to be posted.

Brian asked if they have any contact information of any former shipmates listed, they are to please forward it to the secretary and/or Brian Lapierre. Or they can ask these members to contact us directly by email, phone or send a letter to SAOC E mail box SAOC(E) PO Box 91, Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 3Y2.

Mark Pallard – On this date,

50/50 The 50/50 of \$80 was won by Pascal Desjardins. Pascal donated half his winnings back to the SAOC E

Submariners Prayer was read by Ray Hunt

Adjournment There being no further business it was moved by John Madison seconded by Greg Hallonquist to adjourn the meeting at 20:20 hrs. Carried.

The next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ JR Mess 31 May 2017 @ 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman