



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 31 May 2017

MOG5 HQ JR MESS



Opening the Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at 1930 hrs. Thank you was given to MS McConville for bartending tonight. The Chairman thanked everyone for the great turn out for this evening's meeting. The Chairman gave special welcome to Wilfy Broyden and Tex Ranger, members we had not seen in a while. The Chairman called the meeting up for a moment of silence for all sick and ailing brothers. The Chairman gave special mention to following from SAOC (C) Les LeMessurier, who passed away on the 6th May at Kingston General Hospital at the age of 72. From SAOC (W) their Chairman informed us that Jim Hinde passed away on the 8th May. They are looking for any stories that can be shared about him from the members. May they ever be remembered for their good deeds.

Attendance 30 members were in attendance: Mark Aalbers, Pierre Alarie, Art Boden, Ron Butchart, George Byzewski, Wilfy Broyden, Jon Carpenter, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Bob Davidson, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Bert Houde, Ray Hunt, Brian Lapierre, Andy Lovasi, Ken McMillan, John Meehan, James Dusty Miller Snr, Jim Northrup, Marc Pallard, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, Tex Ranger, Sylvain Rouillard, David Russell, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh and Peter Weis.

Regrets were received from 8 members Rob Arbour, Buster Brown, Cliff Boettcher, Greg Hallonquist, Mark Osmond, Lee Thompson, Soapy Watson, and Phil Wood.

Minutes the 26 April 2017 MGM minutes were distributed by email and copies were available tonight for review. Dusty Miller wanted to bring a point of order on the agenda and under the MGM monthly minutes concerning the 50th Anniversary of HMCS ONONDAGA Dinner on the 22nd June and cost of 10 dollars at the door. The chair stated that this will be discussed under Old Business. There being no errors or omissions it was moved by John Meehan and 2nd by John Clahane that the minutes be accepted as distributed. **Carried**

Correspondence Tridents were received and distributed. 1 Cheque and one cash donation for Paul Dube's Celebration of Life Service were received which were passed to the Treasurer. The secretary reported that he had received a very nice letter concerning Paul Dube's Celebration of Life from Larry Pike with another cheque for his dues. Larry is now paid up for dues for the next five years. The secretary read out his letter to the meeting. Larry concluded his letter by saying "He was proud to belong to an Organization that looks after its members as well as this one does."

Reports Chairman Sylvain reported that he attended PO1 Al Perry's retirement function last week at the MOG5 HQ SR Mess. He stated we can start posting retirement msgs on the SAOC Web page.

Vice Chair Nothing to report.

Secretary Nothing to report.

Health and Wellness Wilfy Broyden let us know what is going on with his health. He had not been at a meeting in over four years. He had a rough patch and is still suffering from bone cancer but he is feeling better. He has increased his weight from 118lbs to a reasonable weight. Brian Lapierre stated that Wilfy can start doing Cartwheels again like he used to do.

Brian Lapierre reported to the meeting as we know that Paul Renner had passed away on the 14 Feb 2017. But he had additional sad news, that Paul's Wife Serina passed away on the 10 Mar. His daughter told him that she faded quickly after Paul's death and wanted to be with him.

Slops Greg Hallonquist gave his regrets therefore no report on slops

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his detailed financial report as of 31 May 2017. The closing bank balance is

now \$15,038.87 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. Paul Dube's Celebration of Life at Elmsdale Legion cost was detailed. The balance of the donations would be given to Helen Dube. All of the money spent on this event was donated by the membership. None of the money expensed was taken from SAOC (E) Operating fund. George Byzewski stated that this is the way he pictures our SAOC functioning.

It was recommended by George Byzewski that the chairman write a thank you letter to the Elmsdale Legion for their support for Paul Dube's Celebration of life.

Social Brum Tovey stated that Ron had covered all his points already. Brum stated that the summer BBQ is still slated for the 15th July with a keg of beer. CSB is not available for the keg. Everyone is welcome. The Xmas Dinner Dance is still on for the 15th December at the Lion's Club. The 22nd June 50th Anniversary of Onondaga's commissioning dinner has \$1300 laid aside for expenses plus we will be charging \$10 a head. Brum told only one joke tonight. This was about a man who reached the Pearly gates and asked by St Peter what he had done to be allowed in. The man said that he come to the protection of young woman who was being harassed by gang of Hells Angels. So, he went up to the biggest, hairiest, dirtiest biker of the bunch and kicked over his bike and slapped him around. St Peter thought about this then asked when did this happen. The man answered an hour ago.

Old Business

22nd June HMCS Onondaga 50th Commissioning Anniversary Dinner

We are having a celebration dinner at the MOG 5 HQ, that was to be preceded by a short business meeting at 1800 hrs. Bring your better half or a guest. 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 a 50/50 draw and raffles for attendees. We need to know how many will attend. Last time we ordered 60 dinners for the Ojibwa 50th. It was decided that members can pay the treasurer at the meeting in person (which is happening), pay at the door but give us a commitment soonest through email/phone to one of the executive, or send confirmation and money to our Secretary: Rob Fraser SAOC (East) PO Box 91, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Y2

Dusty Miller Snr raised a concern about having just a short meeting before the meal on the 22nd June and that the minutes and agenda implied that we would be charging 10 dollars a head for attending the meeting. This was not the case as the money was for the dinner only. After much discussion, it was decided that the regular SAOC meeting will be held on the last Wednesday of the Month 28th June iaw the SAOC (E) By-Laws and there would no meeting before the Anniversary Dinner on the 22nd June.

It was moved Dusty Miller Snr seconded by George Byzewski that the 28th June SOAC (E) meeting be canceled due the closeness to Onondaga 50th Commissioning Dinner Function on the 22nd June and the SAOC (E) Annual BBQ on the 15 July. After discussion, the vote was taken. The motion was **defeated**.

Battle of Atlantic Sunday 7 May the Vice Chair Jim Northrup gave a report on the BOA Sunday Parade at Point Pleasant Park. There was good turn out SAOC members despite the cold and rainy weather. Jim and Buster Brown laid a wreath on behalf of the SAOC (E).

Paul Dube's Celebration of Life George Byzewski gave an excellent report on Paul's Celebration of Life at the Elmsdale Legion on the 29th April. There was a good turnout by the members as demonstrated by the group picture. The civilians from the Rawdon area thought it was a drop-in event like they have in their area. Paul had passed away in Feb and his body was donated to Dalhousie medical university. His body will be returned at some time in the future for interment. The Dubes' put a thank you note in the paper for all the SAOC assistance.

New Business The chairman read an email from James Kappel, SMV Program Assistant, Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, which ask if he was the POC for Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers for our group. Terry Chatham stated that when he was chair he got the same type of letter from the same

office concerning the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. So, he was the POC for all SAOCs so he recommended that Sylvie do the same as he is the current chairman. So, Sylvie was volunteered.

AOB Terry Chatham mentioned that he has booked six rooms in Groton for the Sub Vets Pig Roast for the first weekend in Aug. If anyone is interested in going please contact him for a room.

George Byzewski stated that we should not single people out in the minutes about membership. The secretary and Chairman stated that this had been discussed in the last meeting and no one said not to put it in the record. This was not meant to be intentional and we will take better care what is sent out in the minutes.

Bazoo also stated that there was a problem with the website member list access saying it had been compromised which was discovered by Don Courcy. This has been corrected by the SAOC Web Master. The **User name** is floodq12345 and the **password** is blowq12345.

Wilfy Broyden said hello to everyone and stated he was here in Halifax to be at his daughter's retirement function from the Navy next Tuesday noon at the Shearwater SR mess. Wilfy said he will be flying back to UK end of next week. Brian Lapierre has both his addresses in UK.

Web Site Membership Update: Brian Lapierre is still working on the SAOC E Membership contact list. He will be in contact with Ron Cooper to see who are paid up as members.

Marc Aalbers informed us that the last time he was in Squadron was 1979 before his remuster. He brought greetings from S/Lt Hines who sailed with him on Onondaga who retired as Major General.

Brum Tovey stated that Submariners have been given their own table at the Elmsdale Legion. Now we just get one built.

Ron Butchart stated he was glad to see nothing has changed at SAOC meetings

John Meehan informed us that Legion members can now wear Veteran Scroll badge on their blazers. This was decided at the annual national Legion convention. They can be purchased through Legion Slops.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$70 was won by Art Bodden.

Submariners Prayer was read by Mark Aalbers

Adjournment There being no further business it was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by Bert Houde to adjourn the meeting at 20:20 hrs. Carried.

The next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ SR Mess 28th June 2017 @ 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman