



## Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 30 August 2017

MOG5 HQ SR MESS



**Opening** the Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order (open-up for dive) at 1930 hrs. The Chairman thanked everyone for the excellent turn out for this meeting on this beautiful evening. Thank you was given to Shane Applin for bartending tonight. Be generous to the bartender. The Chairman called the meeting up for a moment of silence for all sick and departed members. The secretary read out the notices on passing of the several individuals. Dave McNutt age 65 past away in London Ontario on Thursday, June 8th, 2017, the passing of Suzanne Hills wife of Brian Hills in Charlottetown PEI Saturday, August 12, 2017, and Tyler Mullen age 45 who suddenly passed away on 27 Aug 2017 in Amherst NS. May they all be remembered for their good deeds.

**Attendance** 26 members were in attendance: Shane Applin, Rob Bray, Buster Brown, Art Bodden, Cliff Boettcher, Ron Butchart, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Bob Davidson, Rob Fraser, Ray Hunt, Wynn Jones, Brian Lapierre, Ken McMillan, John Meehan, Marc Osmond, Jim Northrup, Sylvain Rouillard, Marcel Simard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, Phil Webster, Peter Weis and Tim Slinger Wood

**Regrets** were received from 13 members: Mark Aalbers, Jon Carpenter, Don Courcy, Keith Estabrooks, Jim Gordon, Bert Houde, Greg Hallonquist, Geoff Mawdesley, James Dusty Miller Snr, Dave Russell, Conrad Petrikowski, Jerry Sigrist, Lee Thompson, and Soapy Watson.

Concern was raised about Garry Hopkins as he has not made many meetings in the past year. Bazoo said he saw Hoppy in the last six weeks and he was well. Brian Lapierre said he had talked to Hoppy and he has his email but no computer as his old one had crapped out. Hoppy had bought a new one but could not master Windows 10 so he took it back.

**Minutes** the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 MGM minutes were distributed by email and a few hard copies were available tonight for review. Two errors were picked up by the Treasurer. The cost for the Xmas dinner should read “20 dollars a head” not per couple. The next MGM date should have read Aug not July. The minutes were approved as amended.

**Correspondence** Email received from Charlie Lonsdale was read to the meeting by the chairman. He talked about Paul Dube’s passing. He also stated it was good catch up with old faces. The annual trip to the Pig Roast in Groton went as expected (Excellent). He hopes to visit again next year. To Terry Chatham thank you for the ride and keep my seat reserved for next year.

Tridents were received and distributed. Application form and check for \$100 for dues was received from Ted Stiles was passed to the Treasurer. According to Ron Cooper Ted was in fine form last weekend. Ted was a CSE officer on “O” Boats. Several members stated that Ted was very colourful when serving. His nick name was Johnny Cab. Ted had a good hiding space in the Forends where the XO couldn’t find him.

**Reports Chairman** The chairman reported that he had been busy in the past month. Sylvie made several CD copies of the Dolphin March and are available through Brian Lapierre after he puts the graphic art on the case and CD. Sylvie updated the Bylaws and Constitution to the 2012 version from approved AGMs By-Law submissions and it is now on the Web Site. Sylvie was at Rimouski for SAOC Central AGM/BBQ. Good time was had by all at meet and greet, AGM, BBQ and departure breakfast. Good to see old friends. We hosted the USS Providence on 25 Aug Friday at RCNA Club in Halifax and again at the ANAF Club on Main Street Dartmouth on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**Vice Chair** Jim Northrup has taken a lot of photos at the last few functions/events. Jim is going to put these into a portfolio he will try to bring them in for the October meeting and if anyone wants any he can print them off. Tim Wood asked if they can be copied onto CD and Jim said yes, he could do that.

**Secretary** Nothing to report.

**Health and Wellness** This was discussed under regrets. No further reports on Health and Wellness

**Slops** Greg Hallonquist gave his regrets therefore no report on slops. Sylvie reported that Greg Hallonquist had set up everyday at the SAOC Central AGM in Rimouski and sold between 500-600 dollars of mechanise. Ron Cooper reported that Central has decided to suspend their slops sales. The reason was that no one was willing to take over from Gordie Burns. Gordie had been doing this job for eight years.

**Treasurer** Ron Cooper gave his detailed financial report as of 30 August 2017(See attached report). The closing bank balance is now \$11,575.701 after debits and credits. We do have a bill for the Hosting of the USS Providence for \$332 from Terry Chatham. We do have money coming in from Greg Hallonquist. The cost of 15 Dec Xmas Dinner Dance will be @ \$1,200. The cost will be subsidized by tickets sales at \$20 a head to cover wine and door prizes. Buster Brown raised a concern about the bench mark for the operating fund which was supposed to be \$14K. This was discussed at the last couple MGMs about some fundraising ideas which will be reported on. The \$14K benchmark was never set in concrete but was generally agreed to during the 2004 anniversary after the GICs had been cashed in to give the SAOC operating funds of \$23K. Buster thinks that we are putting out too much money and not getting enough back in. We still want to have our functions and encourage more people to attend and if all members pay their dues in a timely fashion we should be alright. Note we do have @ \$3K in assets in slops. After lots of discussion on options (raise dues?) in how to bring money in it was decided that the Executive would have a special meeting at the Elmsdale Legion on the 8 Sept at 1600 hrs and come up with a business plan/budget and fund-raising ideas.

**Social:** Brum hopes that attendance for the Xmas dance will be as good as the summer BBQ. The Xmas Dinner/Dance is still on for the 15<sup>th</sup> December at the Lion's Club in Sackville. Brum told two old groaners. The second one was why you can't solve a red neck murder. First the DNA samples all matches and there are no dental records.

**Old Business Submarine Calendar** Rob Fraser reported that he had tried to get in contract with Larry Hickey concerning the cost for the 2014 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Submarine Calendar. We sold approximately 1000 calendars and made @ \$3K after expenses (\$7K). We were charging \$10 a copy. Larry had taken over the design and contact with the printing company and graphic artist. Rob had done all the research and provided all the photographs from various sources. Ron Cooper said that Peter Bryan's wife works at Nimbus design and will try liaising with her. Ron Cooper stated that we could try to do this every year with good quality photos and make \$3K a year. Plus, we could try to get some sponsorship from various companies. Slinger Wood stated there is not a lot of time to so this. Rob Fraser explained it took only three weeks to get the 2014 calendar done. Rob will contact the printing company and the graphic artist to check on prices. And yes, we will ensure that we do not have an extra day like the last one. We will have something else in there to see if everyone is paying attention.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rum** We had talked about doing the rum again and Bazoo had been asked to check with Iron Works Distillery in Lunenburg. George had talked to their sales manager and they cannot do the same run for \$35 a bottle like last time. It would cost \$42 a bottle this time. It was a lot of work in 2014 and we would not make very much. It was decided not to pursue this fundraiser.

**Groton Pig Roast** Terry Chatham reported that all nine members who attended had a great time. Not everyone got their T-Shirts as they had to be redone. Terry will pick them up at the WWII Vets function in October. Some people asked where was Willy Waugh? Taff Jones was asked and he said he knows nothing! Brum stated that at the Hotel they stayed at they had draught Guinness on Tap and it was very well received. They drank all the Miller Genuine Draught the first night as they did not get enough.

**Rimouski SAOC Central AGM/BBQ and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HMCS Onondaga Commissioning** Ron Cooper reported that 16 members, some with their wives, made up to 24 people that attended the function in Rimouski. Special mention was given to Bill Venator and Alvin Carrier. John Meehan stated he was disappointed that he found this event was not very well organized. We had taken time to fill in the preregistration on line but there was no choice for the food and no list at the BBQ. There was just pork no chicken. It was great to see old friends, to tour the ONONDAGA (the cleanest submarine ever) and visit the Escape Trainer. It was not a Pig Roast or BBQ but roast pork supplied by caterers. Jerry Brown was extremely well organized for having supplied the food for the Meet & Greet and more of the same for the AGM meeting itself. Everyone enjoyed the slide show which was provided to Central which was done up by Rob Fraser.

Sylvie thanked Rob for providing this. Lou Martell showed up with a lot of his family. The museum is getting 1300 visitors per day and are doing a very good job.

**USS Providence Visit** Sylvie stated that it was the USS Providence not the Pittsburgh. Rob Fraser asked who had gotten the name wrong. Terry Chatham fessed up for some reason he thought it was the Pittsburgh when he was visiting the fleet reserve in Charlestown this spring. He thought the COB had said Pittsburgh. We hosted the USS Providence on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug at RCNA Peregrine Club. Although we had only 5 members attend as most were in Rimouski, 30 American submariners showed up and all had a great time. Terry asked one young sailor how he liked Halifax? He said he enjoyed it very much as everyone smiled as they enjoyed living here. We again hosted them at ANAF Club on Main Street Dartmouth on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug. Only the COB and the CERA showed up. They were expecting more of their crew to show up but the submarine was sailing the next day. They enjoyed themselves and presented us with a ship's crest which Sylvie showed at the meeting and displayed it in our SAOC Case in the MOG5 hallway.

**MGM in New JR Mess** Ron Cooper is still checking into having a MGM at the new JR Mess in Tribute Tower. Ron says he has the proper person to contact who is the Fleet Club Manager. The old Fleet Club has been demolished but the parking lot is under construction. Ron will try booking the facility perhaps for the Oct MGM and get a tour of the new building once the parking lot is finished.

**SAOC East Membership** Sylvain reported that the membership list has been put to bed and the new list will be posted on the website. Sylvie thanked Brain Lapierre for all his hard work. Only members will be able to access the list but there will be no exact addresses or phone numbers listed due to privacy concerns. If you want to contact a member, send an email or call the chairman.

**Honorary membership for PO2 Robin Jutras**, Ron Cooper reported that PO2 Robin Jutras, a musician of The Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy, was made an Honorary Submariner for her excellent work in writing the Dolphin march for the Submarine Service and our Association by SAOC Central at their AGM. Sylvie stated that we made her an honorary member at our last meeting and he had sent an email to the other branches recommending this. Sylvie stated that Central will play the Dolphin March at the beginning of their meetings and say the submariner's prayer at the end like we do. John Meehan stated that he had read in this month's Trident that the Coast Guard now has an Official march composed by the Stadacona Band and it is going for royal approval. Is this being done by SAOC West for our Dolphin March?

**BSQ Graduation** Rob Fraser reported that he and Sylvie had presented the Top Student Award to the latest BSQ course in Aug. It was a small course with only 12 students. Sylvie said he was surprised to see a PO2 Hull Tech on course. Due to trade consolidation, he is now an electrician as all three engineering trades have combined into one. He will have a steep learning curve. We know who will be going into the shit tank for sure.

**New Business** - The latest 2012 Constitution and By-Laws are posted to our website. They were reviewed by Dusty and Bazoo after the Chairman put the document together.

- SAOC Common Constitution: Lloyd Barnes, President of SAOC(W), had brought up that we should work on coming up with a common constitution since we are, to the world, the Submariners Association of Canada and we should present a common front. A teleconference was organized for SAOC (E) Chairman, (C) & (W) Presidents to discuss. Sylvie drafted the first draft of a Common Constitution prior to the teleconference. During the telecon, all agreed that since we share the same name, crest and purposes, a common constitution would be a great idea. All also agreed that we should remain independent in the working of each of our branches. The first draft of the common constitution spelled out this fact that we should remain autonomous and financially independent of each other. Also, the intents of our purposes should not change. After minor wording, syntax and grammar changes, a 3rd draft was agreed to be presented to each of our membership for adoption and ratification at a later date once all three SAOC branches were in agreement.

The Chairman will send out, with these minutes, a copy of this common constitution draft 3 along with our current constitution for everyone to review. At Buster's suggestion of giving the members plenty of time to review and comment, and since we cannot officially adopt this until all three branches have their say, we decided to vote on adopting the new common constitution at the 2017 AGM. This means that any changes required to the By-Laws as a result of this will have to wait until the 2018 AGM. SAOC Central has already adopted this draft at their AGM in Aug, but are waiting for East and West to approve. West will vote on this at

their AGM in February 2018. If this vote by East and West is favourable, Sylvie will propose amendments to our By-Laws to reflect the new constitution.

**AOB** Ron Cooper stated that when he was at the Groton Pig Roast he was asked by the American Sub Vets when we were going to have another function like we had in 2014 and could they come up for. We could do something for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Okanagan's Commissioning at the new Fleet Club and combine the Summer BBQ for this event as well. Some food for thought for a weekend for 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We will have to investigate the cost for food and everything. Terry Chatham said it would be Hands under the Sea. This is just an idea and no rush.

Brum Tovey spoke of Tyler Mullen; he went on line to the Funeral Guest Book and a lot of people had written a very nice things about Tyler. Sylvie said he had done rounds up in Saint Laurent Block in Windsor Park and when he opened the closet in Tyler's room he found a lizard staring back out at him. Brum got a call from Shannon Park Rink and was told to get over there; Tyler and Terry Dugas had taken the Zamboni completely apart in a million pieces, laying on the rink floor sitting on a 24 of Keith's. They put it all back together in working order. Another story is when Tyler had gave the EO in his whites a great big bear hug just after he finished doing the outside greasing under the casing. Tyler had passed away in his sleep. The funeral notice asked for donations to the Diabetes Society.

Boyd Thomas reported that he had screeched in the COB of the Pittsburgh on Friday at the RCNA.

Brian Lapierre reported that ONONDAGA's Commissioning book has been added to forprosteritysake web site. Both ONONDAGA and OJIBWA's books are there. Pages 84 and 85 have been added to Ray Hunt's Book on the same web site. Brian was down to the Bonaventure Memorial Anchor in Point Pleasant Park. There is a movement afoot to get it repaired. If anyone is interested Brian can provide a link to the fundraising site. The person involved is Allen Dinger Bell, a submariner who was on the Kootnay explosion and the Okanagan crunch. Brian also made CDs of the Dolphin March and is passing them out. Sylvie asked if anyone had watched the Grey Rover Video which was done by Barry Dickson. Brian reported that this video clip is also on forprosteritysake.ca. You can also Goggle this and it is a 20-minute video. It is very well done. The 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the OKANAGAN Crunch will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Place and time TBD.

Jim Northrup proposed that we should have a break half way through the meetings to recharge our glasses as it gets dry after an hour or so. Everyone agreed it is fine idea

**50/50** The 50/50 of \$60 was won by John Meehan. Brum gave his regrets for next meeting as he will be in Sicily on Vacation. Brum asked for a volunteer to look after the 50/50. Jim Northrup volunteered.

**Submariners Prayer** was read by Rob Fraser

**Adjournment** There being no further business it was moved by John Meehan and seconded by Ron Butchart to adjourn the meeting at 21:00 hrs. Carried.

The next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ JR Mess 27 September 2017 @ 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman