



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 27 September 2017

MOG5 HQ JR 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. Thank you was given to MS Shaun McConville for bartending tonight. Be generous to the bartender. Marc Osmond was selling the 50/50 tickets for Brum Tovey who is on vacation. The Chairman called the meeting up for a moment of silence for all sick and departed members. We were informed by email from Lucky Gordon that Mark Lawrence is in the Dartmouth General Hospital. Brian Lapierre informed us that Frank Lenk died 16 September 2017 in Victoria, BC. He was Commissioning crew on Ojibwa. Alan Murphy died 10 September 2017 in Ottawa, Ontario. He also was Commissioning crew on Ojibwa. May they all be remembered for their good deeds.

Attendance 27 members were in attendance: Mark Aalbers, Rob Braye, Buster Brown, Art Bodden, Jerry Bourgeois, Cliff Boettcher, Ron Butchart, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Rob Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Ray Hunt, Bert Houde, Wynn Jones, Brian Lapierre, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Marc Osmond, Marc Pallard, Sylvain Rouillard, Marcel Simard, Boyd Thomas, Lee Thompson, Phil Webster, Mike Wigger and Tim Slinger Wood.

Regrets & Health and Wellness Regrets were received from 11 members: John Clahane, Bob Davidson, Jim Gordon, Geoff Mawdesley, Ken McMillan, James Dusty Miller Snr (feeling poorly), Conrad Petrikowski, Jerry Sigrist, Brum Tovey, Soapy Watson and Peter Weis.

The Chair asked if anyone had heard from John Gullion. No one could provide an update. (edit: he was on vacation). Peter Heppleston's wife Nancy is in hospital in New York State due infection and kidney problems. They are waiting for a hospital bed in Ottawa to open to bring her back but she is getting better. Mac Boniface, the Scratcher Bosun, is in Ontario and he just had a heart attack and is waiting for bypass surgery. We received a couple emails from Lucky Gordon that Mark Lawrence is in the Dartmouth General Hospital in room 4483. No details but he is allowed visitors with no restrictions. Mark was an RP on Ojibwa. He was a Sgt Commissionaire running the ID section in Shearwater. Marcel Simard said that his nick name was Mad Dog. The secretary stated that there was only one real Mad Dog and that was Marc Pallard even though he reformed and became Angry Puppy. Sylvie gave special greeting to Mike Wigger as he just noticed him hiding behind a pillar.

The Chairman stated that he should have said this at the start of the meeting if anyone needs to recharge their glasses or go the head they can go right ahead as we agreed to this at the last meeting, no permission is required.

Minutes the 30th Aug 2017 MGM minutes were distributed by email and a few hard copies were available tonight for review. A couple people who do not have email had not had a chance to read them. Despite this, hearing that there were no errors or omissions, the minutes were accepted as distributed.

Correspondence Tridents were received and distributed and a dues check for \$100 from Billy Bimm from Ontario which was passed to the Treasurer. No correspondence out.

Reports Chairman The chairman reported he had sent out the old constitution and the proposed constitution via the secretary to all prior to the meeting, which will be discussed under old business. We also had an Executive meeting at the Elmsdale Legion on the 8 Sept to come up with a business plan/budget and fund-raising ideas which will be reported under old business. The chair sent an email to the membership and the treasurer stating that members can pay their dues by interact by emailing the chairman's email account. He has received some dues, which were passed to the treasurer. It was noted that Willy Waugh has touch Tone phone now but still has his rotary phone which is coming back into fashion.

Vice Chair Nothing to report.

Secretary Nothing to report.

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his detailed financial report as of 27 September 2017 (See attached report). The closing bank balance is now \$11,484.94 which was corrected after John Meehan had picked up a mistake in the total. It was joked that Ron Cooper was on the Phoenix system. Greg Hallonquist gave some invoices and \$900 cash from slop sales. The bill for hosting about 30 crew of the USS Providence for \$332 was paid to Terry Chatham. Buster Brown asked exactly what this was for. This was for refreshment food and alcohol at the RCNA and at ANAF which he received permission from the chairman. The cost of 15 Dec Xmas Dinner Dance will be @ \$1,200. The cost will be subsidized and there will be by raffle ticket sales to cover wine and door prizes.

Social: The chair reminded everyone the Xmas Dinner/Dance is still on for the 15th December at the Lion's Club in Sackville. The more people that turnout will reduce our costs with more tickets sales. The cost is \$20 a person. It is not restricted to members; friends and family can be invited as well. If the Beast is there his missus will get you up dancing, just dance fast. Lots of fun!

MGM in New JR Mess Ron Cooper has confirmed that he has made a booking to hold our October MGM at the new JR Mess in Tribute Tower. The old Fleet Club has been demolished but the parking lot is still under construction. Hopefully it will be completed prior to our meeting. More to follow by email.

Old Business

Financial Executive Meeting Way Ahead the Executive held a meeting at the Elmsdale Legion on the 8th Sept to come up with a business plan/budget and fund-raising ideas to address concerns of the SAOC finances for a way ahead. Also attending serendipitously was Taff Jones. Taff supplied a round of beer, which was well appreciated. Ron Cooper provided a yearly financial report for the past five years: We have about 100 members on the book, with some life members and about 53 members that pay yearly, returning about \$1060/year. We looked at the actual expenses of running our Association: The yearly PO Box rental \$220, 2x Wreaths @\$85 each for BOA and Remembrance Day ceremonies \$170, secretary supplies \$220, 50/50 double roll raffle tickets (\$60), and bank fees \$50 for a total of \$720. This leaves \$340 for supplementing SAOC(E) functions, such as the Summer BBQ, and for various other discretionary spending. We do have additional money coming in from the sale of 50/50 tickets that averages about \$600 per year, almost half of what we get in from dues. Brum is doing a fantastic job here. Although we shouldn't count the proceeds of the 50/50 as income, it is a given and as long as we keep doing a draw at every opportunity, those extra funds will help recoup the cost of subsidizing some functions.

We all agreed that the membership dues should be put towards the cost of running the association and we should be very careful in doling out this 'dues' money to subsidies of functions and to various charities. With this in mind, we all agreed that the current dues of \$20 per year is sufficient to cover the cost of operation of the SAOC(E) and that we will propose, at the AGM, to keep the annual membership dues at \$20/year.

After the report was passed, Buster Brown raised the idea of going back to separate accounts, one for operating at \$1500 and another one to remain isolated, to keep the operating account topped up so we would not run short. Buster wants better financial control. Bazoo stated that we had combined both accounts into one account years ago. We had given donations to Alberta flood relief and other charities which was voted by the membership. Buster informed the meeting that Terry Chatham had sold 50/50 tickets at three Moosehead games at the Metro Centre which made \$3000 for us. It was decided at this meeting that if there are new requests for donations for special/worthy causes this should be supported by fund raising or passing the hat as was done for Paul Dube's Celebration of Life. Also, we will put out a

donation box at the Summer BBQ to help pay for the beer keg. As an Executive we will be more cautious on where we spend our money. Marc Osmond stated that he belongs to another organization that members who showed up chipped in to the hat but those who rarely attended did not. His organization increased the dues from \$10 to \$20. So, half went to operating expenses and half went to charity. Ron Cooper stated that we had a raffle for Pony Moore's 100 anniversary rum bottle which all went to the ALS charity. Brum took the initiative to order a couple submarine decanters to be put up for raffle at SR and JR mess plus at our meetings. Mike Wigger went out to his car and brought in a Glass Submarine Decanter and put it on display on the executive table for all to see. Marcel Simard stated that one of the purpose of the Organization, and he quoted from the Constitution from Article 2 Objectives para b, "enhance the well-being of submariners past and present and their families commensurate to the resources within the association." Vice Chair stated that this was done to support submariners who were suffering from various diseases at the time. This was not for other charities ie breast cancer unless the individual wants to raise it as a fund raising project. The chair stated that we are a social club but we are benevolent as well to help each other out. George Byzewski stated that we have an AGM coming up and we have until end Oct to submit in writing any changes to the Treasurer's job ie having an operating fund and general fund bank accounts, if we so wished to proceed this way. The Executive will report at the AGM on the financial way ahead if we need to raise the dues. Mike Wigger donated the submarine decanter for a raffle prize. Everyone thanked Mike for his generosity.

New Common SAOC Constitution At the previous MGM in August the Chairman stated that a common constitution for all three branches had been drafted and a copy would be sent to the membership for review and comments, which was done prior to this meeting. The chair stated that he wanted this to be a quick discussion and not one that goes into detailed grammar review of the new constitution, although he thanked those who had already provided feedback in writing and stated that their ideas will be discussed between the leadership of the three SAOC, and if common ground is found, amendments to this draft will be effected. The chair asked for a general opinion if this was a good idea and if there was something in the new constitution that was glaringly incorrect or missing. After discussion it was decided this was a good idea and no glaring problems were observed in the new document. The Chair put a notice that he will move at the AGM that we adopt the "SAOC Constitution - Common Inclusive Draft 3" document to replace our current constitution. He stated that once all three branches had voted on accepting this, more work would more than likely be required to be done to the document since members would certainly put forward ideas that may change the wording etc. and that the leadership of all three branches would modify the final document to their satisfaction prior to ratification. Also, a reminder that any amendments to the By-Laws must be submitted in writing prior to the end of October.

AOB

JR Mess at Stadacona Ron Cooper has booked the October meeting at the new Fleet Club at the JR Mess at Stadacona in Tribute Tower on 25 Oct 2017 @ 1800 hrs with tours at no cost. This will depend on parking situation and the Chairman will have to find out if an access list is required. A decision will have to be made by next week if we can hold the meeting at Stad or the MOG5 HQ SR mess will have to be booked. Ron will have to co-ordinate with the chair on this issue. Email will be sent out prior to the Oct meeting confirming the location.

Brian Lapierre reported that Wade Berglund had posted an article and pictures on Face Book about his vacation in Europe. He laid a wreath at the grave of PO Vern McCloud at the Portland cemetery. Bazoo asked if Brian could forward this to him so they could be posted on our web site. Brian also informed us that a General service electrician of the name Andy "Red Dog" McLeod had passed away last night. Several of the executive (Jim Northrup and Rob Fraser) had sailed with "Red" on the Nipigon in the early 70s.

Marc Pallard raised a question about the CD Dolphin March insert. Mark pointed out that Mitch Ewen was CO on the Onondaga but was never the CO of Okanagan. It described a photograph taken from the periscope down south from the Okanagan. This will be taken back by the Chair to Paul Hansen to be

corrected. The CO at the time on Okanagan would have been LCdr Ferguson. Control Room in pink lighting. Brian Lapierre has @ 17 CDs left if anyone wants one. Sylvie asked if the Dolphin March could be played but the player was broken.

Taff Jones filled in for Brum Tovey for telling of the monthly Joke. The RN Chief Stoker had gathered all the JRs together and informed them that the female quarters onboard the first mixed ship were out of bounds to all men: "Alright you bastards, anyone caught in there would be charged. For the first offence, the fine is 50 quid. The second time 100 and the third 200." A young stoker put up his hand and asked, "Chief, how much for a season ticket?" A good laugh was had by all.

George Byzewski informed that he had been dropping in to see Soapy Watson. He helped Soapy get back on line with his computer. Soapy couldn't remember his password and he said he needed an easy one so he could remember. His wife piped up it should be 40 pounder as he would never forget that. Submariners wives are a special breed; you got to love them. Sylvie related a story about the email he got from Chuck Stoakley with his payment for dues and he hadn't received the password. The password question was eyepiece. The answer, he guessed correctly, was periscope. Submariners think alike.

Slops Greg Hallonquist gave the Chairman the gears for missing him during the reports. He stated it was the third time. Sylvie was embarrassed and apologized. Greg told him to "**Flood Q!**" Greg Hallonquist had set up everyday at the SAOC C AGM in Rimouski and sold @ 800 dollars of mechanise. He also sold another \$100 tonight. Greg can get similar shirts like Charlie Lonsdale had brought over the summer BBQ. The cost will be \$35 ea. He can get them in various colours: White, Blue or Black. Blue seems to be the most popular. Greg will put sample pictures up on Facebook. Greg will only be taking pre-orders. He had made over \$2000 dollars with golf and T-shirts. Greg is going to put in an order for Jolly Roger and Dolphin pins. The minimum order is 100 and cost could be high. Greg will get an estimate first then get approval from the executive. If anyone has any ideas for slops please come and see him. Like T-Shirts, bumper stickers etc. Bazoo will send a template for the sticker via email to Greg. SAOC Crest will be made to what you want ie East, Canada ... He had tried for getting \$75 jackets early this year and only three people were interested. He needs at least a minimum order of a dozen. Marc Osmond asked if Greg could bring in XXXXL sample jacket for him try on. They only went up to XXL which would not work for Marc. Brian Lapierre asked about Ball caps. Greg directed him to contact Ed Falstrem at www.periscopepromotions.com to order them. For \$16.95 plus shipping. Any colour you want. Buster wanted to know if they come brown so he could give one to Taff. If you want to try on sample shirts you can go to Golden Silk Screening in Lakeside on Dominion Road. Ron Cooper gave Greg a bunch of SAOC blazer badges (\$25) that Lee Thompson had given him a year ago. Marcel Simard asked how much it would cost to get the old-style leather ship jackets done up. The cost could be up over \$500.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$56 was won by Tim "Slinger" Wood

Submariners Prayer was read by Mike Wigger

Adjournment There being no further business it was moved by John Meehan and seconded by Jerry Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting at 20:40 hrs. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman