



## Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 31 January 2018

MOG5 HQ SR Mess



**Opening:** The Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open-up for dive) at 1930 hrs. Sylvain thanked the bartender Jamie Lewis for supporting us. Please be generous to the bartender. The Chairman called the meeting up for a moment of silence for all sick and departed members. No new notices of members passing away had been received recently.

**Attendance:** 21 members were in attendance: Art Bodden, Cliff Boettcher, Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Bob Davidson, Rob Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Iain Hughes, Ray Hunt, Brian Lapierre, John Madison, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Marc Osmond, Mark Pallard, Sylvain Rouillard, John Smith, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, and Peter Weis.

**Regrets & Health and Wellness:** Regrets were received from 14 members: Buster Brown, Ron Butchart, George Byzewski, Zeke Brower-Berkoven, John Clahane, James “Dusty” Miller Snr, Ken McMillan, Conrad Petrikowski, Phil Rody, David Russell, Jerry Sigrist, Harry Suto, Lee Thompson and Soapy Watson.

James “Dusty” Miller Snr is at home recovering from a pacemaker operation.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence in/out. The Chairman still needs to write a formal letter thanking MS Charlesworth for giving us the tour of Tribute Tower in October and a copy will be sent to her supervisor.

**Minutes:** The 25th Oct 2017 MGM minutes were distributed by email and a few hard copies were available tonight for review. Terry Chatham moved that the minutes be accepted as distributed. This was seconded by John Meehan **Approved**

### **Reports**

**Chairman:** Reported that he had been asked by Lee Thompson to consider laying a wreath on behalf of the SAOC E in honor of the missing crew of ARA San Juan as the British Submarine Old Comrades were doing at HMS Alliance in Gosport. As this was the same day as our AGM, Sylvain suggested that instead we should draft a letter of condolence to the friends and families of the crew of the ARA San Juan. After consideration, he and the presidents of the SAOC C and SAOC W decided to send a letter on behalf of the Submariner’s Association of Canada. This letter was drafted and sent by Paul Hansen of SAOC W. A copy will be emailed to the membership. This is a good example of how all three branches can come together for a common goal, even though there is no central governing body of our association.

**Vice Chair:** Nothing to report other than he survived the Christmas season.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** Ron Cooper submitted a detailed financial report for 31 January 2018. The closing bank balance is now \$12,694.88 after expenses of the 2017 Xmas dance. The cost of 15 Dec Xmas Dinner Dance was \$1011.00. Ron gave the projected cost of 2018 events. Approximate cost: HMCS Okanagan 50<sup>th</sup> Commissioning Anniversary on the 22 June 2018 @ \$1,000; SAOC E Summer BBQ at the Dube’s @ \$1,000; and 14 Dec Xmas Dinner Dance @ \$1,100.

**Social:** Brum Tovey thanked everyone who showed up for the Xmas Dinner/Dance on the 15<sup>th</sup> December at the Lion’s Club in Sackville. Brum was pleasantly surprised that we had 60 people who showed up after a slow start of ticket sales. He hopes that for this year’s XMAS function we can have 75 people attend. Brum stated that he spent all last night defrosting the fridge, but his wife says it was

foreplay. A Glasgow policeman recruiter was interviewing an applicant to the police force. The recruiter gave the young man a box of ammunition and a pistol and told him to go out and shoot six illegal immigrants, six terrorists, six Englishmen and a rabbit as an aptitude test. The young man asked, "Why the rabbit?" The recruiter said "You passed!"

**Slops:** Greg Hallonquist said slops are doing well. He had new SAOC jackets and shirts for sale. Greg asked for permission to order 100 Jolly Roger pins (with maple leaf and skull and cross bones) and 100 Ojibwa pins at cost of \$3.00 ea. For a total cost of six hundred dollars. Those are good sellers as most members buy them to trade at summer BBQs down south. Greg was looking for a sample mini dolphin to use as template to design cuff links and tie pins. Brian Cooper said he would get a sample to him. Most items in slops are sold at cost and to cover the taxes. Brum asked Greg which dolphin he will use. Greg said the new one with the black background. Brum also stated to keep the T-shirts at \$15 so people will have 5 dollars change for the 50/50. Note there is no slops being carried by SAOC C.

**Membership Review:** Brian Lapierre reported there are 47 Life Members, 51 Members paid 2018 and beyond and 50 members who have not paid dues for 2017 and before as of 31 Jan 2018. This accounts for over \$1000 in unpaid dues. Brian has sent out emails to past members who are in arrears. Since this went out he has received dues from 10 members accounting for \$510.

### **New Business**

As per our By-Laws Article 6.06, it was moved by John Meehan and seconded by Marc Osmond that we adopt as read the AGM 2017 Minutes and that they be tabled for the overall membership for acceptance at the Next AGM. **Approved**

The Executive Committee signed the Submariner's Association of Canada East By-Laws as amended and approved at AGM 2017.

**AOB:** Sylvain Rouillard stated he had received permission from the MOG5 HQ SR mess president that a framed print of an "O" Boat no 41/100 by Marc Magee, donated to SAOC E by Marc Aalbers, will be mounted in the MOG5 HQ SR mess soon.

Brian Lapierre reported that the last CD copy of the Submarine March was handed out to John Madison.

**50/50:** The 50/50 of \$50 was won by John Smith.

**Submariners Prayer:** Was read by Marc Osmond.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, it was moved by John Meehan and seconded by Marc Osmond to adjourn the meeting at 20:05 hrs. Carried.

Next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ JR mess on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 1930 hrs

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman