



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 28 February 2018

MOG5 HQ JR Mess



Opening: The Chairman brought the meeting to order at 1935 hrs. Sylvain thanked the bartender Jeffery Harding 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 but the passing of George Byzewski's mother was noted.

Attendance: 20 members were in attendance: Art Bodden, Cliff Boettcher, Buster Brown, Ron Butchart, Bob Davidson, Des Desprey, Lloyd Dyck, Greg Hallonquist, Jeff Harding, Bert Houde, Brian Lapierre, John Madison, Jim Northrup, Marc Osmond, Marc Pallard, Sylvain Rouillard, John Smith, Boyd Thomas, Phil Webster, Tim Wood.

Regrets & Health and Wellness: Regrets were received from 14 members: Rob Braye, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Robbie Fraser, John Gullion, Ray Hunt, John Meehan, James "Dusty" Miller Snr, Scotty Parsons, Jerry Sigrist, Harry Suto, Brum Tovey, Peter Weis.

Correspondence: Several Cheques and E-Transfers were received for dues. The Membership Chairman has updated the Master List to reflect the money received. The money will be given to the Treasurer when he returns from vacation. 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 31 January 2018 Minutes were distributed via email and some hard copies available at the meeting for review. There were no errors or omissions and the minutes were accepted as distributed. Comments regarding writing jokes in the minutes were made and a discussion ensued. It was agreed that jokes should not be published in the minutes. A suggestion was made to capture all the jokes in a separate document for later publishing.

Reports

Chairman: A pamphlet produced by Paul Hansen of SAOC(W), on behalf of the Submariners Association of Canada, paying tribute to the missing crew of ARA San Juan, was sent to Argentina to the friends and families of the crew of the ARA San Juan. Copies were brought to the meeting and were emailed previously by our Secretary. No response from Argentina has been received as of yet.

Vice Chair: Jim Northrup reported that he had contact with somebody from the Naval Museum of Halifax in CFB Stadacona regarding the artifacts located in the basement. Jim is going to follow this up and see if a new approach by the museum has taken place with respect to doing something with the items. Brian Lapierre stated that he inventoried all the artifacts in the room in 2013 and has pictures of all the articles.

Secretary: Nothing to report. He is on vacation.

Treasurer: Ron Cooper submitted a detailed financial report for 28 February 2018. The closing bank balance is now \$11,245.02 after expenses paid for Slop Invoices. Ron gave the projected cost of 2018 events. Approximate cost: HMCS Okanagan 50th Commissioning Anniversary on the 22 June 2018 @ \$1,100; SAOC E Summer BBQ at the Dube's @ \$1,000; and 14 Dec Xmas Dinner Dance @\$1,100. Hard copies of the Financial Report were distributed at the meeting.

Social: Nothing to report as he is on vacation, however the next event will take place on the 22nd June 2018 in MOG 5 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Commissioning of Okanagan.

Slops: Greg Hallonquist said slops are doing well. He is looking at the design of a new ball cap for the Okanagan's 50th Anniversary event in June and some interest was shown. Within the next few weeks the Okanagan & Ojibwa pins, Mini dolphin pins, and Jolly Roger pins will arrive. Greg has received a sample of the original single gold Dolphin from John Madison and will be getting some of those made as well.

He also has new Blazer badges. New T-shirts have arrived. They are only \$15.00 and have an embroidered crest instead of silk screen crest. They are very nice. He has received dress shirts in Black, Dark Blue & Royal Blue. They are \$35.00. Greg has a limited supply of 3X & 4X tee shirts as well that he got stuck with after people who had ordered them changed their minds. He stated that for any orders of dress items that are of those large sizes, he will require prior payment before placing the order.

Membership Review: Brian Lapierre reported there are 49 Life Members, 63 Members paid for 2018 and beyond and 43 members who have not paid dues for 2017 and before as of 28 February 2018. Two new members joined this week: Mr. Lloyd Dyck & Mr. Robert Hiscock. Welcome aboard. The list is ongoing and he is now in the process of making sure the contact list for the website and Robbie's email contact list is updated.

New Business An email was received by Brian Lapierre from Jim Scott about events taking place on the West Coast in 2018. Brian passed the email to the Chairman for distribution. These events are to celebrate the 50th Anniversaries of the Commissioning of Okanagan & Rainbow. The event will be held in Victoria from the 2-4th of November. Anybody who is interested can contact the Chairman Sylvain Rouillard, Brian Lapierre or SAOC(W). More information to follow.

On the 10th of March 2018 there will be a gathering of submariners at the Somme Branch Legion #31 in Dartmouth, N.S, hosted by Bernie Gagnon and Pat Drown. All are welcome. More information is available on the Facebook Group "Submariners Past & Present". If attending, you are reminded to go straight to the back room since the main area will be used by Legion members.

Brian Lapierre brought up the fact that Alan "Dinger" Bell, who was a submariner and a survivor of the "Kootenay" Explosion, will be receiving the "Field Knight Medal" on the 12th of March 2018 at 14:00 at the Camp Hill Hospital and all are welcome to attend. Alan "Dinger" Bell has been instrumental in his work for the well being of the Kootenay story and survivors and the work on the Bonaventure Monument.

Brian Lapierre also received an email from Alan "Dinger" Bell about a contact from the War Museum in Ottawa who was interested in submarines and wanted to make contact with our Association. The email was passed to the Chairman and Vice Chairman to try and make contact. The Vice Chairman said he would try and contact the individual, Mr. Morgan Wright, and maybe this could tie in nicely with his initiative with the Naval Museum.

Brian Lapierre continues to work for the website www.forposterityssake. He asks everyone to check their archives and contribute documents and pictures to this website. If anyone needs any advice or assistance with this, please contact Brian. He also encourages each one to check out this website.

It was reported by the Bartender Jeffrey Harding that the current shovel which was mounted in the Jolly Rogers Mess was taken by a "West Coaster".

50/50: The 50/50 of \$50 was won by Greg Hallonquist.

Submariners Prayer: Was read by Lloyd Dyck.

Adjournment: There being no further business, it was moved by Bert Houde and seconded by Marc Osmond to adjourn the meeting at 20:43 hrs. Carried.

Since LS Harding is the only qualified bartender in MOG5 due to postings/AP, the next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ JR mess on the 28th March 2018 at 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre
SAOC (E) Membership
(Secretary Pro Tem)

Sylvain Rouillard
SAOC (E) Chairman