



## **Submariners Association of Canada (East)**

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 25 April 2018

MOG5 HQ SR Mess



**Opening** The Vice Chairman, Jim Northrup brought the meeting to order (open-up for dive) at 1925 hrs and early because of the pending Hockey Game between Toronto & Boston. Jim thanked the bartender Jamie Lewis for supporting us and please be generous to the bartender. The Chairman passed on that he passing of Cyril MacDonald and Bill Wahlman. Also Tex Ranger spent some time in hospital recently. The Chairman called the meeting up for a moment of silence for all sick and departed members.

**Attendance** 26 members were in attendance: Art Bodden, Cliff Boettcher, Keith Braye, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Bill Cleal, Ron Cooper, Des Desprey, Keith Estabrooks, Claude Gendron, Greg Hallonquist, Bert Houde, Iain Hughes, Ray Hunt, Taff Jones, Brian Lapierre, Ken McMillan, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Marc Pallard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh, Peter Weis and Tim Wood.

**Regrets & Health and Wellness** Regrets were received from 10 members: Buster Brown, Brian Cooper, Marc Albers, Lucky Gordon, Steve McLellan, Bob Davidson, James "Dusty" Miller Snr, Phil Rody, Jerry Sigrist, Harry Suto, and Soapy Watson.

**Minutes** the 28th Mar 2018 MGM minutes were distributed by email and a few hard copies were available tonight for review. Therefore, we will have go the SR mess for our future meetings for the next 3-4 months as there is only one bartender Jamie Lewis. If there are no bartenders available in the MOGHQ we will have to meet somewhere else. There being no errors or omissions the minutes were approved as distributed.

**Correspondence** The Battle of Atlantic (BOA) Parade Order for 6 May Jim Northrup will take the Chairman's place and will place the wreath with Buster Brown at the Cenotaph in Point Pleasant Park for BAO Sunday. The Chairman will be in Cuba on vacation. No correspondence out.

**Reports Chairman** Jim had nothing to report other than Sylvain & Robbie are in Cuba having a good time. The water problem was corrected for MOG 5 prior to tonight's meeting so no one had to use the "Porta Potties" out back.

**Vice Chair** Had nothing to report. Museum to be discussed under New Business.

**Secretary** Brian Lapierre is filling in for Robbie Fraser as he is away down south in Cuba.

**Treasurer** Ron Cooper gave his treasurer's financial report for 25 April 2018. The closing bank balance is now \$12,432.39. Dues collected \$200.00. Slops collected \$250.00. 50/50 Draws \$280.00. Donation Peter Weis \$75.00 from his 50/50 Win. The report gave the projected cost of 2018 events Approximate cost: HMCS Okanagan 50<sup>th</sup> 22 June @ \$1,100; SAOC E Summer BBQ at Dube's @ \$1,000; and 14 Dec Xmas Dinner Dance @ \$1,100.

**Social** Brum started with his normal joke which I will not put to paper. Brum is looking for the summer BBQ at the Dube's for the 14 July 18. He has put in for 65 members as last year the caterer ran out of food. Brum informed the meeting the Christmas function will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Slops** Greg Hallonquist said slops are doing well. Greg stated he has the Okanagan 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Ball Caps on hand. Also he is expecting to receive more stock between now and the Okanagan Dinner in June. All the pins are coming in for next month with five different pins people had been asking for. Brian Lapierre has received a Sailor Pin from the Atlantic Chief & PO's Association. They can be ordered online for a cost of \$3.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping. The order form is at [www.acpoa.net](http://www.acpoa.net). Click on the Online Store at the left side of the page. Greg is still checking on the submarine cuff links and tie pins.

**Membership Review** Brian Lapierre reported there are 49 Life Members, One new member tonight for a total of 71 Members paid 2018 and beyond and 37 members who have not paid dues for 2017. One former member has inquired into the cost to become a Life Member.

**Old Business** The Okanagan 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Commissioning Dinner will be held on Friday 22 June 2018 at MOG5. Prime Rib with all the trimmings. Time: 1800 for 1900. Dress is Blazers semi formal. If anyone has any artifacts from Okanagan, pictures of crew please bring them along for the display.

Battle of the Atlantic Sunday as stated before Jim Northrup will represent SAOC and with Buster Brown place the SAOC wreath at the Cenotaph. Cliff Boettcher will get the wreath from the Somme Legion with the SAOC ribbon. Brian Lapierre informed us on the march back from the BAO Cenotaph the parade will stop at the Bonaventure Anchor Monument to lay wreaths. This is to recognize all the RCN and RCAF personnel who have passed away in peacetime and their bodies were never recovered. The work on the anchor should be finished on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. There will be a small ceremony at 1600 on the 27<sup>th</sup> to thank the Air Force Engineers who took on this project. Bonaventure Anchor Monument has been in Point Pleasant Park since 1973 to commemorate those lost at sea in peacetime. The rededication of the Monument will happen on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2019 for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the explosion on HMCS Kootenay where 9 sailors were lost.

The Somme & Centennial Legions will have their own ceremonies for Battle of the Atlantic Sunday as well.

RCNA Peregrine will also be holding an event after the ceremonies at 1300.

HMCS Halifax as well will proceed to the area near Point Pleasant Park to spread the ashes of our fallen comrade Pierre Dautre. Pierre's son Gerald is the Coxn onboard the Halifax.

John Meehan stated that the Legion has recently approved that veterans who were submariner's granted permission to wear their dolphins.

**New Business** Jim Northrup reported that he visited the Navy Museum in Stad again. He has discussed with Guy Godin, an employee soon to be a volunteer at the Museum, about fixing up a submarine display room in the basement. Jim stated again that we have an opportunity in getting our own room in the museum dedicated to the submarine service. All the junk that is not submarine related has mostly been removed. There is a lot of submarine material still down in D-40 in dockyard which we can go through. We are looking for volunteers to get involved to form some sort of committee to move forward on this project and to see if something will happen with the Museum in Stadacona. Also to begin the cataloguing of all the inventory located in MOG5. We know at some point we need to vacate these premises sooner or later.

Jim then reported that Brian Lapierre had made contact with the Canadian War Museum and we now have a contact name. An email was received from Andrew Burtch who is the Post 1945 Historian at the CWM. We now at least have a name of a contact.

George Byzewski informed us that the past president of the RCNA Peregrine Club on Agricola street is still looking for a submarine presence for one of their walls.

## **AOB**

Wynn Jones brought up the topic about joining the RN SOCA. They are looking for new members so anybody who has done some RN training can now join.

Keith Estabrooks brought up that Wilfy Boyden's health has seemed to improve and he is anticipating a visit by Wilfy in September.

George Byzewski mentioned that our Life Member Dusty Miller will turn 89 on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. "Happy Birthday Dusty".

**50/50** The 50/50 of \$50 was won by Taft Jones

**Submariners Prayer** was read by Cliff Boettcher.

**Adjournment** There being no further business it was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by Willie Waugh to adjourn the meeting at 20:25 hrs. Carried.

Next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ SR mess on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 1930 hrs

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre for

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Jim Northrup for

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman