



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 27 June 2018

MOG5 HQ JR Mess



Opening The Chairman Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order (open-up for dive) at 1930 hrs. Sylvain thanked the bartender Adrian Sabeau 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. Special mention was given for Donald Hawkins who passed away in London Ontario on the 21st May. He was a Life Member of SAOC(E), went to the UK in 1st Block Draft and served in submarines from 1954 to 1957. He served in HMS Tabard and at Dolphin. Bazoo informed us that he received an email that a fellow submariner Warrant Officer MTPSM Norm Williams OAM from RAN had recently passed away. Norm was Secretary and News letter author for SAA and was in close contact with us. George will send a card of condolence to the family and come back with more information for the next MGM.

Attendance 24 members were in attendance: Alain Blondin, Art Bodden, Buster Brown, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Jim Gordon, Greg Hallonquist, Iain Hughes, Bert Houde, Ray Hunt, Taff Jones, Rodney Lake, Neil Lake, Brian Lapierre, John Madison, Marc Pallard, David Russell, Sylvain Rouillard, Brum Tovey, and Tim Wood.

Regrets & Health and Wellness Regrets were received from 20 members: Marc Aalbers, Rob Braye, Ron Butchart, John Clahane, Bob Davidson, John Gullion, James "Dusty" Miller Snr, Ken McMillan, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Marc Osmond, Phil Rody, Scotty Parsons, Jerry Sigrist, Harry Suto, Lee Thompson, Soapy Watson, Willy Waugh, and Peter Weis. Taff Jones informed us that ex RN Submariner a Mr. Jordon, who had served in the '50's in the 6th RN Submarine Sqd when based in Halifax, had recently passed away in Enfield, NS.

Minutes the 30th May 2018 MGM minutes were distributed by email and a few hard copies were available tonight for review. Brum had corrected one item: it is Brum not Buster going with Taff to RN Submarine Old Comrade's annual convention in Gosport. The chairman moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. **Approved**

Correspondence No correspondence

Reports Chairman The Chairman liked to thank everyone who showed up for the 50th Anniversary of the Commissioning of HMCS Okanagan Dinner in the 22nd June. There were over 80 people attending, and all had an enjoyable time. Sylvain thanked all who had a hand in organising the dinner especially Greg, Ron, Brum and others i.e. submariners who set up and served and cleaned up afterwards. Sylvain thanked Buster for gathering the troops after the dinner for having a moment of silence for the souls of the departed of the commissioning crew. Buster informed us that all Canadians who had been sailing with the RN submarine service returned home when Okanagan was commissioned and sailed home to Canada.

Vice Chair Jim Northrup was absent therefore no report.

Secretary Rob Fraser had no report.

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave the financial report for 31 May 2018. The closing bank balance is now \$12,179.68 after expenses and credits in. HMCS Okanagan 50th 22 June Cheques of \$1971.35 have not been cashed as of today. Ron also gave a comparison of all the costs of all three "O" Boat 50th Anniversary dinners we have had over the last few years. The average price was \$25 per meal which members paid \$10 out their own pocket. Where can you go to get meal at that price? It was good deal. We do not have any anniversaries coming up. Over 82 tickets were sold for the Okanagan event with some people who did not show up. Sherm Embree won the 50/50 and put \$40 on the bar and gave \$100 back to the association. The report gave the projected cost of remaining 2018 events. Approximate cost: SAOC E Summer BBQ at Dube's @ \$1,000; and 14 Dec Xmas Dinner Dance @\$1,100.

Social Brum Tovey's informed everyone that the summer BBQ at the Dube's is still on for the 14 July starting at 1300 hrs. We have catered for 60 people with a keg of beer. An email will be sent with directions, map and timing in near future. Bazoo informed us that Charlie Lonsdale will be arriving on the Thursday before BBQ. Brum informed us the Xmas Dinner dance at the Lion's Club on the 14th December is still on and Brum will see if we can get the tables arranged in a better fashion for this year. Brum had some place-mats from the Okanagan's 50th Anniversary Dinner for those who could not make it. Brum gave his normal politically incorrect joke about a wedding. Ron informed us that a Donation Jar will be put up beside the keg of beer at the summer BBQ to defer the cost of \$225 for the beer keg. Brum stated that if anyone who wants can borrow his beer machine for their own events. Brum read a joke about different terrorist treat levels that some countries take.

Slops Greg Hallonquist said slops are doing well and thanked everyone for their support. He sold over \$800 of slops at the Okanagan's 50th Anniversary Dinner. Thank you to the wives especially for shopping. Bumper stickers are selling well in two different colours and for your lawn mowers. Sweat shirts are for sale \$30 ea. He is sending parcels across Canada. New pins are in ie Jolly Roger pins, mini dolphins. Looking at a Light Windbreaker with SAOC Crest. Greg is going to reorder the "Life is Simple" T-Shirts. Greg says he gets a lot of hits on his Face Book account for orders but when he contacts them they change their minds saying that their wives were upset with them. Brian Lapierre asked about the dolphin cuff links and tie pins. Greg said you have to ask Bernie Gagnon at MOG5 HQ Canteen to get them. Buster asked about dolphin key rings as they were a good seller. Greg will check into it as there were lots in SAOC C slops. Greg passed around some proofs for future items ie T-Shirts to see if there was any interest. Wade Berglund is selling Submarine Coins \$13 ea. plus shipping for SAOC (W) but Greg will not stock them as they cost too much as they do not sell well. Greg also stated that we had ordered a lot of pins for the 100th anniversary and Central and West Coast backed out of their orders. We had to have a fire sale to get rid them. We are just paying the cost for all items for sale.

Membership Report Brian Lapierre reported we are down to 49 Life Members with the passing of Don Hawkins, 71 Members paid for 2018 and beyond and 35 members who have not paid dues for 2017. If anyone wants to pay, see Brian after the meeting.

Old Business

Funeral Coins Terry Chatham asked Ron Cooper about the design of coins for submariner funerals. Ron replied saying he had dropped the idea as there didn't seem to be enough interest to proceed. Maybe this can be looked at again after the summer. George piped up saying he will hold off dying till October then.

Stadacona Navy Museum Submarine Display Brian Lapierre reported for Jim Northrup about the Submarine display in Stad Museum. They have done some painting and will see if there is any need for touch ups. Brian said he received an email from Jim Northrup that he has a gallon of gloss black paint to do the two entrances. The next step is get the remaining surface puke stuff out of the room which they have to wait for Guy Godin to come back. A scrub out and couple coats of wax for the floor then they will decide what can be put on display. There are some items down in D-40 which Brian and Jim have looked at. They are waiting for display cases. The room is not very big. Perhaps a mural can be painted on the wall showing all the submarines in the Canadian submarine service. He will send out an email requesting anyone who is interested could donate artifacts to the museum for display. There is a lot stuff in D-40 which belongs to the museum and unless DND says it should go for disposal that is where it will stay. Brum asked about giving stuff to the Ojibwa museum in Ontario. Brian replied this cannot happen due to the rules as the museum cannot give stuff away because they have to be accounted for every two years. Also, the Museum is reluctant to give anything to Ojibwa Museum due it's current financial status.

No New Business

AOB George Byzewski asked if anyone knows the whereabouts of Ron Kolodij? Several people stated last they heard he had a Diesel company in Ottawa but no email address. Ron Cooper said that John Clahane may know.

HMCS WINDSOR Deployment Neil Lake the CERA for HMCS WINDSOR deployment in the Mediterranean gave a brief talk on their trip. The highlight of the trip was the 34-day work day SWP in Crete with Subsistence pay. They had a serious noise problem with a valve on the foreplanes which is being replaced. The most exciting thing was the first drive from the Crete Dockyard to the hotels which had them hold on for dear life. They qualified six new submariners and several tickets for Opcerts. They were gone for just over five months with workups. Cdr Chu turned over command to LCdr William Matheson in Spain. Cdr Chu never used the main blows and just surfaced with the LP Blower. It was good to have a new captain. There were no extended periods dived 18 days being the longest. They had excellent support from FMF for SWP in Crete. The major point of the deployment was to prove that it could be done. Sylvie asked how hot it got in the Med. Neil stated it wasn't too bad compared to the time Windsor had spent with Cdr Mullholland off Carolinas when Sticky had turned off all the AC plants. Still going to Ultra Quiet. Neil said he called him one fan slow. The Windsor didn't even go sonar quiet during the trip. The boat carried six MK 48s. The Windsor is about to trial the MK 48 Mod 7.

Brum asked if anyone has tried to slam a revolving door.

Bazoo stated that if anyone has a spare moment on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 14:00 hrs to go to the Camp Hill Hospital where they have a Pub Day as there are four members of our Association who would love some company.

Brian Lapierre stated that the HMCS Okanagan Commissioning Handbook has been added to www.forposterityssake.ca web site for anyone who is interested to read it. Link: <http://www.forposterityssake.ca/SB/SB0050.htm>. Brian stated that he got an apology form Gary Weir about the small write up on the histories of the "O" boats in the submarine service. Rob Fraser suggested that Brian contact Larry Hickey as he had been doing research for a book concerning the patrols conducted by the Canadian "O" boats over the years.

Bazoo stated that we have been experiencing problems with our website. It has been traced back to software problem on the host site. Ted Hirtle will give us an update shortly on the solution with possible financial compensation ie free months service. Once it is corrected an email will sent out with the passwords.

Sylvain brought some copies of Ray Hunts book "A Simple sailor" for sale tonight. See him after the meeting.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$75 was won by Mark Pallard (again) who returned it to the association for the Summer BBQ beer keg costs.

Submariners Prayer was read by Rodney Lake.

Adjournment There being no further business it was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by George Byzewski to adjourn the meeting at 20:35 hrs. Carried.

Next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ SR mess on the 25th July 2018 at 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman