



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 25 July 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 Simon Larabelle 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. Jerry Sigrist passed away on Sunday July 15th, 2018 in Camp Hill Veterans Lodge at the age of 85. Gerry retired from the RCN as a CPO1 Radio Lady. Jerry joined submarines in the late 1950's serving as a Canadian in Royal Navy submarines. Jerry served in HMS Explorer (peroxide drive) 58-59-60 as well as other RN submarines before returning to Canada in HMCS/M Okanagan. Jerry and Paul Dube were stationed in Faslane, Scotland during the same period and remained lifelong friends. May they all be remembered for their good deeds. This past Saturday at the SAOC(E) Annual BBQ at the farm of Paul and Helen Dube, George Byzewski had the distinct pleasure of taking Jerry and Harry Suto to the BBQ. Both enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow Boatmen telling tales and enjoying each other's company. Jerry and Harry were extremely happy to be able to attend and to be among us.

Attendance 38 members were in attendance: Marc Aalbers, Art Bodden, Buster Brown, Cliff Boettcher, George Byzewski, Jon Carpenter, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Claude Gendron, Jim Gordon, Greg Hallonquist, Bert Houde, Iain Hughes, Ray Hunt, Taff Jones, Rodney Lake, Neil Lake, Brian Lapierre, Pete Lindstrom, Charlie Lonsdale, John Madison, Ken McMillan, Charlie McManus, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Marc Pallard, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, John Smith, Steve St-Amant, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh, and Tim Wood.

Regrets & Health and Wellness Regrets were received from 15 members: Alain Blondin, Rob Braye, Brian Cooper, Ron Butchart, Bob Davidson, Larry Hickey, James "Dusty" Miller Snr, Marc Osmond, Phil Rody, David Russell, Harry Suto, Lee Thompson, Nigel Walsworth, Soapy Watson, and Peter Weis. Slinger Wood informed us that Rob Braye had an attack of kidney stones which will be smashed by ultra sound treatment. George Byzewski informed us that he had been helping out Dusty Miller and his wife for the past week. He told us that Dusty's hearing has gotten worse and he cannot attend our meetings as he would just hear a roar. We will need to look for another parliamentarian to replace Dusty. Soapy Watson has been paroled from Camp Hill to home. Harry Suto is a little tired after attending our BBQ and then attending the Elmsdale Legion. Bazoo is going down to Roseway (outside Shelburne) to visit with Gilles Poirier this coming week.

Web Site Bazoo stated that we have been experiencing problems with our website. You are advised to clear your cache and download the membership file onto your computer instead of accessing it on the website. Sylvain stated that you may have to input the login and password twice to get in the document site for the MGM minutes.

Camp Hill Pub Days 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 on the second deck. There are four members of our Association who would love some company.

Minutes the 27 June 2018 MGM minutes were distributed by email and a few hard copies were available tonight for review. Taff Jones had one correction that he and Brum will be attending a RN Diesel Boat Annual Reunion in Plymouth not Portsmouth. The chairman approved the minutes as amended.

Correspondence Tridents in and distributed. No correspondence out.

Reports Chairman Sylvain reported that James "Doc" Scott was in from the West Coast to attend the Crunch Brunch with people who were onboard the Okanagan for the collision with Grey Rover.

Vice Chair Jim Northrup will give a report on the Submarine Display at the Museum under old business.

Secretary Rob Fraser had no report.

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his detailed financial report for June 2018. The closing bank balance is now \$11,100.01 after expenses and credits in. Annual summer BBQ cost was \$1390.48. Donations back from 50/50 \$70 from Marc Pallard and \$60 Amanda Clahane. We still have an outstanding check from the Okanagan 50th dinner meals for \$1373.30. Next expense will be the 14 Dec Xmas Annual Dinner Dance @ \$1,100. We are charging \$20 a head for the Xmas dinner. We will have to concentrate on fundraising for getting some money into coffers.

Social Brum Tovey informed everyone that the summer BBQ at the Dube's had a good turnout on the 14 July. We have catered for 65 people with a keg of beer. Brum informed us that he had a message from Jack who does the food for the BBQ. He was not there but he was not happy with his staff's performance. Next year he will go all out for this BBQ if we have one. Brum informed us the Xmas Dinner Dance at the Sackville Lion's Club on the 14th December is still on. Brum stated that we should increase the price of the Xmas dinner dance from \$20 to \$25 a head. Ron Cooper said we should see about cutting back the wine and seeing if we can get door prizes donated for the function. Brum gave his normal politically incorrect joke about 9 inches of snow in Jamaica.

Slops Greg Hallonquist said slops are doing well and thanked everyone for their support. He sold over \$600 of slops at the BBQ. Greg is selling the SAOC Windbreakers for \$45.00 and he will only be taking individual orders. Greg is not doing any more bulk orders. Costs are going up for T-Shirts. Greg suggested increasing the cost of slops which should be covered under new business. Steve St-Amant suggested that Greg take some photos of slow-moving items such as T-shirts and post them on Face Book.

Membership Report Brian Lapierre reported we are down to 48 Life Members with the passing of Jerry Sigrist, 72 Members have paid for 2018 and beyond and 35 members who have not paid dues for 2017. Total membership of 155. He welcomed Neil Lake who just joined tonight and has paid dues till 2022. If anyone wants to pay for 2019 dues, see Brian after the meeting. Brian had \$120 of dues to pass on to Ron Cooper. Chairman thanked Brian for doing all his hard work for SAOC E.

Old Business

Stadacona Navy Museum Submarine Display Jim Northrup gave an update on the progress of the Submarine Display in Stadacona Museum. The room size is 13' x 19'. The painting has been completed. Lots of people are helping out and they meet every Thursday morning. We will have a history of each submarine starting with CC1 to Victoria Class. We have a Submarine Escape display with a Mannequin dressed in an escape suit. A bunk space will be set up with 3 bunks, a settee and seat lockers. The main idea is to show people who we are. They will need more help in the coming weeks. They have a submarine sweater but are looking for a couple of poopy suits. Brian Lapierre sourced display cases that have been paid for by the museum Guy Godin. Brian also found a place that does vinyl murals instead of painting for submarines. 2' x 3' cost is \$38 and a 1' x 2' as \$28. A sample will be available for next meeting. New lighting is required to replace the old ratty fluorescents. Brian received a submarine sweater from Brian Hills and a picture that Paul Connelly of an "O" boat that he had painted for the 75th anniversary. Brian will send out an email requesting anyone who is interested could donate artifacts to the museum for display.

George Byzewski informed us that Peregrine has allotted a space on the main floor wall for submarine pictures and artifacts.

Jim Northrup is looking for bios or dits from members on their time in submarines that have to be cleaned up. Brian Lapierre has asked Neil Lake to canvass the Windsor crew if they have any items or ideas from the Victoria class submarines that they think should be up in the submarine Museum Display

New Business

Tour of HMCS Windsor the chairman informed the meeting that Neil Lake, The CERA of Windsor, is willing to give a tour of HMCS Windsor to interested members either on the 1st or 8th August at 1830 hrs for 1900 hrs. There was at least eight people interested. The date agreed on was the 8th of Aug. Any interested members should send their names to the Chairman in order to get an access list submitted.

Price of Slops It was moved by Buster Brown and seconded by Bert Houde that the price of slops be increased by 15% per item. After much discussion about the pros and cons, especially by Greg Hallonquist, the motion was amended to read: The price of slops should be increased up to a maximum of 15% per item, depending on the item, entirely at the discretion of the Slops Manager. **Approved**

It was asked by Rodney Lake if these slop items could be sold at the Museum. Jim Northrup stated that the Museum had their own items for sale and it would be too hard to control. George Byzewski stated that this is a lot of work to control slops and adjust the prices. Greg stated that slops is for us and he had \$5000 in sales from last year.

AOB Sylvie greeted Charlie McManus and his daughter Crystal who were in town from New Brunswick. Charlie was Chief Elect on Onondaga.

Keith Estabrooks and John Clahane informed the meeting that Jerry Sigrist had a good send off at the Sweeny's Funeral Home in Bridgewater on the 20th July. There were 10-15 members of our Association who attended. The submariner's prayer was read by Harry Suto.

The submarine coins from Wade Berglund will soon be ready from SAOC W.

Brain Lapierre mentioned that 15 people attended the 45th Crunch Brunch for Okanagan at the Peregrine Club. This happened on the 28th July 1973. This meeting happens every five years.

Steve St-Amant stated that he feels that the reason we are not selling enough slops is that our gear is outdated, and the new submariners are not interested in buying these items. Steve has sold over 400 T-shirts like the one that Brum was wearing tonight. It was suggested that he get together with Greg Hallonquist after the meeting to discuss fresh ideas. It was also suggested to post these items on the Submarine Face Book account.

John Meehan informed us that on Thursday the 9th Aug the first UN/NATO Parade will be held at the UN memorial on the Dartmouth Waterfront by Alderney Landing. He was asking for anyone interested to please support this worthy function with Blazers and Medals.

Charlie Lonsdale stated that he was glad to be over in Canada again to meet old friends and shipmates. He informed us that Jerry Sigrist had sailed on two RN experimental peroxide drive submarines: Excalibur and Explorer.

George Byzewski reminded the meeting that this year's AGM is an election year. If you want to stand for one of the committee positions submit your name. Bazoo noted that if you want a Submarine Service based memorial service done at your funeral, please let your family know and have it in your will. This service was especially well received by the members of the Rawdon community for the esteem that Paul Dube was held by the submarine community. Funeral service for Jerry Sigrist was conducted by the Chiefs and PO's Association. George talked to the padre/Sin Bosun to let us read the submariner's prayer. George was going to do it but decided it would better if Harry Suto did it instead. George stated that we did this for Bill Layton as he made it known he wanted a submarine-based service. One comment that George heard at Jerry's service from one of the veterans was "We are not here for our show but here for Jerry's show." George stressed that we need someone for Health and Wellness position as we are all getting older. The chair agreed that we should seek a volunteer to fill this position.

Slinger Wood asked what is exactly involved in a Submarine Service. George answered saying that it has the Crossing of the Bar ceremony. We have the Crossing the Bar Ceremony and also a full service Submarine Service Prayer package that was put together by Buster Brown. We will try to post the details on our Web page. Please remember it is up to the family what they want for the funeral service.

Jim Northrup stated that there is a company named S&D Model Makers that can make an "O" or Vic Submarine model for \$760. It is an American based company.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$90 was won by Brum Tovey who put some of it on the bar. It was the first time he had ever won.

Next MGM will be held at the RCNA Peregrine Club on Wednesday the 29th August 2018 at 1930 hrs. This is due to the lack of bartenders and people with the authority to approve the function at MOG5 due to training, sailing, and leave period. We hopefully will be back to MOGHQ in Sept. For the next meeting, parking is available at the Army, Navy, Air Force Surplus store after 1730 hrs. This will be confirmed by Keith Estabrook or George Byzewski.

Submariners Prayer was read by Brum Tovey

Adjournment There being no further business it was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by Bert Houde to adjourn the meeting at 20:50 hrs. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman