



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 30th January 2019
MOG5 HQ JR MESS



Opening the Chair Sylvain Rouillard brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at 1935 hrs to all who could make tonight's meeting. A thank you was given to Jimmy Lutz for bartending tonight. A moment of silence was observed for all sick, ailing and departed members. Charlie McManus passed on the 18th Dec 2018 in Cape Breton. Sylvie has heard that Dave Stobie is not doing well in Toronto suffering from stage four cancer. Sylvie will pass on a phone number for him later on in the meeting as Dave would appreciate a phone call from former shipmates. May they always be remembered in our hearts and minds for their good deeds.

Attendance 19 members were in attendance: Alain Blondin, Art Bodden, Jerry Bourgeois, Cliff Boettcher, Rob Braye, Ron Cooper, Greg Hallonquist, Bob Davidson, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Claude Gendron, Greg Hallonquist, Taff Jones, Brian Lapierre, Marc Pallard, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, and Tim Wood. **Regrets** were received from 19 members: Marc Aalbers, Buster Brown, Ron Butchart, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Jerry Conway, Rob Davidson, Ray Hunt, Tony Jackson*, Neil and Rodney Lake, John Meehan, Ken McMillan, Jim Northrup, Shawn Preston, Steve St. Amant, Harry Suto, Lee Thompson and Willy Waugh. (* if you are not a member you can give no regrets. Pay your 20 bucks:)

Health and Wellness Sylvie stated that Ray Hunt is having a difficult time just breathing. Ray Hunt's wife was back from Ottawa on the 18th Dec and she and Ray are back in their Condo on Larry Uteck drive as of the 29th Jan. Sylvie and Jean's son David helped them move back in. Ray had been in assisted living at Melville Heights since his wife had been recovering from her broken hip.

Jim Northrup just started on new meds so he was not feeling up to coming tonight.

Bob Davidson had to go the hospital to get biopsies done.

Brum Tovey received a phone call from Tony Halverson. He informed us that Tony has a serious case of Parkinson's. Brum asked Brian Lapierre to contact Tony as he wants to rejoin the association. Tony lives in PEI. Tony sees Brian Hill periodically.

Taff Jones stated he doesn't know what is going on with Willy Waugh. Brian Lapierre informed us that he had talked to Willy lately and Willy informed him that Charlie Lonsdale's computer was hacked. Brian informed us that he received an email yesterday from Charlie Lonsdale that he is back on line.

Keith Estabrooks stated that he went to see Harry Suto last Thursday at Camp Hill. Harry had a hip operation. He is in a wheel chair. He is doing physio to strengthen his legs after being inactive for so long. He is still in good spirits with his double dark and dirty. You can go in to see him on pub days Thursday and Tuesday 2-4 pm.

Sylvie received news from Peter Heppleston concerning Dave Stobie, who is in Toronto. Dave was a cook who served on all 3 "O" boats in the 80's with Claude Gendron as a Chief Cook. He has stage four cancer. His nickname was the "Dancing Bear". Someone piped up about Sharem 22. TMI, you really do not want to know. Sylvie was out in left field again. This story will have to be explained later to Sylvie. Dave would like to receive phone calls from his friends. His phone number is (416)908-9511. Dave was looking to get an Okanagan T-shirt. Greg Hallonquist knew that and has already sent one to Dave.

Minutes the 24th October 2018 MGM minutes were distributed by email and copies were available tonight for review. Sylvie asked if everyone got the email with minutes. Everyone said they did. There being no errors or omissions detected, the minutes were accepted as distributed.

Correspondence 2 editions of Tridents were received and distributed. A Christmas Card was received

from Paul O'Boyle of the NS Branch of the Last Post Fund. Two annual dues cheques were received from Steve Higdon and Brian Hill which were passed to the Membership Chairman then passed to the treasurer. No correspondence out.

Reports Chairman Had nothing to report other to state that the AGM and Xmas Dinner/Dance went well.

Vice Chair No report as Jim Northrup was absent and sent his regrets.

Secretary No report

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his financial report as of 30 Jan 2019, which he passed to the members. The closing bank balance is now \$11,706.36 after expenses and credits in. See the statement for details. Total cost of Xmas Dinner Dance was \$1,874.97. Ticket sales were \$1,120.00. net cost was \$754.97. 2019 Events forecast for approximate cost are the Summer BBQ \$1000 and Xmas Dinner/Dance \$1000.

Social Brum Tovey informed us that he just got back from UK and he attended a charity event for women without legs. The place was crawling with fanny. There was a big groan after this bad joke. Brum told another politically incorrect joke concerning the Mexican Olympic team which cannot be included in the minutes. Brum reported that the 2019 Xmas Dinner/Dance is booked for this year for Friday 20th Dec at the Sackville Lions Club. He has ordered the food, wine and DJ. Brum received a blast from the Lion's Club at the Christmas Dinner as someone forgot to bring the cheque book. (No names or cap tallies, Ron.) The summer BBQ at Dube's, after discussion, will happen on Saturday the 20th July. Brum asked if there were any people who had ideas for door prizes to help keep the cost down. It was suggested that members contact businesses to get donations. Slinger Wood suggested that we should have a form letter that we could hand out to businesses in order to facilitate donations. This will be drafted up by the Chairman.

Slops Greg Hallonquist informed us that slops are doing very well. He took in \$1,100 at the submariner's gathering at the Some Branch Legion in Dec with over 60 people attending. Greg has a new soft style ball cap with a band. Price 20 bucks. Greg has new stock in for shirts Lg, XL and XXL (fat bastard size). Claude piped up 20 bucks. Greg does have one challenge coin left, price: 20 bucks. Ron asked what the cheque was for tonight. Someone exclaimed it was for twenty bucks. A good laugh was had by all!! Greg stated: "Buy more slops!"

Membership Update Brian Lapierre reported we are down to 46 Life Members as we have just lost Charlie McManus, 79 Members paid for 2018 and beyond and 32 members who have not paid dues since 2017. If anyone wants to pay for 2019, see Brian after the meeting. Sylvie stated that Brian has done an excellent job in successfully reaching out to our members.

Jim Northrup and Brad Lewis went up to Cape Brenton for Charlie's McManus funeral in Dec. They were well received by the family. Jim and Brian have been working with Crystal McManus, Charlie's daughter (NSCC) for the Submarine Museum Room Project at Stad. Brian informed us that he received an email a week ago from Crystal McManus informing us that Charlie had bequeathed two hundred dollars to the association to put on the bar. It was decided by the executive to put this money on for the summer BBQ when it could be taken advantage of. Brian discussed this with family and they thought it was a wonderful idea that more people would get to enjoy this bequest. Brian passed on the \$200 to the Treasurer. Brian also passed in \$280 for membership dues. Brum asked if they were all in twenties. Sylvain has been receiving quite a few e-transfers as well for dues and passed that to the treasurer.

Old Business Sylvain stated that we will table the minutes of the 2018 AGM minutes until the 2019 AGM. Sylvie stated he had two paper copies of the 2018 AGM minutes if anyone wanted one. If there are errors or omissions, they would have to be brought up at the next AGM or you could send an email to the chairman or the secretary. Sylvain's phone went off again. Brum joked that he should pay twenty bucks. Sylvie stated everyone was twisting his words, just like his ex-wife.

AOB Brum told another joke concerning President Trump, the Pope and a child and two parachutes and a backpack in airplane. Brum told another really politically incorrect joke about Adolf Hitler which cannot even be mentioned. Brum will be going to hell for that one. One more really bad joke concerning another airplane and a black box.

Alain Blondin reported on his health and wellness. He said he will be travelling south and spending 10 days in sun with rum. We wish him a great time!

Ron Cooper reported that the Elmsdale Legion had a Vets day last Saturday. They had a lady in from Veterans Affairs to give a presentation on the changes coming to Veterans benefits and programs on 1st April 2019. Ron stated that we can have her back to give us same update later this year. Some members stated that they received letters stating the changes to their benefits. Sylvie stated that the secretary had done an excellent job putting all these veteran pension briefing details from their presentation in the Oct MGM minutes. Well done, chopper!

Slinger Wood stated that Wilfey Broyden sent an email concerning an author of a fictional Victoria class submarine book who would be a great guest speaker since he lives in Halifax. His name is Daniel Lloyd Little and his book is titled "Submarine Lost". Wilfey couldn't put it down once he started it and he thinks every Submariner should have a read of it. Slinger mentioned Jerry Lessard had mentioned another author who wrote a book about a submarine adventure during the cold war in the sixties.

Brian Lapierre informed us that there is a new director and a new curator at Stad Museum. Two nice ladies. They are making progress. Rodney Lake is doing the carpentry work for the bunk space. Right now, money is tight as new credit cards have to be issued to the new staff. Anyone interested can show up on Thursday mornings to help out. Lighting has been replaced with track lighting but requires more fixtures. All the written text will be going to NSCC. Also, the text needs to be translated into French. Alain Blondin volunteered to do the French translation editing as he has done this officially before. Brian stated that the Submarine Room should be finished by the 15th of July and should officially open on the 4th August 2019, the official anniversary of submarines in Canada. Mike Conrad also assisted with the cabinet work in the past few weeks. Terry Chatham supplied a couple poopie suits and Dave Yeo supplied a Submarine sweater. They are looking for bunk bags for the racks. Slinger Wood reminded people that the 4th August is the Pig Roast in Groton Conn. This opening date for the submarine room is dependant on the work being completed.

Mark Pallard stated that as he works in Stad he is looking forward to testing the bunks out to see if they have any ZZZ's left. Brian Lapierre can call up a picture of the bunk space on his laptop after the meeting if anyone is interested.

Beast said if anyone is interested, he should have more pictures to share of his ass' innards in April when he gets scoped again. It is very clean! so we're told...

Rob Fraser asked if it was possible to get tours for the new AOPS HMCS Harry DeWolf and the AOR Asterix. Slinger Wood stated he could do both. Slinger stated that the Asterix is on the West Coast and would not back till fall of 2019. Slinger also stated he is working on the DeWolf and it will over a year before all the wiring/cablings runs are completed, therefore a tour this year is out the question. Even though the DeWolf has been commissioned into the navy, it is first of class and it always takes longer to get them into full service. It was observed that the Asterix has stability problems as there were no baffles installed in the fuel tanks.

Sylvain stated that he is trying invite LCdr Matheson, the CO of HMCS WINDSOR to come and give us a briefing on the status of the Canadian Submarine Service and anything else that would be interesting to us.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$45 was won by Boyd Thomas. Someone said "Pay your dues, twenty bucks!"

Submariners Prayer was read by Brum Tovey

Adjournment There being no further business it was moved by Tim Wood seconded by Rob Braye to adjourn the meeting at 20:35 hrs. Carried.

The next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ SR Mess 27th Feb 2019 @ 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman