



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 29th May 2019

MOG5 HQ JR MESS



Opening The Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at 19:30 hrs and thanked all who could make tonight's meeting. A thank you was given to Charles Desaulniers for bartending tonight. Charles is a stoker and just recently qualified on Windsor's last trip to the Med. Please be generous to the bartender. The chairman called the members up. A moment of silence was observed for all sick, ailing and departed members. Dave Russell's wife Doreen passed away on the 28th April. Her Celebration of Life was held on 2 May 2019 at 2:00 pm at Atlantic Funeral Home, 771 Main Street, Dartmouth. This was well attended by members of SAOC and Masons. David Russell is currently visiting relatives in England and should be back around the end of May. May they always be remembered in our hearts and minds for their good deeds.

Attendance 28 members were in attendance: Mark Aalbers, Cliff Boettcher, Rob Braye, George Byzewski, Jon Carpenter, Terry Chatham, Bill Cleal, Ron Cooper, Bob Davidson, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Brian Lapierre, Pete Lindstrom, John Madison, John Meehan, Tom Nickle, Marc Pallard, Sylvain Rouillard, John Smith, Steve St. Amant, Boyd Thomas, Lee Thompson, Brum Tovey, Nigel Walsworth, Willy Waugh, Phil "Ace" Webster and Tim Wood.

Regrets were received from 18 members: Doug Birch, Art Bodden, Buster Brown, Ron Butchart, John Clahane, Bob Davidson, Claude Gendron, Jim Gordon, Taff Jones, Neil and Rodney Lake, Ken McMillan, Jim Northrup, Mark Osmond, Conrad Petrikowski, David Russell, Peter Weis and Al White (in NZ).

Health and Wellness Bob Davidson still has flu remnants and could not make tonight's meeting. Bob's Prostate cancer sitrep: he has gotten hormone shots and pills, and he has radiation to come when a machine is available as he is on a wait list – radiation will be for 4 wks, 5 days on/weekend off. Art Bodden was in the Dart Gen with pneumonia and a lot of thick fluid in his lungs; they removed most of the fluids and Art has been released last week and is doing better at home. However, they found a problem with his heart, which they are monitoring. Art has to make some lifestyle changes. Doreen has Art on rationing. Buster Brown is now out of hospital and is at home. Unfortunately, he could not make tonight's meeting as he was too tired and passed his regrets to Brian Lapierre. John Meehan informed us that Ken McMillan was recovering from surgery at home. Bob Davidson informed us that his brother Rick is in the Moncton Hospital. He will then be transferred to the hospital in Chatham NB to recover.

John Smith informed us that it was 3 years and 3 days since Shane Irvine had passed away.

The Beast informed us that he had his ass checked and it is nice and normal. We asked what was normal for him. Sylvain commented that he thought the Beast was going down in defects but Beast said no, he is up to 14 now. Keith said he would bring in pictures for the next meeting. **TMI**

Minutes the 24th April 2019 MGM minutes were distributed by email and copies were available tonight for review. There being no errors or omissions the Chairman **Approved** them as distributed.

Correspondence In The secretary reported 3 editions of Trident were received and distributed around the mess. He also received a letter from the Red Cross requesting a donation. This would be addressed by the Chairman later. Also received a magazine called "Connect" from the States that no one had asked for. If anyone is interested, they can take it.

Correspondence Out None from the secretary.

The Chairman had sent out two letters with help from his friends. First was to Helen Dube requesting the use of her place for the summer BBQ on the 20th July and thanking her for the use of her property in the past years to host the BBQ, which was composed by George Byzewski. The chairman then sent a formal

letter to McManus Family inviting them to the annual summer BBQ as Charlie had left a bequest of \$200 to be spent on beer keg for the summer BBQ in Rawdon. This letter was composed by Jim Northrup. Both letters in their entirety were read out to the meeting. (see attached letters) There was a third letter composed by Tim Wood, attached, which will be used to solicit donations for our Annual Xmas function from local businesses for door prizes.

Our web site is functioning but you have to enter the username and password twice to gain access to the Member's page and the Meetings page. No reason was given why. If you need the password and username contact Sylvie.

George Byzewski informed us that Willy Waugh had a couple lady friends in Nine Mile River who made some blankets for SAOC E members who are in wheelchairs in Camp Hill. George sent thank you cards on our behalf to the ladies.

Reports Chairman Sylvain received 88 books from Philip Sherwood "It's Not the Ships...My War Years" by Fred Sherwood. Fred Sherwood was a LCdr in the RCNVR and he commanded a RN submarine with distinction in the Far East in WWII. No one was buying the books. They were free from his son but for the shipping cost of \$220. Sylvie requested that 60 be held at the Sub School and used as awards from SAOC to Submariner's Course Top Students, 3 a year for the next 20 years. 1 book will be donated to the Museum. Sylvain has 26 to sell at \$10 to recoup his shipping costs. Anyone interested in purchasing a book see Sylvie after the meeting. Any amount collected above his shipping cost Sylvain will turn over to SAOC(E). Steve St Amant asked if we should post these books for sale on the submarine Face Book page for non SAOC members across Canada. Sylvie stated he wasn't in favour of this because it would not only be hard to control but once the books sells out, the requests may keep on coming. He thanked Steve for his suggestion. He will sell them after MGMs and at the BBQ. There were 200 available and Sylvie will pass the email address to Brian Lapierre to see if there is any interest from the museum. Philp Sherwood is willing to give them away or he will have to shred them which he doesn't want to do.

Sylvain reported that Paul Hansen, the SAOC W Treasurer, would be coming to our Annual Summer BBQ. Paul looks after SAOC W newsletter and is their treasurer. Then Sylvie would be traveling with Paul in the Maritimes then go to Rimouski to see ONONDAGA as Paul had never been on an "O" Boat.

Sylvie informed us that the SAOC C will be holding it's AGM and Summer BBQ at CFS Leitrim on the 23-25 Aug. This station is located 15 mins southwest of Ottawa in Gloucester not too far from the airport. If attending, go to the SAOC C website to register. Tickets are \$10 ea.

Vice Chair No report as Jim Northrup had given his regrets to Brian Lapierre as he is in New Brunswick visiting his brother who is suffering from cancer.

Secretary No report

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his detailed financial report for the 29th May 2019 which showed a closing bank balance of \$12,165.46 after bank charges and funds in. He will have an updated report for the secretary after the meeting. There are the two annual functions, the Summer BBQ on the 20th July at the Dube's for \$1000 and the annual Xmas Dinner/Dance at the Lions Club on the 20th Dec for \$1000. There are a couple outstanding checks for \$200 donation to Vets Canada and for the secretary for annual PO Box rental and Secretarial supplies.

Social Brum thanked the chairman and treasurer for doing his job for him by informing us about the BBQ and Dinner/Dance. Brum informed us that he has a new caterer for the summer BBQ. This caterer does this full time therefore the food should be of better quality at the same cost. We shall see as he will be on trial. There will be duff. The beer machine and keg are ready to go. Brum informed us that he had received a surprise email from Luc Pelletier. Luc was going to try to make tonight's meeting but unfortunately, he is practicing for a big gig with his new music group called the Dawg Hause. The Summer BBQ and Xmas Dinner Dance are still on for the same dates 20th July at the Dube's and 20th Dec

at the Sackville Lion's Club. Brum Tovey gave his normal jokes. They were actually cleanish. First was about a blonde who went to the doctor to look after a terrible case of dandruff. The doctor told her to use Head and Shoulders. She looked perplexed. The blonde asked, "How to do you give shoulders." Next one was about Raggedy Ann who was kicked out the toy box. This was because she would keep sitting on Pinocchio's face and say, "lie to me". Brum told another tale of woe about changing Canadian money to American in the Dominican and was offered only \$40 American. They change the Canadian money to Pesos and then to American.

Slops Greg Hallonquist said slops are doing well.

Membership Update Brian reported there are 45 Life Members, 85 Members paid for 2018 and beyond and 29 members who are in arrears. We welcomed Tom Nickle as a new member tonight. We have a total 130 paid up members. If anyone wants to pay for 2019 dues or update their information, see Brian after the meeting.

Old Business

Navy League Cadets Submarine Training Pete Lindstrom gave his follow up report. The Bidwell Commanding Officer liked the 100th Anniversary pins which could be awarded to cadets on successfully passing the submarine course. Pete has done up the lesson plans. SAOC(E) had promised to pay for half of the required amount. The chairman will compose an email asking membership if they would like to donate or sponsor the cadets for this worthwhile project to cover the other half of the requirement, and will do so once all information regarding this project has been received from the Navy League, such as the 'plan' and way ahead confirmation. It was hoped by the Bidwell CO to start the course in Sept once they have permission from command. Pete said he will definitely try to invite some SAOC members to the Bidwell Cadet annual inspection and graduation on the 9th June. This will be held at the Hampton Gray School gym in Shearwater. Names of those members wishing to attend need to be sent to the Chairman to ensure proper seating at the event. Emails to the membership will be sent with the details.

Battle of Atlantic Sunday Parade Point Pleasant Park 5 May Jim Northrup and Brian Lapierre laid a wreath on SAOC E behalf. Brian informed it was a nice day at Point Pleasant Park. Brian stated that the parade stopped on their way back from the Sailors Memorial at the Bonaventure Memorial where four more wreaths were laid.

Charitable Donations We had voted in a \$200 donation to Vets Canada at the MGM in April. After investigation and a letter from John Meehan concerning the finances of the Vets Canada, things are not as dire as was first indicated as they have the support of Veteran Affairs and the Legion. The Chairman informed the meeting there had been an Executive meeting last Oct where we had decided not to donate anymore money to charities from our general operating account which was supposed to have been brought to last years' AGM. This was in order to keep annual dues low and keep the SAOC(E) sustainable financially. Sylvain couldn't find this written in previous minutes; therefore, he **submitted this motion: "That SAOC(E) will not consider any motion for donations to charities, however good they may be."** Of course, if a member wishes to organize a fundraiser for a charity on their own, they can brief the members of their plans and enlist their help. **The motion was seconded by Nigel Walsworth.** Sylvie stated that we are indeed a mostly social club, but we are also a partially benevolent club through the good deeds of members towards friends in need. The treasurer stated we have given sizable donations in the past ie Alberta Flood and Alzheimer's. This subject seems to reoccur on a regular basis. Ace Webster suggested that a benevolent account could be set up separate from the general operating account. The Treasurer stated that he could maintain an account of benevolent donations in our account. The Chairman asked Ace if he would be willing to organize some type of fundraising effort to get funds to put in this benevolent fund, and Ace said he would. The treasurer would maintain this account. Greg Hallonquist asked about the \$50 funeral flowers/donation to a departed member's family/spouse. There is no change to that and it was moved in some previous year's minutes and still stands. The vote on the

motion was called for and the **Motion was Carried** (19 for, 4 against & 6 abstained).

SAOC E Membership Cards In response to Boyd Thomas' request from last MGM about SAOC(E) life membership cards, Sylvain passed around a sample sheet of membership cards examples. If members want them, they have to make it known to Sylvain. This will be for all members if you want one. They can be produced at no cost since Sylvain will buy the card stock and Brian Lapierre can laminate them. They would be handed out at an SAOC(E) meeting, however they will not be mailed out.

New Business: Gabriel Epprecht from the Ecology Action Center of Nova Scotia was slated to be our guest speaker tonight, however he had to cancel as he is no longer employed by them and he has left for Europe. Another member from the EAC was suggested but he was not available for tonight. The Ecology Action Centre is a member-based environmental charity in Nova Scotia. They take leadership on critical environmental issues from biodiversity protection to climate change to environmental justice.

Naval Museum Submarine Room Update Brian Lapierre informed us that they are making progress at the Submarine room display in Stad. Brian has posted pictures on several websites such as Facebook on the progress made. They are a year into the project and things are going very slowly. The bunk space and mess area are about 90% complete. They are just waiting for the graphic panels final design and corrections from NSCC before they go out to contract. They are making a stand for an O2 generator they got from the submarine school. The room should be finished by the 15th July and the formal opening by the Base Commander will be on the Tuesday 30th July. An official invitation will be sent to all SAOC E members inviting them to attend. Timing to TBD. Brian wanted to thank MOG5 HQ for their help in the museum. Steve St. Amant suggested that the Students from NSCC who helped be invited as well. While it is a good idea, most who started the project have already graduated and moved on. Greg asked if he should bring his slops. Brian noted if you are willing to donate an artifact to the museum do not expect a tax receipt if you did not acquire it through official channels as it still belongs to the crown assets. It would get a museum accession number for items donated. A form would have to be filled out. Lots work done. Brum stated that anything he gave the museum from Ojibwa was on Bob Davidson's behalf. If interested in helping see Brian after the meeting or go visit him at the museum as he is there normally Tuesdays and Thursday 0730-1200 hrs.

AOB Brum informed us that married men don't live any longer than single men. It just seems that way for married men.

Steve St. Amant stated that Anders Berglund has Submarine Rum for sale. Steve had also found and sold some Okanagan ball caps and profits of \$200 went into the last Post Fund. Steve brought back the idea for a Cairn for "O" Boats for the Halifax Base which had been discussed last year. George stated that the West Coast has a cairn near their Submarine headquarters which was championed by senior submariners. Steve thinks we are shortchanging ourselves by not having one here to commemorate the SM1 and "O" boat service over the decades. This will have to be taken offline and have someone will have to take charge of this project. There is something already being done for "O" boats in the museum. While a good idea we would need support from the navy command. Where, how and the cost would have to be investigated. The secretary expressed his concern from his past experiences from the lack of support for several projects suggested for the navy's and submarine's hundred-year anniversaries by him as there was no money available. Steve said leadership changes and he will draft a motion.

Terry Chatham reminded us of the Annual Pig Roast in Groton on the first long weekend in Aug. Five hotel rooms have been booked in the same hotel as in the past at \$105 at night USD plus tax. There is going to be a remembrance ceremony a day earlier for Bear who had started the Pig Roast and this is their 30th anniversary. The ceremony for him will be at the Veteran's Cemetery in Rhode Island on the 1st Aug. Please let Terry know if you want one of these rooms. If you want T-shirts you have to order them yourselves.

Cliff Boettcher has two submarine books that he brought with him for anyone to take.

Boyd Thomas informed the meeting that there is a submarine model on display in the Chiefs & POs 3 Mess in Juno Tower in Stadacona. The museum has the submarine model that was in the Escape Tower MOG 5 HQ Sr mess.

Brian Lapierre informed us that he had received a call and an email from Alvin Carrier saying that Jerry Conway had passed away on Campobello Island. The chairman investigated later by calling Jerry's wife Moira Brown. Moira stated that Jerry Conway passed away on 11th May 2019. She will be sending more details when she is able to do so.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$75 was won by Boyd Thomas

Submariners Prayer was read by Bob Davidson

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by John Meehan and seconded by Bill Cleal to adjourn the meeting at 2055 hrs. Carried.

The next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ SR Mess 26th June 2019 @ 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman