



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 26th June 2019

MOG5 HQ SR 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. He introduced two guests for tonight's meeting: Mike Gordon, Lucky's son and Daniel Lloyd Little, an author. A thank you was given to PO1 Bob Johnson and his wife for bartending tonight. 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. We mourn the lost of Jerry Conway who passed away in Campobello Island, N.B. on May 11, 2019. There are no details at this time but his Partner Moira Brown has told the Chairman that in due time it will be sent to SAOC(E). Also, a Submariner, Jason Saumure, passed away from an ATV accident in BC on 22 June 2019 while on duty. Also, we heard that Padre Bruce Murray passed away at the end of May. He was instrumental in dealing with the Chicoutimi crew after the accident and also conducted Shane Irvine's Funeral 3 years ago. May they always be remembered in our hearts and minds for their good deeds.

Attendance 28 members were in attendance: Art Bodden, Cliff Boettcher, Buster Brown, Jon Carpenter, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Bill Cleal, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Claude Gendron, Jim Gordon, Greg Hallonquist, Bert Houde, Wynn Jones, Brian Lapierre, Ken McMillan, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, Sylvain Rouillard, Dave Russell, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh, Peter Weis and Tim Wood.

Regrets were received from 14 members: Marc Aalbers, Doug Birch, Rob Bray, Ron Butchart, George Byzewski, Bob Davidson, Jim Harris, Tom Nickle, Neil and Rodney Lake, Mark Osmond, Lee Thompson, Nigel Walsworth and Phil "Ace" Webster.

Health and Wellness The Chairman welcomed Buster Brown back after his health issues. Also welcome back to Art Bodden after his short stay in hospital. Apparently, Doreen has restricted Art to only two a day now. Don't know if that is true or not. Art wouldn't confirm this. We wish him well!

The Beast informed us that he had his ass checked and the Doctor informed him that he is a Perfect Asshole and it is nice and normal. We asked what was normal for him? The Beast didn't bring in the pictures that he had promised at the last meeting to show us the proof.

Minutes the 29th May 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 acting secretary reported that no editions of Trident were received so none will be distributed at this meeting.

Correspondence Out None from the secretary.

Reports Chairman Sylvain reported that a few members from SAOC attended the Navy League Cadet Corp Bidwell for their annual ceremonial review. He said it was very well received. Individuals who attended were Sylvain Rouillard, Jim Northrup, George Byzewski, Bill Cleal, Pete Lindstrom, Chris Blonde, and Art & Doreen Bodden. Sylvain also said the precision drill team was excellent and instead of using rifles they use paddles. This was because some people believed that by them using rifles was wrong at that age. The chairman presented the Senior Cadet Award to CPO1 Jasmine Dicks and CPO1 Jonas Vincent. This award is presented to the senior cadet who has best displayed the qualities of a leader and has assisted the most in the development of all other cadets. The chairman also gave each of those two recipients the book: "It's Not the Ships... My War Years" by Philip Sherwood. The event was held at the Hampton Gray School in Shearwater.

Sylvain received a letter from the Red Cross requesting a donation from SAOC(E) last month. The request for donation was not for any specific event, but was to make us aware that the Honda Canada Foundation would triple any gift we would give to the Canadian Red Cross. The topic was discussed and a collection was taken. \$113.00 was collected. Ron Cooper drafted a cheque for that amount and it will be mailed immediately to the Red Cross. This donation would appear as \$339 in SAOC(E) name, having being tripled by the Honda Canada

Foundation.

The Chairman also thanked Tim Wood for drafting a letter to send to Companies requesting Donations to support functions we hold. Lee Thompson sent a copy of the letter to Lawton's. The Chairman will do some research and if anyone has a company in mind to approach, please contact the Chairman and he will follow it up.

Sylvain still has some of Books by Fred Sherwood. His book "It's Not the Ships ... My War Years" is available for \$10.00. Sylvain stated that he sold quite a few of the original 28 books he had for sale. If anyone wanted a copy see him after the meeting or email him with your request.

Peter Heppleston, president of the SAOC(C) Branch, has an action item to contact other branches and inquire about their lifetime membership policy. The Chairman discussed with Ron Cooper and Brian Lapierre the Life Membership Table, and Brian said he would send Sylvain what he had. Brian also stated that the existing Table doesn't make sense. For example, if a person is 78 years old and wanted to become a Life Member, he would have to pay \$160.00. Why? The max he would pay by paying his yearly dues until he turned 80 would only be \$40.00. So, some work needs to be done on this Table. Sylvain will send Peter our By-Laws and the revised table.

CPO1 / PM1 Andrew Moulton, CD, Canadian Submarine Force (CANSUBFOR) Chief is trying to reach out to all of HMCS Chicoutimi Crew 2004 and the Care & Custody personnel during the 2008-09-time frame. There is going to be a Town Hall Meeting on the 11th of July 2019 at Juno Tower. The word is getting out so if anyone knows anyone who may not be in the area and haven't already been contacted and you know them please inform them of what is going on. The official letter will be emailed with these minutes and is available on the Canadian Submariners Past and Present Facebook Group.

Vice Chair Nothing to report from Jim Northrup.

Secretary No report. He is in Ontario.

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his detailed financial report for the 26th June 2019 which showed a closing bank balance of \$12,577.67 after bank charges, Slops expenses, Secretarial supplies Post Office fee. 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.

Social 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. Food will be chicken, burgers and hot dogs and salads. There will be duff. The beer machine and keg are ready to go. 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. Donations to the local Food Bank

Slops Greg Hallonquist said slops are doing well.

Membership Update Brian reported there are 43 Life Members, 86 Members paid for 2018 and beyond. We welcomed Bill Venator back as a paid-up member tonight. We have a total 129 paid up members. If anyone wants to pay for 2019 dues or update their information, see Brian after the meeting.

Old Business

SAOC E Membership Cards In response to Boyd Thomas' request from last MGM about SAOC(E) life membership cards, Sylvain again discussed this but we have not had anybody requesting these cards. If you want one contact the Chairman. 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.

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 95% complete. They have received the graphic panels final design and corrections from NSCC

and the Director is preparing them for quote to be produced by contract. The proposed 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. Invitations etc. are being handled by the Director and Curator. Brian wanted to thank MOG5 HQ for their help in the museum. 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. Both Brian and Jim voiced their concern about the project, how it will be and after a year of asking for items, documents etc they are starting to show up but it is to late for some of the material to be used. It will become part of the Museum however. 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.

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 by 03 July 2019.

Bill Venator gave a talk about attending the 56th Annual Submarine Congress that was held in Belgrade, Serbia, in May. There were 200 delegates from 24 Countries who attended. Bill was the only Canadian. His talk was very informative and the next Congress will be held in Sweden in May 2020. Bill plans on attending the next Congress as well and is hoping to put together a miniature pocket book of the Dolphin Code to distribute. He hopes to get 50 copies made. He asked if SAOC(E) would be interested in contributing a small amount to help with the costs. Sylvain said slim chances but it would be discussed.

Daniel Lloyd Little thanked the members for letting him attend the meeting and thanked us all for our service. Sylvain said he has read his three books and, although fictitious, they were very entertaining and portrayed our men and women of the Submarine Service in a very good light. The books Daniel has written are: "Conflict In the North," "Unheard, Unseen" and "Submarine Lost" and can be found on his website: www.daniellittle.com.

Buster Brown gave a small briefing with respect to the Shovel and its history. Buster thanked Brian and Jim with respect to the work being done at the Museum. Buster also gave a short briefing on the Museum and obstacles that it has had to deal with since 2011 and before. Buster then presented the Shovel and its book to Brian and Jim to be displayed in the Museum. Buster is also working on the Tot Board from the After Ends on Okanagan. He is getting the names sorted out.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$75 was won by Cliff Boettcher of which he returned \$25.00 back to the Association.

Submariners Prayer was read by Daniel Lloyd Little.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by Tim Wood to adjourn the meeting at 2055 hrs. Carried.

The next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ JR Mess 31st July 2019 @ 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre for

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman