



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 25th Sept 2019

MOG5 HQ JR MESS



Opening the Vice Chairman, Jim Northrup, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at 19:35 hrs and thanked all who could make tonight's meeting. The Vice Chairman called the members up. A moment of silence was observed for all sick, ailing departed members and personnel still serving. A thank you was given to Chris Powers for bartending tonight. If you need a refill, please get up at any time during the meeting. Please be generous to the bartender.

Attendance 18 members were in attendance: Art Bodden, Cliff Boettcher, Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Rob Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Taff Jones, Brian Lapierre, John Madison, Jim Northrup, Marc Pallard, John Smith, JJ Surrete, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh and Peter Weis.

Regrets were received from 9 members: Buster Brown, George Byzewski, Ron Butchart, Lloyd Dick, Neil and Rodney Lake, John Meehan, Sylvain Rouillard, and Lee Thompson.

Health and Wellness Terry Chatham informed the meeting that he had received an email from Tony Palmer. It informs us that Tony's stepdaughter Chloe Pearson was diagnosed with rare blood disorder called Severe Aplastic Anemia which causes bone marrow failure. She is undergoing radiated blood transfusions every two weeks in Victoria while doctors determine the best course of treatment. They are hoping that her sister Briar will be a good bone marrow stem cell match for transplant. If not, Chloe will need to undergo immune-suppressant therapy until a non-genetic bone marrow is found. Regardless of the strategy, the treatment has to take place in Vancouver which means Chloe and her wife Deb, need to find suitable accommodations to live in for 100 days. Rooms at the Vancouver Cancer Lodge are \$110 per night; hostels, apartments and nearby hotels are considerably more expensive. Chloe's colleagues at Babcock Canada have organized a fundraiser to help ease the financial burden on Cloe and Deb.

The link is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraiser-for-chloe039s-vancouver-treatment>

The email further stated that no one should feel compelled to contribute; however, any donation would be gratefully accepted by Chloe and Deb. Lastly Tony wished to thank everyone and express their gratitude for the kind words sent to him and Louise. Terry was asked by Jim Northrup to forward this email to secretary so we can put it out on the net.

Terry Chatham also informed us that George Byzewski is in Thunder Bay Ontario as his younger brother Bernie had just passed from cancer. The secretary will send a sympathy card expressing our condolences from SAOC E. Brian Lapierre will send Georges' current address to the secretary.

Minutes the 28th Aug 2019 MGM minutes were distributed by email and copies were available tonight for review. Some members do not have a computer, and some had not read the minutes therefore some characters wanted to the secretary to read the minutes. Brian Lapierre noted that there were two minor corrections to be made it should read Elson not Nelson and it should read Brian not Brain Lapierre. Note spell check does not work all the time. Brian Cooper said it was deliberate mistake to see people actually read the minutes. The minutes were **Approved** as amended.

Correspondence In The secretary reported 2 editions of the Trident were received and distributed around the mess. A magazine called Connect keeps showing up in our mailbox addressed to Dusty Miller c/o SAOC E . Mark Pallard said that it had a very nice picture on the cover, so the secretary gave it to him. Which one can say that is correspondence out.

Correspondence Out None from the secretary.

Reports Chairman No report as Sylvain is taking Spanish lessons on Wednesday evenings for the next few months therefore, he sent his regrets for the next two meetings. Sylvie tried his Spanish out on Jim. Jim said he couldn't understand a word just like Sylvie's French.

Vice Chair Jim Northrup talked about the museum and is going strong and a lot of people are coming to see the submarine room and a lot people like it.

Secretary The secretary reported that the Submarine gathering had a good turnout on the Saturday 21st of Sept at the Somme Branch Legion on King Street in Dartmouth. There were approximately 30 people who showed up. Sylvie brought the pepperoni for snacks. This is proving to be a great social event. Drew Macdonald, Dave Foote and Andre "Monster" LaLancette were some of the notable persons who showed up who we have not seen in a while. Rob did not recognize Andre at first as he had lost a ton of weight and actually, he was looking quite good. Jim Northrup commented that Dave Foote has living in Arizona during the winter for last few years.

Treasurer Ron Cooper's financial report for the 25th Sept 2019 showed a closing bank balance of \$12,398.79 after bank charges. \$400 from slops plus the chairman and the membership dues \$245 were passed into the treasurer which will be included in next month's report. There is just one future expense, the Annual Xmas Dinner/Dance at the Lions Club on the 20th Dec for \$1000. Ron also stated he will be making up the Xmas function tickets soon.

Social Brum stated that Xmas Dinner/Dance at the Lions Club is still on for the 20th Dec and is hoping for a good turnout for that. Tickets will be \$20 per person. Brum is looking for members to solicit door prizes for the event to help keep the price down. Rodney Lake is making up three more pens. They went down well at last years dance. The secretary asked that didn't we get a form letter made up by Slinger Wood to canvass local business to get donations. We will have to ask Sylvie if he got this from Slinger. Brum's Joke too politically incorrect to be included in the minutes.

Slops Greg Hallonquist gave his normal short report saying that slops are doing well, Brian and he just got back from 2-month vacation in Alberta and is glad to be back in Nova Scotia. Jim Northrup thanked Greg for his efforts in doing slops. Greg just reminded everyone that he will be resigning his position of slops manager in Dec at the AGM. So, someone will need to take over from Greg if we wish to continue to have slops.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre reported there are 43 Life Members, 88 Members paid for 2018 and beyond with a total of 131 members. We got one new member tonight Jim Hewitt. Ron Cooper commented that Cliff Boetcher must had Jim in a choke hold or something.

Old Business: Jim Northrup brought up the issue of choosing a charity to donate the \$200 that Steve St. Amant had donated to us from the sale of T-Shirts. Steve would like an answer soonest as we have been talking about this at last couple meetings. We have been talking about several charities, but the majority seem to think that Vets Canada would be the best one. It was moved by

Rob Fraser and seconded by Taff Jones that the \$200 be donated to Vets Canada. **Carried.**

New Business: The AGM will be held on the 7 December. Jim Northrup stated that a call for amendments to the By-Laws, are to be submitted to the Chairman in writing and must be tendered by the 31st October. Such submissions will be tabled as a motion for adoption or rejection by the membership in attendance at the AGM. SAOC(E) By-Laws para 10.01 refers.

AGM & Potluck will be on Saturday 7th December at MOG5. Mtg @ 13:30. This is not an election year as the secretary said he has one more year suffering in taking the minutes. Terry Chatham thought since Greg Hallonquist was resigning as slops manger it was an election year. The secretary reminded everyone that slops manger is a volunteer position not elected.

Jim Northrup commented on Submarine gathering at the Somme Branch Legion in Dartmouth. There were approximately 30 people who showed up. This is organized by Pat Drown and Bernie Gagnon which happens @ every three months or so at the Somme Branch Legion in Dartmouth. Brum suggested that Brian should have been drumming up recruits for SAOC membership. Jim Northrup stated that Brian had exceed his yearly drinking limit by having two beers.

AOB Brum told his second joke “Three guys were waiting outside the Pearly Gates on Christmas Eve with St Peter guarding the gates. St Peter said because of the occasion you need to have something on you associated with Christmas before I let you in. The first guy was panicking and searching through all his pockets and pulls out a cigarette lighter flicks it and says a **Candle**. St Peter said Ok you are in. The second guy pulls out a bunch of keys rattles them and said **Bells**. St Peter said Ok you are in. The third guy pulls out a pair women’s panties. St Peter looks at him and says yes and he said, “**they are Carrols.**” *A good one Brum.*

Brian Lapierre reminded us that **50th Anniversary of HMCS Kootenay Disaster** will be held on the 23rd Oct at 1030-1200 hrs at the Bonaventure Monument in Point Pleasant Park which is open to everyone. This is to mark the 50th Anniversary of the explosion on HMCS Kootenay and a Rededication of the Bonaventure Anchor Memorial. They are expecting over 1000 people to attend. Transportation is laid on from the parking lot to the memorial. There will be a reception at Tribute Tower in Stad following the ceremony. There will be an official meet and greet at 1700 hrs the HMCS Scotian on the 22nd Oct which are only by invitation only. There is supposed to be tour of one the frigates prior to this. If you want to go this function you need to contact the navy or Patty Christy/ Dinger Bell to get your name on the invitation list. Brian Lapierre just the got his invitation yesterday. You are interested in participating get a hold of Brian.

Rob Fraser said if you want to smell some old submarine training books from his 1976 basic submarine course he just gave them to Brian Lapierre for the museum plus his old part seven drawing book. Just for Brum Rob told a joke. It was about Eleanor Roosevelt wife of FDR. She was very pleased when she had a rose was named after her. She was less than pleased when she read the description in the catalogue. No good in a bed but great up against a wall. Not as good as Brum’s.

Brian Lapierre stated that they had received over 21 photo albums which Brian is slowly scanning to a computer. He has gotten six done already which will become part of naval museum achieve. The albums will remain part of the Naval Museum of Halifax. Brian and Jim are still going in once a week to the museum.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$50 was won by Brum Tovey. He will be buying a couple rounds at Elmsdale Legion on Friday 1500-1700 hrs. Brum stated they do have a submarine table at the Elmsdale Legion.

Submariners Prayer was read by Brian Cooper

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Terry Chatham to and seconded by Brian Lapierre adjourn the meeting at 20:00 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ SR Mess 30th Oct 2019 @ 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Jim Northrup

SAOC (E) Vice Chairman