



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 30th Oct 2019

MOG5 HQ SR MESS



Opening the Secretary, Robbie Fraser, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at 19:30 hrs and thanked all who could make tonight's meeting. The Secretary called the members up. Brian Lapierre was filling in for Robbie Fraser recording the minutes. A moment of silence was observed for all sick, ailing departed members and personnel still serving. We received information that Dean Brassington, age 65 who served in Oberons passed away in Norfolk, Virginia on 19 October 2019. Also in paying respects to our fallen comrades from HMCS Kootenay which events took place in Halifax last week. A memorial was held at the Bonaventure Anchor Memorial in Point Pleasant Park commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Kootenay Explosion where 9 Crew members lost their lives. Also 46 additional names have been added to the plaques on the Monument including PO2 LaVerne McLeod, Submariner, who lost his life on HMS Sidon on 16 June 1955.

A thank you was given to Bob Johnson for bartending tonight. If you need a refill, please get up at any time during the meeting. Please be generous to the bartender.

Attendance 15 members were in attendance: Art Bodden, Cliff Boettcher, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Rob Fraser, Claude Gendron, Brian Lapierre, Tom Nickel, Marc Pallard, Steve St. Amant, JJ Surrete, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh and new member Wayne Buzzard.

Regrets were received from 20 members: Rob Bray, Buster Brown, George Byzewski, John Clahane, Greg Hallonquist, Larry Hickey, Wynn Jones, Neil and Rodney Lake, Pete Lindstrom, Dave McLaughlin, Jim Northrup, Tony Palmer, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, John Meehan, Sylvain Rouillard, Lee Thompson, Nigel Walsworth, Peter Weis.

Health and Wellness Cyril Richards is suffering from PTSD and apparently served in Victoria Class but nobody seems to know him. If anyone has more information please pass to the Executive.

Minutes the 25 Sep 2019 MGM minutes were distributed by email and copies were available tonight for review. An amendment was made to it. Some members do not have a computer, and some had not read the minutes, therefore some characters wanted the secretary to read the minutes. The minutes were **Approved** as amended.

Correspondence In The secretary reported 3 editions of the Trident were received and distributed around the mess. A letter from the Canadian Red Cross was received requesting money but we have decided not to contribute. The letter will be ignored. Ron Cooper indicated that we cannot give money to anyone that requests it.

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 meeting.

Vice Chair Jim Northrup was away in the Netherlands participating in a Rededication Ceremony at the Canadian War Cemetery Bergen-Op-Zoom Netherlands on 27 October 2019. This was the Rededication of his Uncle Murray Northrup's Headstone KIA 30 October 1944.

Secretary Robbie Fraser stated that his email may have been hacked and indicated that if you received an email from Robbie with a link please delete it and ignore it. Robbie stated that he does not send emails with links. He asked if anybody had received any emails like this from him. Response was a few had.

Treasurer Ron Cooper's financial report for the 30 Oct 2019 showed a closing bank balance of \$13,133.04 after bank charges. A Deposit of \$738.00 was made with included \$40.00 received from Membership dues, \$25.00 from Sylvain after winning the 50/50 Draw, \$200.00 from Steve St. Amant from Last Post Fund and \$423.00 from slops. 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. The donation that Steve St. Amant made will be donated to Vets Canada. The cheque is ready to be mailed.

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. Rodney Lake has contacted Brian Lapierre requesting Brum's contact info as he has the 3 pens ready. Brum gave his customary jokes.

Slops Greg Hallonquist was not in attendance but slops are doing well, 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. The secretary reminded everyone that slops manager is a volunteer position and not elected.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre reported there are 43 Life Members, 89 Members paid for 2018 and beyond with a total of 132 members. We got one new member tonight Wayne Buzzard.

Old Business: 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.

New Business: Remembrance Day will be held on 11 November 2019 at the Sailors Memorial in Point Pleasant Park. Sylvain & Buster Brown will be laying the wreath. Dress is Blazers, Medals & Beret's. Again a stop at the Bonaventure Anchor Memorial will be observed as well on completion.

An email was sent out on the retirement of Pat Jacobs who is retiring on the 29 November 2019. He is not a member of SAOC(E). Contact Sylvain for anybody who is not on our distribution list to get their name on the list if they wish to attend.

There is no meeting in November due to the AGM being held on 07 December 2019.

An Email was sent out for distribution from CPO1 Andrew Moulton, Submarine Force CPO. Robbie Fraser read the email to all. If anybody has not seen this email or not aware of it please contact Robbie to get a copy. A few comments from members were that they don't believe the situation to be as dire as indicated in the letter but we still believe we need to increase membership in all three Associations.

An email was received from the son of Roland Lanouette about Associate members. Terry Chatham indicated there is a provision for Associate members but this is something that this possibly can be looked at and reviewed.

Robbie Fraser said he again has received an email from Wade Berglund about the Submarine Coins he is selling. If anyone wants more information and has not seen it please contact Wade or Brian Lapierre. The coins are about \$20.00 each.



Robbie Fraser read a poem about Submariners. Source Unknown. Terry Chatham said he believed it was Zeke Brower-Berkhoven.

Brian Lapierre stated that they had received over 21 photo albums which Brian is slowly scanning to a computer. He has gotten ten 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.

A comment by a member was made with respect to jokes being politically incorrect; he indicated that they should not be published in our minutes because if they were to fall into the wrong hands it may become an issue with the Navy and our use of MOG5 to hold our meetings and functions. The general consensus agreed.

Brian Lapierre asked the membership at tonight's meeting who had visited the Submarine Room at the Museum. Positive feedback was received about the room and the job which was done. One member stated that it was long overdue and was well done. Brian encouraged everyone to visit it and give their comments. Also the Video Display which was given by James "Dusty" Miller when he passed and was being used for the Escape Video has failed so Brian is trying to obtain another monitor or small TV which can be used.

Steve St. Amant indicated that Decals have been made to support Prostrate Cancer. George O'Keefe is producing them. They are \$5.00 each and 5 inches x 5 inches.



Robbie told a joke about stepping on a duck. Not recorded.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$35 was won by Ron Cooper. He donated it back to the Association.

Submariners Prayer was read by Wayne Buzzard.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Terry Chatham to and seconded by Claude Gendron adjourn the meeting at 20:10 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at the JRs Mess 29th Jan 2020.

AGM will be held at the MOG5 HQ SR Mess 07th December 2019 at 13:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre for

Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman