



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 03 March 2020
C&PO's MESS JUNO TOWER



Opening the Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at 19:30 hrs and thanked all for making this special meeting tonight. Sylvain welcomed our Special Guests for tonight's meeting. Captain Navy Stéphane Ouellet and CPO1 Andy from Canadian Submarine Force on West Coast who will give a brief on the status of the Submarine Service today. Nelson Harvey was also in attendance. The chairman then called the members up for a moment of silence for all sick, ailing and departed members. The Chairman read out our recently departed: Nigel Frawley – 22 January 2020, Michael Ryan – 25 February 2020 & Jim Wood – 02 March 2020. May they always be remembered in our hearts and minds for their good deeds. Brian Lapierre commented that he had received an email from Larry Hickey on Tuesday evening about 1800 informing him that Jim Wood had passed away.

Attendance 22 members and 3 guests were in attendance: Cliff Boettcher, Wayne Buzzard, George Byzewski, Jon Carpenter, Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Claude Gendron, Bert Houde, Paul Lang, Brian Lapierre, Fern Lavictoire, John Madison, Jim Northrup, Marc Pallard, Sylvain Rouillard, John Smith, Steve St. Amant, JJ Surette, Boyd Thomas, Phil Webster, Al White.

Regrets were received from 20 members: Marc Aalbers, Buster Brown, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Bob Davidson, Jim Gordon (Jim is on a beach in Florida, with his toes in the water, ass in the sand, no worries and a beer in his hand), Robbie Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Taff Jones, Neil Lake, Rodney Lake, Dave McLaughlin, Ken McMillan, John Meehan, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, David Russell, Lee Thompson, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh.

Health and Wellness Sylvain informed everyone that he had no reports for Health and Wellness. However, after the meeting he received regrets for Art Bodden. From Doreen: Art is in the hospital with pneumonia. There is much fluid in his lungs and that's the reason it's taking so long to clear up the lung infection. They are now feeding him through a vein. On Monday he goes to Halifax for a Bone Scan. Also waiting to see a Vascular doctor and a specialist about getting a Feeding tube put into the stomach. So, as you can see, he has a lot of issues.

Minutes the 29th January 2020 MGM minutes were distributed by email and copies were available tonight for review. There being no errors or omissions, the minutes were **Approved as** distributed.

Correspondence In Nil.

Correspondence Out Nil.

Reports Chairman The Chairman reported he attended one submarine related event. The retirement of PO1 Terry Pierangeli. He has taken a job with Babcock and is off to England for training.

Vice Chair Jim Northrup reported on the Submariners' gathering at the Somme Legion on 29th February. Over 40 people attended and a good time was had by all. Next one in three months.

Secretary Rob Fraser had no report prior to leaving on vacation.

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his regrets to the meeting and no financial report for the 03 Mar 2020. One will be available at the next meeting.

Slops No report as Greg had given his regrets for this evening. We still need a volunteer to take over slops. Greg was at the Submariner's gathering last Saturday and sold off many items, including the "Hello Darkness My Old Friend" t-shirts.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre had \$60.00 collected in dues to pass on to the treasurer. He will hold onto the money until next meeting when Ron Cooper is back. Brian reported there are 43 Life Members, 86 Members paid for 2019 and beyond for current total of 129. If you are in arrears for more than two years you are taken off the dist list and access list.

Social Brian Cooper has agreed to take over as the Social/Entertainment Chairman with the help of George Bysewski. Sylvain gave his thanks and approval on this.

New Business At every AGM we publish minutes that are tabled at the next MGM. Everyone was sent a copy electronically. One hard copy was given to Boyd Thomas. In comments for distribution Sylvain said he had a copy for Willy Waugh. A comment was made that Willy has got rid of his rotary phone and now has Voice Mail. Please review those AGM 2019 minutes and if you find any errors or omission, please bring those forward to the chairman so that they can be corrected prior to the next AGM in Dec 2020.

Naval Museum Update Brian Lapierre told a story about a uniform that was acquired by the Museum this past week. Guy Godin, a volunteer at the museum, told Brian he had acquired a Square Rig Naval Uniform at the Flea Market in Dartmouth on the weekend. I told him to let me look at it. He went to get it from his car and when he brought it in it was the jumper, collar and pants. Gold 2 Badge Killick, with Single Dolphin Badge and Weapons Underwater Badge. I mentioned if he knew who it belonged to. Was there a name on the collar? I flipped the collar up and seen the name "C. Russelo". The only Russelo I knew was Carl Russelo who was a Storesman, served in submarines on Oberons from 1967 to 1969. He got out in 1970 and lives in Amherstburg, Ontario. Knowing Carl from way back I decided to phone him. I had his contact info in my phone, called him with no answer. Five minutes later my phone rang and it was him. I proceeded to ask him how the uniform might have ended up in a Flea Market in Dartmouth. He told me that when he got out and moved to Amherstburg, Ontario the local Museum was looking for Naval Artifacts and Uniforms so he donated it to them. After about five years the Museum changed from a regular Museum to a Museum of the War of 1812. When that happened all the items were shipped to Ottawa to the Museum. How it ended up in Dartmouth at a Flea Market is another story. Why the Storesman's badge was replaced with a Weapons Underwater badge would be another mystery. Anyway we had a good laugh over it and he mentioned to me if I still remember the run ashore we had in 1969. I assured him that I did and we had another good laugh.

This uniform we hope to use in the new Naval Uniform display later in the year.

50/50 The 50/50 of \$52.50 was won by Fern Lavictoire.

Guest Speaker Captain Stéphane Ouellet gave a very informative and thorough update as to the status of the current Submarine Fleet. He told us the state of each boat, work ongoing, projects for each boat, and the current difficulties encountered. Not having any operational submarines has been challenging with respect to motivation and training and the problems encountered by not having any operational submarines for some time, however the fleet is coping well. Andy also gave us a good briefing on manning and spun a very funny dit. Their briefings were very informative and well received by attending members.

Submariners Prayer was read by Nelson Harvey.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Claude Gendron and seconded by Bert Houde to adjourn the meeting at 2026 hrs. **Carried**

The next MGM will be held at the MOG5 SR Mess Thursday 25 March 2020 @ 1930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre for Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman