

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING 25 FEBRUARY, 2004

MOG5 - S.R'S MESS "ESCAPE TOWER"

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1930. There being: 31 members and 1 guest. In attendance: "Wiggy" Bennett; Art Bodden; "Buster" Brown; George Byzewski; John Clahane; Ryan Conroy; Jerry Conway; "Fossil" Dube; Bob Evans; Keith Griffin; Reggie Harris; Don Hood; Ray Hunt; Steve Jenner; "Taff" Jones; Bill Kamermans; Cliff Killam; Shaun MacDougall; John Madison; "Pony" Moore; David O'Connell; John O'Dwyer; Tony Palmer; Eric Parsons; Greg Pease; Frank Ralph; "Tex" Ranger; "Jerry" Sigrist; Paul Tolson; "Soapy" Watson; "Willie" Waugh. Guest: (grandson) Matthew Dube.

The Chairman: Welcomed members, reminding them to sign the guest book and check off list, then stating pleasure at being able to welcome home Tony Palmer. There are three new members; John Meehan; Wayne Presley, and Steve Vossen Retirement membership. Members were informed that "Dusty" Miller's health problems are ongoing with further tests slated, also Robbie Welsh recovering from surgery, now suffering back injury, *Fred Glover (Central) in intensive care in Ottawa, Jerry Conway having had knee replacement surgery. Ernie Marcoux's sister has passed away as also former member Paul Renner's brother David; Jim Harris's son-in-law suffering from cancer. Apologies were tendered on behalf of Father Frank who had to leave earlier for church duties. Members were invited to rise for a moment of reflection.

The Chairman continued by informing members: After having to cancel the Anniversary meeting scheduled for Saturday 21st due to the blizzard, it was imperative to combine an agenda with the monthly meeting because of the nearing Auction. A revised meeting agenda and the updated Tentative Anniversary Program were tabled and because of the time available, regular monthly reports were shortened and/ or curtailed.

Secretary: Reported no correspondence but for a sympathy card passed to the Marcoux family on behalf of the members.

Minutes of January Meeting: Secretary reported one omission in that Reg McClusky had taken out membership. There being no other errors or omissions, moved by Jerry Conway; seconded by Art Bodden: That minutes be adopted as tabled. Motion Carried.

Treasurer: Reported Operating account stands at \$ 2,921.81; Hospitality fund \$ 228; Memorial fund \$ 130.

Slops: RCN Blazer badges are now available, price, Members \$15 Non- Members \$ 20

Other Business:

DUES: It was noted that a large number of members have yet to pay their dues; members are reminded that dues should be paid no later than January 31st. If you are one of the above mentioned, please get your dues in the mail, or if possible, better still attend the next meeting and pay them.

ANNIVERSARYTransportation: Ryan Conroy reported that he had received several emails from people having difficulty with Air Canada in providing special fare discounts. Ryan reported that: **Registrants must provide CV # “CV 041307” to Air Canada in order to identify for the discount.** As clearly indicated on the website and mail-out registration procedures. “Submariners Association” applies to hotel bookings, **NOT** Air Canada discounts.

Mothers Day Social: It is planned to hold a “Wine & Cheese and Casino Night” at Windsor Park in May, date TBD. It is also planned to have a “Mothers Day Basket” put together by the ladies, to be raffled with proceeds going to the Ladies Programs.

Tentative Program: The Chairman ran through the tentative program reminding members that events and timings are becoming more secure. Of note is the shift to a Drum Head Service on the Sunday, unveilings of the MacLeod Memorial at the school and the SM6 Collage in MOG5, along with details on Dress for the events. (see attached program to these minutes)

Association memorabilia: Permission has been granted by the PMC that the “east wall of the CPO’s Mess MOG5 be allocated and maintained by the Association. Along with the SM 6 collage, Ambush print, CC1 & CC2 Kisby rings, other memorabilia formerly displayed in our gangway cabinet shall be included. It will be officially unveiled as an Anniversary event. The cabinet shall be “refitted” and continue to house and display the SOCA/ SAOC Colours only.

Public Relations: reported that the Halifax/Dartmouth Bridge Commission has agreed to plant a floral display of our Anniversary logo on the Halifax side of the McKay Bridge in public support of the Anniversary. Replies have been received from various companies regarding sponsorship while continuing to chase up ‘pre-mailed to’ corporations by telephone. As well, an article has been prepared for the Legion magazine while Trident newspaper shall publish an “insert” on SAOC Anniversary 2004.

Ways and Means: The auction will be held at the Fleet Club 20 March 2004; doors open at 1400 for pre auction shuffti. Watch for the ad in the late February Trident. Auction from 1500 to 1800, to be conducted by “The Dynamic Duo” of George Byzewski & Taff Jones; Members are asked to bring friends, wives, girl friends (or both), if all else fails: your enemies. If you

have other donations, please bring them to the next anniversary meeting, or get it to someone who can get it there.

50/50 Draw: Willie Waugh was the winner of \$28.00

Submariners Prayer: Eloquently led by Tex Ranger.

Motion to Adjourn: at 20:45 Moved by Tex Ranger; seconded by Taff Jones; Motion Carried

Future Meetings:

Monthly: 1930. 31 March 2004, J. R's Mess, MOG 5

Executive: 1300. 16 March 2004, RCNA Peregrine or Windsor Park. Yet TBD.

Anniversary: 1300. 13 March 2004, C &PO's Mess, Windsor Park

** At the time of assembling the above Minutes, it was sadly learnt of the passing of Central's Fred Glover: 1545 EST, 27 February '04 in Ottawa. Freddie will be sadly missed by all of us, as a man who loved the submarine service, submariners, and especially the people he sailed with. Our Sympathies have since been passed to Nancy and family. . . and we will miss him big time.*