

Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of AGM Saturday 1st December 2018 MOG5 HQ SR Mess

Opening: The Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order at 1330 hrs. The Chairman welcomed and thanked the members for the great turnout and gave special recognition to our bartender Mike Davis. Please be generous to the bartender as he is a volunteer and does not get paid. The chairman called up the meeting for a Moment of Silence for our Troops, our ailing members, deceased submariners and family members who have passed away this year.

The chairman asked the secretary, Rob Fraser, to read out the names of members, family members and submariners who had passed away this year: Steven Salaga, 23 Jan 2018; Al Chase, 05 Mar 2018; Delcie wife of Don Courcy, 25 Mar 2018; Willian "Bill" Wahlman, 28 Mar 2018; Cyril McDonald, 10 April 2018; Donald Hawkins, 21 May 2018; Stan McCulley, 28 Jun 2018; Mike Keough, 29 Jun 2018; Gerry Sigrist, 15 July 2018; Dwight "Soupy" Campbell, 20 July 2018; Irving "Soapy" Watson, 12 Aug 2018; Paul Dumas, 02 Oct 2018; Gerald David Rutherford, 21 Oct 2018; Sam Jennings, 02 Nov 2018; Peter Johnson, 04 Nov 2018; and James "Dusty" Miller, 18 Nov 2018. A moment of silence was observed. May they rest in peace, be remembered for their good deeds and stay in our memories; they who have paved the way for us. Amen.

Attendance: 25 members were in attendance: Pierre Alarie, Art Bodden, Cliff Boettcher, Dougie Birch, Donald Brown, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Bert Houde, Wynn "Taff" Jones, Brian Lapierre, Jim Northrup, Marc Osmond, Eric Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, JJ Surrette, Boyd Thomas, Keith Tovey, Nigel Walsworth, and Tim Wood

Regrets were received from Marc Aalbers, Isaac "Zeke" Brower-Browerberkhoven, Keith "Rob" Braye, Bob Davidson, Raymond Hunt, Conrad "Ski" Petrikowski, Steve St Amant, Lee Thompson, Willy Waugh, John Meehan, Ken McMillan and Peter Weis.

2017 AGM Minutes: minutes from AGM 2017 were distributed via email and were handed out when tabled at the Jan 2018 MGM. There being no errors or omissions, the 2017 AGM Minutes were accepted as distributed.

Correspondence: Tridents were distributed. No other correspondence.

Annual Reports of the Executive Committee

Chairman's Report: Sylvain presented his report, as follows:

I will start by recognizing the membership, each one of you, for coming to our meetings and functions and making those get-togethers a place where I want to be and where I always leave refreshed and pleased for the good times had in great company. Next, I wish to recognize the individual and team efforts of our executive in the performance of their duties and offer my sincerest thank you to Jim, Robbie, Ron, Brum, Greg and Brian. I would like to thank Ted Hirtle, our webmaster, for maintaining and updating our website.

2018 in Review: We have again met the objectives of our association.

1. We held 10 Monthly General Meetings, attended at an average of 28 members per meeting. One of our meeting was held at the Peregrine, which was considered a very good venue when MOG5 is short of bartenders and the messes are not available.

2. At the end of the year, we will have had 4 mixed functions, those being HMCS Okanagan 50th Anniversary Dinner, Summer BBQ at Helen Dubé, the AGM Potluck today and the Christmas Dinner and Dance at the Lions Club in Sackville.
3. We had two formal wreaths laying at the Halifax Sailor's Memorial at Point Pleasant Park, one during the Battle of the Atlantic ceremony and the other at the Remembrance Day ceremony. Also, during the BOA Sunday Ron Cooper, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh and Taft Jones sailed on HMCS Halifax for the Commitment of Pierre Doutré's Ashes to Sea off of Point Pleasant Park.
4. There were three formal presentations of the Top Student Award to the graduating classes of the basic submarine courses, presented by Jim Northrup and Robert Fraser on behalf of SAOC(E).
5. A letter of condolences was sent to the families and friends of the crew of the ARA San Juan on behalf of the SAOC, drafted by SAOC(W) Paul Hansen in collaboration with East and Central.
6. Jim Northrup and Brian Lapierre, with the help of several members, created a Submarine section in an area of the Naval Museum that they themselves renovated for that purpose. This project is ongoing and will be reported on separately.
7. Chief Neal Lake, the CERA of HMCS Windsor, gave us a tour of his submarine.
8. Some of our members attended various submariner related events: The RN Diesel Boat Annual Reunion in Plymouth, England; The 45th Crunch Brunch for Okanagan at the Peregrine; SAOC(C) AGM/BBQ at CFS Leitrim in Ottawa; Sub Vets pig roast in Groton, Connecticut; a visit to the fleet reserve in Charleston, South Carolina; and SAOC West 50th Anniversary of the Rainbow and Okanagan celebration weekend in Victoria.
9. There was a presentation given to us by the Integrated Personnel Service Centre and Veterans Affairs Canada regarding services and benefits available to retired and serving members and how to go about requesting those.
10. Administratively, the Executive Committee signed the Submariner's Association of Canada East By-Laws as amended and approved at AGM 2017. The SAOC Common Constitution was voted in favour by SAOC East, Central and West, and was then ratified.

In conclusion, I reflect on just how fortunate I am that I belong to this association and get to spend some time with you in fellowship.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. I'm looking forward to serving you in 2019; that is if I'm not relieved of my duties at the elections.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

Sylvain Rouillard
Chairman
Submariners Association of Canada East

Vice Chairman's Report Jim Northrup had no formal report to give but stated he enjoyed himself in meeting members he had not seen in a long time and all the events he has been able to attend. Jim thanked Sylvie for his work in keeping our organization together and run smoothly. Jim thanked everyone involved with Stadacona Naval Museum in developing the Submarine Display. They have a meeting with NSCC on Monday. Jim thanked Brian Lapierre for all his work in doing all the research for getting them as far ahead in the project as they have got on. Jim wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2018 on his and his wife's behalf.

Secretary's Report: Rob Fraser had no formal report to give but gave his thanks to all the members for coming out for all the events this year. He just said he enjoyed doing the minutes which takes hours to do most times. Rob and his wife Olia echoed Jim Northrup's good wishes for the season.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Cooper provided his normal comprehensive annual financial report. Current bank balance is \$10,564.77 not counting stock in slops. The bank account is down \$2,241.18 from last year, however this amount, almost to the dollar, was invested entirely in slops purchases (see Slops report for details). Please see attached spread sheets for 2018 Financial Report; All Around Look; and Monthly Financial Statements for Oct and Dec for more details. We have on average an approximate annual income of \$2,700. Options to increase revenue is to have 50/50 at all events, free-will offerings for beer keg at the annual BBQ, raffles, annual calendar, and selling slops at all events. Ron was asked by George Byzewski how long it took to put together his report. Ron said over a day. We may have to start charging money for the annual BBQ ie \$10 a couple or \$5 a head to help defray the costs. Ron thanked Brian Lapierre in collecting more than increase of \$400 annual dues from members in 2017 and \$1000 from 2016. There was a motion put forward to adopt the financial report and get rid of the agenda item about the annual dues. This was a procedural problem remarked under the question by George Byzewski as the annual dues was on the agenda. The motion was withdrawn by Buster Brown. George heard Dusty Miller whispering in his ear. The 2018 financial report was submitted and approved.

Slops Report: Before Greg started on his report he had asked Sylvie to ask the members if they wanted to have slops at the Christmas dance for sale. The consensus of the members was clearly to let Greg have the night off to enjoy himself and not have to hump in and out the slops containers. There will be a submariner gathering at the Somme Branch RCL on King street in Dartmouth on the 15 Dec at 13:00 hrs and Greg will setup Slops Shop there. Come out and see some old faces that normally don't come to our MGMs. Greg reported that slops had a good year with a balance in stock of \$7,309. There was a 15% increase to slops prices as agreed to at the MGM in Sept 2018. All his stock has been paid for to the supplier. Therefore, all the stock in slops are assets and profit to the association will be realized when all the stock is sold. If anyone has ideas for new items, he will discuss this off line. The supplier is willing to do minimum orders of jackets. Greg has had great business via the internet selling 156 T-shirts out of 214 with \$700 profit. He has about 50 T-shirts in stock. He has sold nearly all of the ballcaps with \$500 profit. He noted that he has \$2000 worth of pins in stock for sale. His online sales have been exceptional. Only one person has not paid for his order so far and he lives in Ontario. People placing orders online must pay shipping and cost of item prior to the order being shipped. Greg is not going to order any more stock unless he gets money up front. Greg has been dealing with the same contractor since he was in the navy, which he has had very good relations with. Ron remarked that Greg comes over to his work with his slops and makes home delivery in the Halifax Area. Watch out Amazon! Greg was asked what was the price for the stock he quoted for his report? Greg answered it was retail. Greg was also asked about specialty T-shirts just designed for the summer BBQs. Greg responded that there would have to be a consensus before he would submit an order with a minimum prepaid order of 25 items. Please see him after the

meeting. Greg reminded the members to order the proper sizes ie 2XL or fat bastard size as some people underestimate the size of their tummies as they are not as slim as they once were! The Chairman suggested that we discuss the speciality BBQ T-Shirts at the Jan MGM. We would need a design and commitments if there was great interest. Greg received a well done and a round of applause from the members for all his hard work.

Social Report: Brum Tovey gave his informal report. Brum wished to thank all of the membership for their support during all the social events we had in the past year, which have gone well. 50/50 raffles take in dollars at each meeting. The annual summer BBQ at the Dube's was well attended but the BBQ food was a disappointment. This was due to the fact that Jack the owner of the BBQ company was at another function for 1500 people. According to Brum we are promised that this will not reoccur and Jack has promised something spectacular for next year. A discount is a possibility but Brum needs to talk to Jack. The other possibility we can get another company to do the BBQ for next year. Brum will cut the cost of the beer keg in half from about \$250 as he will down size to half a keg for next year to save money. The summer BBQ will still be held at the Dube's as Helen Dube enjoys having it there and insists in doing so as long as she is able. We may have to start charging a minimal amount per head for next year's BBQ to defray some of the cost. The next function will be the annual Boden Family get together or as we call the SAOC(E) Xmas Dinner/Dance. At present time Brum says we are not doing too badly for the Annual Xmas Dinner dance at the Sackville Lion's Club on the 14th Dec with 37 Xmas dinner dance tickets sold. Brum will be selling tickets on completion of the meeting or via email or call Brum at home. If you are planning to come Brum will put the tickets aside. He has planned for sixty people. If you have more people, we will have to get more tables. Brum thanked Ron Cooper for printing the tickets and the place mats and tickets for Okanagan's 50th celebration. It was suggested that we send something to Helen Dube in way of thanks for her hosting the Summer BBQ. Brum and Bazoo stated that was unnecessary as she enjoys the company and that she is coming to the Xmas dinner/dance free of charge. In closing, Brum told one of his politically incorrect jokes.

Membership Report: Brian Lapierre gave his report on the membership: Life membership has dropped to 46 with passing of several members this year. Brian stated that further to Ron Cooper's report he has 160 members on his list. Brian reported that people who are in arrears for 2016 will be taken off our rolls. Brian reported that he collected \$300 in membership dues today. Brian is still accepting dues for 2019 and if you do not know the status of your dues, please check with him after the meeting. The chairman thanked Brian for all his hard work for beating the woods for the membership and his hard work at the museum as well.

Health and Wellness Brian mentioned that Charlie MacManus is not very well. He is in a hospital in Cape Breton. Cancer has spread to his lymph nodes and the prognosis is not good. Charlie's daughter Crystal is an instructor at NSCC. Sylvie informed us that Bob Davidson had fallen down today and hurt his shoulder so that is why he couldn't come today. Ray Hunt's wife Jean broke her hip last month and ended up in hospital for an operation when they were in Victoria celebrating the Okanagan's and Rainbow's 50th Commissioning celebration. Jean is currently in Ottawa recovering with her daughter. Ray is back in Halifax but he is temporarily in at Melville Heights in an independent living apartment until Jean returns home, date unknown at this time. Ray had his condo phone number transferred to this apartment and he can be reached by email as well. Some members said they would try and see him soon. No one has seen Tex Ranger in some time. Emails to Tex are being bounced as his mailbox is full. Brian said he has called and all he gets is voice mail and they do not return his calls. Brian said he will try to drop in and see him. Rob Braye, according to Slinger Wood, is not doing very well he has been in and out of hospital. Dave Vrooman is suffering from cancer on the west coast and he has been having some bad days lately.

Amendments to the By-Laws: no Amendments to the By-Laws were submitted

Election Year: George Byzewski, as the chairman of the Election committee, stated that there were no nominations submitted to the committee prior to the AGM. He then asked if there were nominations from the floor. There being none, the current executive who had let their names stand for their current positions were elected by acclamation. Elections were closed. In another two years for the next election the secretary position will be open as Rob Fraser will not reoffer.

Review of Dues: The Treasurer, Ron Cooper, declared there is no need for annual dues to be increased. The dues are to remain at \$20 a year. It was so moved by Buster Brown and seconded by Tim Wood. On the question it was asked if the dues should be increased to \$25. From the chairman, the money collected from the regular members would not make much of a difference if increased by \$5. Dues should only cover operating costs. Brian Lapierre stated that the price of life membership will be reworked to make it more reasonable and cost less depending on how advanced in age you are. Sylvain stated that the operating costs are low considering the meeting venue and bartender are free and the web site has been paid for by John Clahane. Motion for the annual dues to remain at \$20 was **Approved**.

Old Business from last years AGM

SAOC Common Constitution The chairman reported that SAOC(W) approved the common constitution at their AGM in 2018 and that it was then ratified by all three associations.

By-Laws The Executive Committee signed the Submariner's Association of Canada East By-Laws as amended and approved at AGM 2017.

New Business No New Business

The Next AGM: The 2018 AGM will be held on the 7th of December 2019 at MOG5 HQ SR Mess. A non-election year, hopefully with a potluck dinner.

AOB: Sylvain asked that AOB be kept brief as our guests and better halves are waiting for us for the pot luck.

Keith Estrabrooks has a colour picture of his colon which he can share with anyone who is interested. TMI.

From Greg Hallonquist: Buy more slops.

Buster Brown gave a big Thank you for a job well to the executive Committee and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. (A Merry Crimbo and A Happy Scrub Out, he said.) Sylvie had no clue what that meant, at which point Taff Jones interjected many more words in a foreign tongue; he will have to Google it all since no one was forthcoming with answers.

Boyd Thomas asked about the red figures in the financial report and Ron Cooper explained that they were the actual annual expenses.

George Byzewski explained that he is the middle of executing Dusty Miller's Will. He strongly recommended that we should all have an estate plan check off list for our family, which is available on the Nova Scotia Web Site. Have all your documentation centralized into one spot ie create a Death file with all that needs to be passed on to your will's executor, such as benefits and contact information and the aforementioned checklist. Take nothing for granted. He reported that Gerry Sigrist had a great time at the Summer BBQ surrounded by his shipmates before passing away. Soapy Watson unfortunately could not make the summer BBQ as he was not strong enough, but he did have all his affairs in order, which made everything easier for his daughter. His passing was in the company of friends and family.

Sylvie brought up that John Madison had asked him at a previous meeting to see if anyone could pick up Jerry Bourgeois, who lives on Mount Edward Rd. in Dartmouth, to attend our meetings. Art Boden will get his wife to pick him up when they come. We should all make the effort to help out and pick up members to attend our meetings.

Health and Wellness was a major concern for George as no cards or flowers or condolences were sent to the last three funerals. This has to be corrected. We need someone to take over the job of Health and Wellness Co-Ordinator for SAOC(E) for members who pass on. There is a budget of \$50 already laid aside for this.

John Clahane told us that we had an informal gathering at the local legion for any submariners interested in getting together. This was organized by Pat Drown and Bernie Gagnon last April. There will be another gathering at the Somme Branch King Street RC Legion on the 15th Dec 1300 - 1600 hrs, which has been organized by Pat Drown on Facebook in the Submariners Past and Present page. John said there may be another Submariner's lunch get together, such as we had last year at Seamus David's Pub. An email will be sent out on these informal functions.

50/50 \$100 was won by Buster Brown which he returned to the SAOC(E) coffers. A round of applause was given to Buster by the members. Buster reminded us that he bought a tot of rum in memory for the lost crewmen of the ASA San Juan last year at the AGM. Buster had organized this tribute. The ARA San Juan was found in the past weeks and at this time a solemn silence grew in memory of that tragic loss.

The Submariners' Prayer was read by Bert Houde.

Adjournment: There being no further business it was moved by Marcel Simard and seconded by Mark Osmond that the meeting be adjourned at 14:50 hrs. **Passed.**

The Chairman invited all to enjoy the potluck dinner. Jim Northrup requested that we gather for a group photo, which was done.

The Next MGM will be on 31st Jan 2018 at the MOG 5 SR's Mess

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Fraser

Robert B Fraser
SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

Sylvain Rouillard
SAOC (E) Chairman



All-Round Look

Finances In the Cross Hairs

All Figures Approximate/Estimates

<u>Operating Expenses</u> (Typical)				<u>Social Expenses</u>				<u>Total Expenses</u>			
Admin Costs	100	76	100	BBQ	1,200	1,510	1,000	Operating	1,060	580	865
Canada Post	220	218	220	Xmas D/D	1,100	990	1,000	Social	2,300	2,500	2,000
Web Site	350	40	200	Total	\$2,300	2,500	2,000	Total	\$3,360	3,080	2,865
Wreaths (2)	170	170	170	<u>Optional Occasions</u>				Host Boat	500	0	250
Memorials	150	0	100	Host Boat	500	0	250	Special	1,100	1,240	0
Royal Bank	50	50	50	Total	\$500	0	250				
50/50 Expense	20	25	25	<u>Special Occasions</u>							
Total	\$1,060	579	865	OK 50 th	1,100	1,240	(2018 Only)				
				Total	\$1,100	1,240					

Note: Numbers in **RED** are Actual Expenses Numbers in **BLUE** are

<u>Standard Income</u>				<u>Shortfall</u>				<u>Ideas/Options</u>			
Dues	1,500	2,480	1,500	Income	+ 2,700	Standard + 4,350	+ 3,200	Raise Dues			
50/50	1,000	1,300	1,200	Expense	- 3,360	Typical - 2,500	- 2,865	Run 50/50 at All Events			
Donations	200	570	500	Total	- 660	+ 1,270	+ 335	Free Will Offering (ie. jar on top of beer keg)			
Total	\$2,700	4,350	3,200	Host Boat	- 500	0	- 250	Raffles – to include going outside of SAOC			
				Total	- 1,160	0	+ 85	Annual Calendar – include sponsors			
				Special	- 1,100	- 1,240	N/A	Slops Available at All Events			
				Total	- 2,260	+ 30		Increase Slops Mark Up			



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Monthly Financial Statement For the Meeting of 01 December 2018

Date	Transaction	Debit/Out	Credit/In	Balance	Remarks
26Oct18				\$10,722.25	Closing Balance Oct 2018 Statement
01Nov18	Royal Bank	\$3.75		\$10,718.50	Monthly Fee
28Nov18	CQ# 129	\$268.73		\$10,449.77	Greg H. Slops
30Nov18	Deposit		\$115.00	\$10,564.77	Dues \$120, 50/50 \$80, OK 50 th \$40, less \$85 for Remb Day Wreath, less \$40 Web Site (\$240 - \$125 = \$115)
01Dec18				\$10,564.77	Closing Balance Dec 2018 Statement

2018 Events & Approx Cost		
Date	Event	Approx Cost
14Dec2018	Xmas Dinner/Dance	\$1,100 Approx

2018 Financial Summary

	Debit/Out	Credit/In	Balance	Remarks
2017 Balance			\$12,805.95	Balance as of 2017 AGM
Membership Dues		\$2,481.00		+ \$450 from 2017 (+ 1,000 from 2016)
50/50		\$1,300.00		+ \$425 from 2017 (+ \$700 from 2016)
Slops	\$8,292.09	\$6,050.00		(\$2,242.09)
Christmas Dance	\$2,151.00	\$1,160.00		Cost \$991.00
BBQ	\$1,615.48	\$105.00		Cost \$1,510.48
OK 50 th Dinner	\$2,221.35	\$980.00		Cost \$1,241.45
Donations		\$570.00		Various
Royal Bank (Fees)	\$46.07			Monthly Fees
Misc Expense	\$521.19			Post Office, 50/50 costs, Wreaths, Stamps, Secretarial Supplies
Web Site	\$40.00			
Total Out / Total In	\$14,887.18	\$12,646.00	\$10,564.77	(\$2,241.18)

Ron Cooper
Treasurer