



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 7th Dec 2019

MOG5 HQ SR MESS



Opening: The Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order at 1415 hrs. The Chairman welcomed and thanked the members for the great turnout and quoted a saying from old AGMs saying, "It is nice to see all these old familiar faces. Sylvain gave special recognition to our 3 bartenders Bob Johnson, John Dunn and Ian Hulford. Please be generous to the bartenders as they are volunteers and do not get paid. Sylvain gave a special welcome to our new member Wayne Buzzard.

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: Charles Peter McManus - 13 Dec 2018; Herbert Easterbrook - 31 Jan 2019; Michael Edwin Goble - 20 Feb 2019; David Stobie - 25 Feb 2019; Raymond Hunt - 1 Mar 2019; Gloria, wife of Larry Smith - 16 Mar 2019; Gerald Joseph "Popeye" Springall - 20 Mar 2019; Roy Allan "Rusty" MacKay - 28 Mar 2019; Doreen, wife of David Russell - 28 Apr 2019; Jerry Conway - 11 May 2019; Jason Saumure - 22 Jun 2019; Padre Bruce Douglas Murray - 22 May 2019; Stephen "Bob" Robert Price - 22 Jun 2019; Dean Gareth Jerome Brassington - 16 Oct 2019; Werner Hirschmann (U-190) - 7 Nov 2019; Matthew Rowen "Matt" Leeming - 16 Nov 2019. A prayer was read by the secretary. 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.

Sylvain remarked that he had met Werner Hirschmann during HMCS Okanagan's Great Lake trip in 1997. They did a day trip and dove in front of the CN Tower. Werner Hirschmann was the chief engineer of U-190. Werner was member of SAOC Central. Brum said Werner had given him his submarine pin. When he came on board he wanted to speak to the Chief Engineer. They took him to the EO but he said no, he wanted to speak to the CERA. He did give Brum his submarine pin, which he still has to this day.

Attendance: 23 members were in attendance: Art Bodden, Cliff Boettcher, Donald Brown, Wayne Buzzard, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Rob Fraser, John Gullion, Greg Hallonquist, Wynn "Taff" Jones, Brian Lapierre, Geoff Mawdesley, Jim Northrup, Eric Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, David Russell, Boyd Thomas, Lee Thompson, Keith Tovey and Nigel Walsworth.

Regrets were received from 11 members: Marc Aalbers, Isaac "Zeke" Brower-Berkhoven, Doug Birch, George Byzewski, Keith "Rob" Braye, Neil and Rodney Lake, Ken McMillan, John Meehan, Willy Waugh, and Peter Weis.

AGM Minutes: The minutes from AGM 2018 were distributed via email and were handed out when tabled at the Jan 2019 MGM. There being no errors or omissions, the 2018 AGM Minutes were approved as tabled.

Correspondence: Tridents were distributed. No other correspondence.

Annual Reports

Chairman's Report:

Sylvain presented his 2019 AGM Report, as follows:

I will start by recognizing the membership, each and every one of you, for coming to our meetings and functions and making these get-togethers possible. Next, I wish to acknowledge 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. Their contributions are vast, and you will get a small glimpse of what they did in their reports. I would like to thank Ted Hirtle, our webmaster, for maintaining and updating our website.

2019 in Review: We have met the objectives of our association.

1. We held 10 Monthly General Meetings, attended at an average of 23 members per meeting. We alternated the venues between the SRs and JRs messes.
2. At the end of the year we will have had 3 mixed functions, being the 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.
4. There were three formal presentations of the Top Student Award to the graduating classes of the basic submarine courses, presented by Jim Northrup, Robert Fraser, Brian Lapierre and Sylvain Rouillard on behalf of SAOC(E). Along with a name plate on the top student trophy, we now have enough copies of Fred Sherwood's book "It's Not the Ships" to give away to the top students for the next 20 years as a memento.
5. Brian Lapierre, with the reliable help of Jim Northrup and many others, finished the Naval Museum submarine display named "Diving Now, Diving Now." It was officially opened on the 8th of August.
6. SAOC(E) made financial donations to: VETS Canada and Red Cross.
7. Some of our members attended various submariner and military related events: a visit to the fleet reserve in Charleston, South Carolina; Visit to HMCS Onondaga in Rimouski and HMCS Ojibwa in Port Burwell; SAOC(C) AGM and BBQ at CFS Leitrim in Ottawa; The Sub Vets pig roast in Groton, Connecticut; the Navy League Cadet Corp Bidwell Annual Ceremonial Review at Shearwater; The RN Diesel Boat Annual Reunion in Plymouth, England; a Rededication Ceremony at the Canadian War Cemetery Bergen-Op-Zoom Netherlands.
8. LCdr Drew Matheson, CO of HMCS WINDSOR, gave us a very informative brief on the Submarine Force status.
9. Administratively, there was nothing new this year. Two letters were sent: one to Helen Dubé thanking her for her previous hospitality and to request the use of her estate for the summer BBQ, and one to the McManus family inviting them to the annual BBQ.

In conclusion, I feel it has been a good year. Let's make next year even better. I'm looking forward to serving you in 2020, that being my last year as chairman. I will endeavor to make the most of it. I and my wife Linda wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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 everyone involved with Stadacona Naval Museum in developing and opening the Submarine Display. Jim thanked Brian Lapierre for all his hard work in doing all the research for the Submarine Display "Diving Now, Diving Now." Jim wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happiness in the New Year for 2020.

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. Rob stated there was only one thing of note. Some members are getting false emails with his name but not his proper email address with a link. Do not open it! Delete it immediately! When he asked the members if others were getting this suspicious email, three members said they were getting them. Rob and his wife Olia echoed Jim Northrup's good wishes for the season and hopes to see everyone at the Christmas function at the Lion's Club.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Cooper stated that he echoed the previous reports and thought it was a very good year with the museum and our exposure. Ron congratulated Greg on all his work in slops. Ron Cooper provided his normal comprehensive annual financial report. Current bank balance is \$13,224.54 not counting stock in slops. Please see attached spread sheets for the 2019 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. Ron thanked Brian Lapierre in collecting the annual dues from members in 2019 and increasing membership. 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. Slops made \$2700 this year. The \$200 donated by Steve St Armand was donated to VETS Canada. It was moved by Keith Estabrooks and seconded by Lee Thompson that the 2019 Financial Report as submitted be adopted. **Approved.** Ron wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Slops Report: Greg passed around a design for a simple black T-shirt which he has gotten 300 hits on his Facebook web page. Cost will be \$18 as per all t-shirts and promises to be a good money maker. George O'Keefe had sent out two decals at a cost \$5.00 for supporting prostate cancer. Greg thanked everyone for their support his year. Greg would entertain a motion for a fire sale on slops to move stock. Greg reported that slops had a good year with a balance in stock of \$6,000. 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. Greg will stay on till a new person can take over slops, but he will not be ordering new stock. Greg gets 15-20 people a month requesting items via Facebook. There was a lot of discussion on the different ways this can be advertised online and to other SOAC branches. It was moved by John Clahane and seconded by Geoff Mawdesley that a fire sale of up to 25% off on selected items of stock, at the discretion of the slops manager, from Jan MGM till the annual summer BBQ. **Approved** Ron Cooper volunteered to take on the sale of the t-shirt as it had received 300 hits. Greg will have a quote on this t-shirt for the Jan MGM. 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. Brum was a little apprehensive if the XMAS dance was going to happen this year or not! Brum just needs 11 couples to make the sixty at this time. Brum asked that we give other members his phone number by email and to call him this week because Brum has to call the Lion's Club to give them the numbers. Brum answered Buster's concerns about the cost of the Summer BBQ and Xmas dinner and the prices are locked in 2020. The summer BBQ will be on the 18th of July at the same place and venue, at the Dube's. The annual summer BBQ at the Dube's was well attended. The BBQ food was excellent this year, having had a new caterer. The 50/50 proceeds actually bring in just about as much as the dues. If you are planning to come to the Xmas Dinner 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 will accept money at the door, but he must have your names. In closing, Brum told a couple of his politically incorrect jokes. Sylvie told a joke about what's the difference between a chickpea and a garbanzo bean. The punch line was not for the minutes. A real groaner!

Membership Report: Brian Lapierre gave his report on the membership: Anyone wants to pay for dues or find out his status see Brian after the meeting. Life membership has dropped to 43 with passing of several members this year. Brian was still adjusting the membership totals as he was getting more dues today. Brian reported that he collected \$300 in membership dues today. Brian is accepting dues for 2020. One person had complained to Brian that he was not on the access list. The reason why is that he had not paid dues since 2016 and was taken off. He has now paid his back dues. Brian complained that we have too many people passing away so we must stop that. 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.

Amendments to the By-Laws: No Amendments to the By-Laws were submitted.

Non-Election Year: This is a non-election year but we are seeking volunteers for Slops and Health and Wellness. No volunteers at present for slops or health and wellness. This person should be retired, or semi retired. Steve St. Amant is a possibility for slops. Sylvie will write condolence letters when appropriate. There will be elections at the next AGM 2020. The Chairman and Secretary positions will be open as Sylvain Rouillard and Rob Fraser will not reoffer. Please, all consider what you could bring to the SAOC table.

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 Ron Cooper and seconded by Brian Lapierre. On the question Terry Chatham asked if we were reviewing the formula for Life membership. Brian Lapierre is working on this with the chairman and this will require a meeting of the Executive. Motion for the annual dues to remain at \$20 was **Approved.**

New Business A couple of presentations were made by the chairman. A certificate of appreciation and a thank you card was presented to Greg Hallonquist for all his dedication and hard work in running SAOC East Slops for the past five years. A round of applause was given to Greg.

Sylvie gave another presentation to Brian Lapierre and Jim Northrup. Paul Hansen from SAOC West had visited and made the rounds with Sylvie this past summer. Paul was so impressed by the submarine display room at the Halifax Naval Museum that he made up two certificates of appreciation and BZ coins, on behalf of all the SAOC branches, in recognition of Jim and Brian's hard work over the past years. A round of applause was given to Jim and Brian from all the members present.

Buster stated Jim and Brian had done an excellent job at the museum with Rodney Lake, along

with the new director of the Museum. He stated he, Brum Tovey and John Madison had tried to do this in 90's but due to a new Museum director and lack of money, were prevented from doing it. Jerry Sigrist (who passed away last year) was the commissioning PO Tel on in HMCS Okanagan in Chatham 1968. Jerry had come to Buster ten years ago and gave him the Commissioning Pennant from HMCS Okanagan, which was placed in RCNA Peregrine. Buster recently got this pennant back from Peregrine and replaced it with another pennant. Buster Brown had Jerry Sigrist's name put on the pennant, which he presented to Jim and Brian to be displayed in the Submarine Room. Pictures were taken.

The Next AGM: The 2020 AGM will be held on the 5th of December 2020 at MOG5 HQ SR Mess. This will be an election year, hopefully with a potluck dinner, to be decided.

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

Keith Estabrooks stated that SAOC Central will be having their AGM in Port Burwell 13-15 Aug. Sylvie stated that this will be published once it is made official. If you are going there is not many accommodations in Port Burwell but there is an hotel in Tillsonburg. The function will be held at the legion.

Jim Northrup stated that the submarine display is open but there is still a lot of work to be done. Jim stated that the Fleet School will be receiving a lot of artifacts to the museum. The submarine school will be receiving some of their items. Jim will be asking for help in the coming year once he knows what the way ahead is. He will let us know.

Brian Lapierre is only going into the Museum once a week now, but he is busy scanning pictures and documents six hours a day at home. Brian has acquired the original builders' photographs of four volumes of Okanagan. The secretary had given Brian a lot of boxes and one of them has financial Documents from SAOC East 2001-2002. These will be scanned and then shredded. Brian also has acquired a klaxon from Ed Loveless there soon will be a working klaxon in the museum. Some of the pictures Brian scanned will go on the website.

50/50 won by Art Boden \$70

The Submariners' Prayer was read by Wayne Buzzard.

Adjournment: There being no further business it was moved by Wynn "Taff" Jones and seconded by Eric Parsons that the meeting be adjourned at 1530 hrs. **Passed.** The Chairman invited all to enjoy the potluck dinner. The Next MGM will be on 29 Jan 2020 at the MOG 5 JR's Mess.

Respectively Submitted



Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary



Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman

Submariner's Association of Canada (East)
Monthly Financial Statement
For the Meeting of 07 December 2019

Date	Transaction	Debit/Out	Credit/In	Balance	Remarks
30 Oct 19				\$13,133.04	Closing Balance as of 30 Oct 2019
01 Nov 19	Royal Bank	\$3.75		\$13,129.29	Monthly Fee
01 Dec 19	Royal Bank	\$3.75		\$13,125.54	Monthly Fee
05 Dec 19	Deposit		\$97.00	\$13,222.54	Dues \$20, 50/50 \$40, Donation \$35 (Ron C), Added \$2 for variance of 17Dec18

2019 Events & Approx Cost		
Date	Event	Approx Cost
20 Dec 2019	Xmas Dinner/Dance	\$1,000 Approx

2019 Financial Summary

	Debit/Out	Credit/In	Balance	Remarks
2018 Balance			\$10,564.77	Balance as of 2018 AGM
Membership Dues		\$1,256.04		Average over the past 5 years
50/50		\$905.00		Down \$395 from 2018 but more that the previous number of years.
Slops	\$718.93	\$2,743.00		+\$2,024.07
Christmas Dance	\$1,874.97	\$1,120.00		Cost \$754.97
BBQ	\$1,152.38	\$279.25		Cost \$873.13
Donations		\$560.00		Various
Royal Bank (Fees)	\$50.78			Monthly Fees
Misc Expense	\$408.46			Post Office, Wreath, Secretarial Supplies
Total Out / Total In	\$4,205.52	\$6,863.29	\$13,222.54	+\$2,657.77

Ron Cooper
Treasurer



All-Round Look

Finances In The Cross Hairs

All Figures Approximate/Estimates

<u>Operating Expenses</u>				<u>Social Expenses</u>				<u>Total Expenses</u>			
Admin Costs	100	99	100	BBQ	1,000	873	1,000	Operating	1,060	459	960
Canada Post	220	224	230	Xmas D/D	1,000	755	1,000	Social	2,300	1,628	2,000
Web Site	200	0	200	Total	\$2,000	1,628	2,000	Total	\$3,360	2,087	2,960
Wreaths (1)	170	85	255	<u>Optional Occasions</u>				Host Boat	250	0	250
Memorials	100	0	100	Host Boat	250	0	250	Special	0	0	0
Royal Bank	50	51	50	Total	\$250	0	250	<u>Special Occasions</u>			
50/50 Expense	25	0	25	Nil							
Total	\$1,060	\$459	\$960	Total	0	0	0				
<u>Standard Income</u>				<u>Shortfall</u>				<u>Ideas/Options</u>			
Dues	1,500	1,256	1,250	Income	+ 3,200	+ 2,721	+ 2,750	Any fund raising ideas welcome.			
50/50	1,000	905	1,000	Expense	- 2,865	- 2,087	- 2,960	<u>Note:</u>			
Donations	500	560	500	Total	+ 335	+ 634	- 210	Slops figures not included in this report.			
Total	\$2,700	2,721	2,750	Host Boat	- 250	0	- 250	<u>Legend:</u>			
				Total	+ 85	0	- 460	Black – Budget set for this year (2019)			
				Special	N/A	0	N/A	Red – Actual income/expense this year (2019)			
				Total	+ 8	+ 634	- 460	Blue – Budget set for coming year (2020)			

