



Submariners Association of Canada (East)
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Sunday 05 December 2021 at RCNA Peregrine &
Via ZOOM Conference Meeting



The AGM Meeting of SAOC(E) was held at RCNA Peregrine & via Zoom. Emails had been sent out and a posting made on Facebook Group to inform everyone that the meeting would commence at 1300 Halifax time. Upon arrival at Peregrine a connection was established so members could connect.

Opening the Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 13:15. He greeted all attending members and those connected via Zoom. He thanked Gary Whiley for opening up Peregrine and bartending.

Attendance 13 members were in attendance and 14 on Zoom. Those at Peregrine were Doug Birch, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Claude Gendron, Gary Hopkins, Brian Lapierre, Sylvain Rouillard, JJ Surette, Brum Tovey, Nigel Walsworth & Willy Waugh. Connected on Zoom were Jeff Cameron, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Robbie Fraser, Jim Gordon, Robert Grace, Shaun MacDougall, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Scotty Parsons, Gilles Poirier, George Roach, Luc Rollin and David Russell. Regrets received were from Cliff Boettcher. Guests who attended were Paul Cumberland, John Slack & Mike MacGillivray from the West Coast.

The Chairman then announced that we would pay respects to our departed since our last AGM in 2019. The Secretary then read off the names one by one with the Bell being rung for each one. A total of 43 names were read off and bell sounded. Below is the list of our Departed Brothers 2019-2021.

1. Donald Edward Jones – 28 October 2019
2. Thomas Oliver McDonnell – 15 December 2019
3. Edward Wayne “Lee” “Papa” Johnson – 18 December 2019
4. Harry Holm – 18 December 2019
5. Frederick Knight Fowler – 10 January 2020
6. Nigel Harvey Hugh Frawley – 22 January 2020
7. Michael Anthony Ryan – 25 February 2020
8. Morris Michael Biloski – 01 March 2020
9. James C. Wood – 02 March 2020
10. John Sexsmith – 16 March 2020
11. Maurice “Mo” Tate – 04 April 2020
12. Donald H. “Buster” Brown – 11 April 2020
13. Joe Chaney – 27 April 2020
14. James Hollohan – 29 April 2020
15. Glynn Albert “Gus” Gardner – 01 May 2020
16. Paul Hansen – 19 May 2020
17. Art Bodden – 29 May 2020
18. Verral Clark – 01 June 2020
19. Sir Charles Gunning – 01 June 2020
20. Mike Brown – 01 June 2020
21. Nicholas Yakobowich – 19 June 2020
22. Robert Glen Nichol – 28 June 2020
23. Ed Durdle – 07 July 2020
24. Jean Gourdeau – 13 September 2020
25. Terry Wyss – 06 October 2020
26. Robert George Arthur Davidson – 09 November 2020
27. Max Tulloch – 11 November 2020
28. Keith Nesbit – 12 November 2020
29. May Boettcher, wife of Cliff – 16 January 2021
30. Reginald Barry Coulter – 11 February 2021
31. Donald Fraser Hood – 21 February 2021

32. James "Bud" Weatherrup – 25 March 2021
33. Louis Martel – 04 April 2021
34. Roger Dube – 26 April 2021
35. Jani Gendron, wife of Claude – 02 June 2021
36. Peter Heppleston – 04 June 2021
37. John Shields – 23 July 2021
38. Herbert Gordon Michael "Ken" Wambalt – 23 July 2021
39. Phil Rody – 24 July 2021
40. William "Billy" Richard Flinn – 04 August 2021
41. Wilfy Broyden – 05 September 2021
42. Tony Anthony – 26 October 2021
43. Joseph Edward Phillips – 05 November 2021

May they be always remembered for their good deeds.

The Minutes of the last AGM 2019 were distributed electronically and copies are here at this meeting. There were no errors or omissions. The minutes were accepted and adopted as distributed.

Chairman's Report – Sylvain Rouillard

It has been two years since our last AGM in 2019. The COVID-19 pandemic stopped us from holding live meetings for a time but we persevered and are still a viable organization despite it all. I will start by recognizing the membership, each and every one of you, for coming to our meetings, live and on Zoom, and making these get-togethers possible and lively. 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 Northrup, Brian Lapierre, Ron Cooper, Brian Cooper and Claude Gendron, Brum Tovey, Robbie Fraser and Greg Hallonquist. Their contributions were vast and you will get a small glimpse of what they did in their individual reports. I would like to thank Ted Hirtle, our webmaster, for organizing the creation of a joint SAOC website and procuring an economical hosting service that we share with Central and West, as well as revamping and maintaining our SAOC East website.

2020 and 2021 in Review:

1. We held 18 Monthly General Meetings and two Emergency Meetings, attended at an average of 21 members per meeting. We held 9 live MG meetings (with Zoom) between lockdowns, and 11 Zoom only MGs. After March 2020 our live venue was changed to the Naval Association Peregrine club on Agricola St, Halifax. The Emergency meetings were to approve the Facemask Fundraising Project and purchasing a Webhosting service in cooperation with Central and West. Starting on 8 May 2020, we held 81 "Friday Night at the Mess" informal get together on Zoom.
2. We've had several presentations:
 - a. In Jan 2020, S/Lt(N) Steven Love, a recent graduate from the BSQ course in Dec 2019, gave us his impressions of completing his submarine course and how he came about volunteering for submarines.
 - b. Capt(N) Stéphane Ouellet and CPO1 Andy Moulton gave us an update on the status of the Submarine Fleet in March 2020.
 - c. Capt(N) Stéphane Ouellet and CPO2 Rob Tibbetts gave us an update on the status of the Submarine Fleet in April 2021.
 - d. On several occasions Jerry Brown gave us a briefing, with slides, of the progress of "Project Ojibwa."
3. Functions: In Dec 2019 our annual dinner/dance was held but not very well attended, and it was decided that this would be our last one. Brian Cooper organized a "Beer Call" that was well attended in Nov 2021.
4. We had one formal wreath laying at the Elmsdale Cenotaph for the 2021 Remembrance Day

ceremony, MC'd by the President of the Elmsdale Legion, none other than our treasurer Ron Cooper. CPO1 (Ret'd) Keith "Brum" Tovey laid the wreath. This event was well attended by many members of SAOC(E).

5. SAOC(E) donated \$1,500 to SAOC(C) towards the Ojibwa paint project.
6. SAOC participated in the visit to Halifax of the Silver Cross Mother, Debbie Sullivan, on 30 August 2021. Along with Gwen Manderville, widow of Chris Saunders, and their two sons, she was given a tour of the museum and the Submarine Room. In attendance were the Submarine Force commander, the Formation Chief and members of SAOC.
7. Individual members:
 - a. Steve St. Amant is very active with the Last Post Fund. The Last Post Fund's mission is to ensure that no Veteran is denied a dignified funeral and burial, as well as a military gravestone, due to insufficient funds at the time of death. In 2020 he fundraised \$5,000 for SAOC(C) Ojibwa paint project.
 - b. Brian Lapierre initiated a fundraising project for SAOC(E) where he procured and sold 500 facemasks and raised \$3,320.
 - c. Sylvain Rouillard attended the comital of ashes of Ray Hunt and Harry Suto on HMCS Sackville in September 2020.
 - d. Sylvain Rouillard hosted Zoom meetings and virtual get togethers.
8. SAOC East provided the Crossing the Bar ceremony at Wilfy Broyden's funeral service at the request of Christine Broyden.
9. On the executive side:
 - a. Brian Cooper took over as the Social Representative in March 2020, replacing Brum Tovey who served us for 15 years.
 - b. Claude Gendron took over as Slops Representative in October 2020, replacing Greg Hallonquist who served us for 6 years.
 - c. Brian Lapierre took over as Secretary in January 2021, replacing Robert Fraser who served us for 7 years.
10. Administratively, a new webhosting service was purchased where all three branches share in the cost. Besides being more economical than each branch purchasing their own, each branch has their own website that they control, and a new site, saoc.ca, was created. This endeavor was initiated by SAOC West with a view of having a national presence for SAOC. We discontinued the use of our PO Box and are now using Brian Lapierre's address for mail service.

In conclusion, I feel we have kept our SAOC(E) viable despite the hurdles of the past two years. Let's make next year livelier and better if we can.

I'm looking forward to serving you again in 2022. I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

Sylvain Rouillard

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Chairman
Submariners Association of Canada East

Vice Chairman – Jim Northrup. Is stepping down as the Vice Chairman. He thanked everyone for their support over the years. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year and hopes that 2022 will be better.

Secretary – Brian Lapierre. Effective on the 21 April 2021 our mailing address is **73 Portovista Drive, Portuguese Cove, Nova Scotia. B3V 1P3.** Most everyone pays their dues with E-Transfers and the receipt of junk mail has been eliminated. Please note this and also the mailing address has been changed on the website. All correspondence is being received electronically. This is good. Brian continues to write a one-page report for the West Coast “Angles & Dangles.” Anybody who would like to contribute a document or article to increase the presence of East Coast Submarines please send Valerie Braunschweig the article. She will accept it. Her email is **valerieanddick@telus.net.** Brian stated that his dialogue with the Submarine Force has been good in trying to establish a good working relationship for obtaining information on the Submarine Force and on serving members. Ted Hirtle has been working on the Website and is making progress on it.

As you know I am involved with The Naval Museum of Halifax. John Meehan had got a hold of me last week about an article that runs on Eastlink Television called “Militaria.” It is like an Antiques Road Show where they are looking for Military items and the stories behind them. If anyone has any information and would like to contribute contact Brian Lapierre.

Membership – Brian Lapierre. Reported there are 36 Life Members, 92 Members paid for 2021 and beyond for current total of 128. Our Life Members are decreasing because Brian has been searching to find out the status of some of the Veterans and have found that a few have passed away and the Association did not know. He is continuing this task. Brian encouraged people to find out their status and pay their dues. An email was sent out a couple of days after the end of April meeting asking people to pay their dues. As a reminder if people have not paid their dues and are lapsed for one year then their name will be taken off the list and they will no longer receive any emails from SAOC(E). **Dues are now outstanding for 2022.**

Send Dues via E-Transfer to: Sylvain.Rouillard@outlook.com

Send Dues via Canada Post to: **Submariners Association of Canada East, 73 Portovista Drive, Portuguese Cove, Nova Scotia. B3V 1P3**

Treasurer – Ron Cooper. Ron gave the report via Zoom from the Dominican Republic. Opening Balance from October 2021 was \$16,952.40. Closing Balance as of 05 December 2021 is \$16,785.84. A full detailed financial report was sent out via email and was available at the meeting. The financial statements for 2020 and 2021 are included in these minutes.

Slops - Claude Gendron. Reported that not too much has been going on and he has lots of stuff. The website is getting better but still some issues where people can see items etc. This has been reported by Brian to Ted Hirtle for his action. You can call Claude at anytime to discuss his inventory and he is willing to deliver any items in the Halifax area. There is about \$6000.00 in inventory. We need to try and liquidate some of the items for sure. Hard to sell until we get the website 100% up and running then we can broadcast it out and hopefully get rid of some of the stuff.

Social – Brian Cooper. The Beer Call which was held on the 18th of October at Seamus David Pub in Dartmouth Crossing was fairly successful. Due to COVID everything has been cancelled until further notice. For the coming year we are going to try and organize another Beer Call perhaps in April. He also suggested to try and get the Somme Legion Submarine attendees to be part of it. Also the plan for a Summer 2022 BBQ. Again all dependent on COVID. John Meehan is willing to hold it. The whole idea is to try and reach out to other submariners who are not members of our organization to be part of us.

By Laws - There were no By-Law change amendments submitted.

Election of New Officers - This is an Election Year and all members currently serving with the exception of Jim Northrup have agreed to continue serving. The floor was turned over to George Byzewski to conduct the Election of Officers. Scotty Parsons has agreed to take over the Vice Chairman’s position

from Jim Northrup. Unanimous vote accepted. No new nominations were announced. Elections were closed.

Review of Dues – It was recommended by Ron Cooper to keep the dues at \$20.00 per year. Passed.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Certificates were presented to Brum Tovey, Robbie Fraser & Jim Northrup for their service to SAOC(E) over the years. Each Certificate indicated “Presented on December 5, 2021 to ___ with deep appreciation, respect and the gratitude of the membership for his tireless efforts, tremendous dedication, hard work and support to the Submariners Association of Canada during the past ___ years servings as ___.

Around the Room. Brian Lapierre bought up the topic on the late Charlie Orr. Charlie Orr died in 2004 and is buried in Oakridge Cemetery in Middle Sackville, N.S. with no grave marker. Our good friend Steve St. Amant deals with the Last Post Fund. With Steve’s effort a marker has now been placed along with Charlie’s wife. We hope to have some sort of paying respects when the weather gets better to remember Charlie Orr.

Brian Cooper had a suggestion that perhaps SAOC(E) could become a host for visiting submarines and hosting Canadian submarines. The Submarine Force has some ideas on this as well.

Brian Lapierre stated that in his capacity at The Naval Museum of Halifax, the Museum has a good working relationship with The Canadian Submarine Force.

The date for the next AGM will be 04 December 2022.

50/50 Draw \$90.00 was divided between George Byzewski and Gary the Bartender.

Submariners Prayer was read by Paul Cumberland.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Brum Tovey and seconded by Terry Chatham to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hrs. **Carried.** Pizza was then served. Everyone gathered at the back of Peregrine for a group photo.

The next MGM will be held at the Peregrine and via Zoom on Wednesday 26th of January 2022 at 17:00 (5pm).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre
SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard
SAOC (E) Chairman



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Monthly Financial Statement
06 December 2020 - RNA Peregrine
(Meeting cancelled due to COVID-19)



Date	Transaction	Debit/Out	Credit/In	Balance	Remarks
30Sep20				\$14,727.33	Closing Balance Oct 2020 Statement
02Nov20	Royal Bank	\$3.75		\$14,723.58	Monthly Fee
02Nov20	CQ # 134	\$228.85		\$14,494.73	Post Office Box
01Dec20	Royal Bank	\$3.75		\$14,490.98	Monthly Fee
				\$14,490.98	Closing Balance Dec 2020 Statement

2020 Events & Approx Cost		
Date	Event	Approx Cost
Cancelled	Summer BBQ	\$0
Cancelled	Xmas Dinner/Dance	\$0

Ron Cooper
Treasurer



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2020 Financial Summary

	Debit/Out	Credit/In	Balance	Remarks
2018 Balance			\$13,222.54	Balance as of 2019 AGM
Membership Dues		\$1,845.00		Above Average Annual Intake
50/50		\$312.50		Only 4 50/50s Held This Year
Slops	\$109.25	\$160.00		+\$50.75
Christmas Dance	\$2,046.00	\$980.00		Cost \$1,086
BBQ	NA	NA		Cancelled
Donations	\$2,100.00	\$220.00		\$1,500 to Project Ojibwa
Royal Bank (Fees)	\$47.71			Monthly Fees
Misc Expense	\$324.85			Post Office, Wreath, 50/50 Tickets
Masks	\$4,111.25	\$7,490.00		+3,378.75
Honorarium	\$1,000.00			To Ted H for work on web-site
Total Out / Total In	\$9,739.06	\$11,007.50	\$14,490.98	+\$1,268.44
			\$14,490.98	Balance as of 2020 AGM

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Date	Transaction	Debit/Out	Credit/In	Balance	Remarks
27Oct21				\$16,952.40	Closing Balance Oct 2021 Statement
28Oct21	CQ # 142	\$101.60		\$16,850.80	Sylvain R – Mtg Pizza
01Nov21	CQ # 141	\$97.46		\$16,753.34	Brian Cooper – Luncheon Nachos
01Nov21	Royal Bank	\$3.75		\$16,749.59	Monthly Fee
29Nov21	Deposit		\$40.00	\$16,789.59	Dues
01Dec21	Royal Bank	\$3.75		\$16,785.84	Monthly Fee
05Dec21				\$16,785.84	Closing Balance Dec 2021 Statement

2021 Events & Approx Cost		
Date	Event	Approx Cost
All 2021 Main Events were eventually cancelled.		
Meeting Pizzas and Seamus Davids Luncheon snacks totaled \$295.45		

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2020 Balance			\$14,490.98	Balance as of 2020 AGM
Membership Dues		\$2,581.00	\$17,071.98	Above Average Annual Intake
Slops		\$100.00	\$17,171.98	
Canada Post	\$178.88		\$16,993.10	Cancellation of Post Box
New Web Site	\$162.81		\$16,830.29	Shared with Central & West
Naval Museum of Halifax	\$50.00		\$16,780.29	Art Boden – donation received last year & forwarded to museum
Eats	\$295.45		\$16,484.84	Mtg pizzas + luncheon nachos
Royal Bank	\$45.00		\$16,439.84	Monthly fees
Deposit		\$346.00	\$16,785.84	Unsure of breakdown – will try to sort it out.
Total Out/Total In	\$732.14	\$3,027.00	\$16,785.84	Balance as of 2021 AGM
			+\$2,294.86	End \$16,785.84 – Start \$14,490.98 = \$2,294.86

Ron Cooper
Treasurer

SAOC East AGM 2021

5 December 2021



Zoom Meeting 01:41:48 View

Participants (15)

Find a participant

- Sylvain Rouillard (Host, me)
- JC Jeffrey Cameron (Co-host)
- DR Dave Russell
- BL Brian Lapierre
- D Dave's
- G George
- G Gilles
- J Jim
- JM John Meehan
- LR Luc Rollin
- L Lucky
- Robert Fraser
- RC Ron C
- SP Scott Parsons
- SM Shaun MacDougall