



Submariners Association of Canada (East)
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Saturday 03 December 2022 at Somme Branch Legion,
King St., Dartmouth, N.S. &
Via ZOOM Conference Meeting



The AGM Meeting of SAOC(E) was held at the Somme Branch Legion, King St., Dartmouth, N.S. & 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 the Somme Branch, a connection was established so members could connect.

Opening the Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 13:10. He greeted all attending members and those connected via Zoom.

Attendance 19 members were in attendance and 4 on Zoom. Those at the Legion were Cliff Boettcher, George Byzewski, Jeff Cameron, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Robbie Fraser, Claude Gendron, Brian Lapierre, Drew MacDonald, Erik Norman, Jim Northrup, Marc Osmond, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, Nigel Walsworth & Tim Wood. Connected on Zoom were Robert Grace, Shaun MacDougall, George Roach & David Russell. Regrets received were from Douglas Birch, Brian Cooper, Sherman Embree, Jim Gordon, Wynn Jones, John Meehan & Conrad Petrikowski.

The Chairman then announced that we would pay respects to our departed since our last AGM in 2021. The Secretary then read off the names one by one with the Bell being rung for each one. A total of 24 names were read off and bell sounded. Below is the list of our Departed Brothers & Sisters 2021-2022.

1. John "Jack" White – 01 May 1985
2. John Gillam – 11 August 1999
3. Donald "Dunk" Akers – 01 September 1999
4. Lucas Hensbergen – 07 September 2009
5. John Duffy – 24 September 2013
6. Tommy "Turtle" Goddard – 09 October 2021
7. Eugene Sheplawy – 13 December 2021
8. Lionel "Tex" Ranger – 04 February 2022
9. Peter Jarrett – 09 February 2022
10. Al Casey – 24 February 2022
11. Ross McCreedy – 04 March 2022
12. James Keddy – 12 March 2022
13. Eric "Jock" Meredith – 22 March 2022
14. Gerald Paul "Pee-wee" Martin – 31 May 2022
15. Kevin Ferguson – 12 July 2022
16. Dr. John Smith – 31 July 2022
17. Walter "Brian" Chapman – 24 August 2022
18. Charles "Chuck" Holloran – 28 August 2022
19. Robert Steeb – 18 September 2022
20. Guy Lafranchise – 22 September 2022
21. Terry Jones – 28 September 2022
22. Michael Wrenshall – 01 October 2022
23. Dave Vrooman – 17 November 2022
24. Marj Higdon (Wife of Steve Higdon) – 02 December 2022

May they be always remembered for their good deeds.

Adopt Minutes of AGM 2021 The Minutes of the last AGM 2021 were distributed electronically. There were no errors or omissions. The minutes were accepted and adopted as distributed.

Chairman's Report – Sylvain Rouillard

We have rebounded quite nicely from the pandemic and we again enjoy fellowship in live venues. I will start by recognizing the membership, each 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 executives in the performance of their duties and offer my sincerest thank you to Scotty Parsons, Brian Lapierre, Ron Cooper, Brian Cooper, and Claude Gendron. 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 maintaining our saocast.com website.

2022 in Review:

1. We held 10 Monthly General Meetings, attended by an average of 19 members per meeting. We held 9 live MG meetings (with Zoom) and 1 Zoom-only meeting in January. After March 2022 our live venue was changed from the Naval Association Peregrine club on Agricola St, Halifax, to the Somme Branch Legion in Dartmouth. We held 35 "Friday Night at the Mess" informal get together on Zoom. We changed those scheduled meetings from once a week to every two weeks.
2. We've had one presentation: In June 2022, Wade Berglund gave a very interesting talk, with slides, on his trip to the International Submarine Congress in Sweden.
3. Functions: Brum Tovey, on behalf of Brian Cooper, organized a "Beer Call" that was well attended in April 2022. A successful Summer BBQ was held at John and June Meehan in July. Brian Cooper organized a "Beer Call" in November. We will have a mixed Christmas Dinner on the 17th of December at the Millstone Public House on Baker DR, Dartmouth.
4. We had two formal wreaths laying at the Halifax Memorial in Point Pleasant Park: one for the Battle of the Atlantic and one for the Remembrance Day ceremonies. SAOC was also represented at the Cenotaph in Elmsdale where Brum Tovey laid a wreath.
5. SAOC(E) long-time member David Russell was recognized at the "Man of the Hour Banquet" held in his honour. Several of our members attended this event, with about 150 people attending in total.
6. Individual members:
 - a. Bill Venator and Wade Berglund represented SAOC at the International Submariners Congress in Karlskrona, Sweden, in May. SAOC(E) provided Bill with some slops to take with him.
 - b. Sylvain Rouillard, Jim Northrup, Jim Gorgon, and Lloyd Blagdon attended Buster Brown's Internment at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery's Last Post Columbarium on the 21st of September.
 - c. Sylvain Rouillard is editing Donald H "Buster" Brown's manuscript of his book titled "Sons of Neptune."
 - d. Sylvain Rouillard hosted Zoom meetings.
 - e. Brian Lapierre continues his work at the Naval Museum and has provided some parts to the Ojibwa Museum.
 - f. George Roach and Jerry Brown attended the SAOC Central AGM and BBQ weekend in Port Burwell.
 - g. Jerry Brown worked countless hours to make the Ojibwa Museum a truly impressive-looking boat.
 - h. Brum Tovey and Taff Jones attended the Diesel Boat Reunion in Devonport, UK.

7. Brian Lapierre, Scotty Parsons, and Jim Northrup presented the Top Student Award to a student of the graduating class of submariners in Nov 2022.
8. SAOC East provided the Crossing the Bar ceremony at Dr. John Smith's funeral at the request of the family.
9. On the executive side: At the last AGM, Scotty Parsons took over as Vice Chairman, relieving Jim Northrup who served us for 6 years.
10. Administratively, all AGM and MGM Meeting Minutes, from 2001 to the present, were properly formatted and converted to pdf format and loaded on our new website.

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 very grateful for having had the opportunity to serve you during the past 8 years. I'm looking forward to attending our future meetings as a member. As the Immediate Past Chair, I will provide our new Chairman with all the help he asks for, and I know you will give Scotty your full support. I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

Sylvain Rouillard

Sylvain Rouillard
Chairman
Submariners Association of Canada East

Motion to adopt the Chairman's Report. Submitted by Sylvain Rouillard, 2nd by Keith Estabrooks.
Accepted.

Vice Chairman – Scott Parsons. Scotty stated that Sylvain covered a lot of his topics which was good. Scotty took over from Jim Northrup early in 2021. He chaired the meeting a couple of times as well in this past year. He presented the Top Student Award at The Submarine School in November. Scotty also stated that he has accepted the position of Chairman and will be taking over from Sylvain. Sylvain Rouillard moved that the Vice Chairman's report be accepted as read. 2nd by Marc Osmond. Accepted.

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 "Run Silent" Newsletter. The "Angles & Dangles" has been superseded by "Run Silent" due to some copyright issues. 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 maintaining it. Brian also mentioned that he had received a letter in the mail. It sort of looks official from "Domain Registry." Brian, being skeptical, looked on the internet and found out that it was an "Official Scam." Shredded. Nothing else for the Secretary to report.

Membership – Brian Lapierre. Reported there are 39 Life Members, 90 Members paid for 2022 and

beyond for a current total of 129. 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. As a reminder, if people have not paid their dues and are lapsed for one year then their names will be taken off the list and they will no longer receive any emails from SAOC(E). Dues are now outstanding for 2023. Brian will be turning over \$120.00 to Ron for Membership and \$140.00 from Claude for Slops.

Motion to Accept the Secretary & Membership Reports by Sylvain Rouillard. 2nd by Nigel Walsworth. Accepted.

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 and copies were available for members to view and sent out via email.

Opening Balance from December 2021 AGM was \$16,785.84.

In - Membership Dues \$2236.00

In - Slops \$880.00

In - 50/50 \$75.00. Proceeds while at Peregrine donated to Bar Tender.

Out – Web Site \$159.85 (Shared with West & Central)

Out – Royal Bank \$45.00 (Monthly Fees)

Out – Misc. \$496.72 (Wreaths, QEII Pins, Admin. Expenses, Presentos)

Out – Luncheons \$461.97 (2 Beer Calls)

Out – BBQ \$823.30 (Food, Drink, Legion Donation)

Out – Pizza at Meetings \$198.57

Balance as of 2022 AGM - \$17,791.43 (+\$1005.59) from 2021

The financial statement for 2022 is included in these minutes.

Motion to Accept the Financial Report by Sylvain Rouillard. 2nd by George Byzewski. Accepted.

Slops - Claude Gendron. Claude did an updated report of his inventory. People can contact Claude if they wish for any items and he can tell them if he has what they want. You can call Claude at any time to discuss his inventory and he is willing to deliver any items in the Halifax area. There is about \$4259.50 in inventory. We need to try and liquidate some of the items for sure. Even though they are on the website very few items have been sold from it. Claude is also trying to deal with Jerry Brown at the Ojibwa Project to see if they would buy items from us, at a discount. Claude is waiting for a response from Ojibwa to see if they want any items. He is even willing to deliver to Ojibwa if he goes to Ontario.

Motion to Accept the Slops Report by Sylvain Rouillard. 2nd by Robbie Fraser. Accepted.

Social – Brian Cooper. On vacation in Florida. Brum Tovey has accepted to take over the 50/50 ticket sale until Brian Cooper returns. The Beer Call which was held on 13 April at the Seamus David Pub in Dartmouth Crossing was fairly successful. The Beer Call on 23 November was held at the Millstone Public House in Dartmouth. It did not have as many turn-outs for it as anticipated. The summer BBQ held in July at John & June Meehan's was a success with over 40 Members and Guests attending. 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 executive members currently serving have agreed to continue serving except for the Chairman and the Vice Chairman. The floor was turned over to

George Byzewski & Terry Chatham to conduct the Election of Officers. Scotty Parsons was nominated for the Chairman's position and Cliff Boettcher was nominated as Vice Chairman. Scotty Parsons has agreed to take over the Chairman's position from Sylvain Rouillard. Cliff Boettcher has accepted to take over the Vice Chairman's position from Scotty Parsons. No contenders. 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.

Motion to keep the dues at \$20.00 for the upcoming year by Sylvain Rouillard. 2nd by George Roach. Accepted.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Around the Room. Brum Tovey brought up the issue of Parking at the Somme Branch Legion. The short story is you need to look around in the Legion area. Keith Estabrooks brought in a coin from the 2014 Centenary. The Association should look into perhaps updating it for 2024.



The Association SAOC(E) could become a host for visiting submarines and hosting Canadian submarines. The Submarine Force has some ideas on this as well. However, if none visits nothing can be done.

Terry Chatham suggested if we have another Beer Call, we should have it at the Somme Branch Legion.

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.

Scotty Parsons said he is happy in accepting the position as Chairman. Looking forward to the Challenges.

Set date for next AGM The date for the next AGM will be **02 December 2023**.

50/50 Draw \$90.00 was divided between Claude Gendron & the Association.

Submariners Prayer was read by Sylvain Rouillard.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Claude Gendron and seconded by Terry Chatham to adjourn the meeting at 1405 hrs. **Carried**. Everyone gathered in the next room for a Group picture.

The next MGM will be held at the Somme Branch Legion and via Zoom on Wednesday 25th of January 2023 at 18:00 (6pm).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre
SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard
SAOC (E) Outgoing Chairman

Scott Parsons
SAOC (E) Incoming Chairman



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Monthly Financial Statement
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Date	Transaction	Debit/Out	Credit/In	Balance	Remarks
27Oct22				\$17,742.43	Closing Balance Oct 2022 Statement
01Nov22	Royal Bank	\$3.75		\$17,738.68	Monthly Fee
25Nov22	CQ # 151	\$103.50		\$17,635.18	Brian Cooper - Luncheon Nachos
01Dec22	Royal Bank	\$3.75		\$17,631.43	Monthly Fee
02Dec22	Deposit		\$160.00	\$17,791.43	Dues \$20, Slops \$140
03Dec22				\$17,791.43	Closing Balance Dec 2022 Statement

2022 Events & Approx Cost		
Date	Event	Approx Cost
	Cost of Nachos for Nov Beer Call	\$103.50

Ron Cooper
Treasurer



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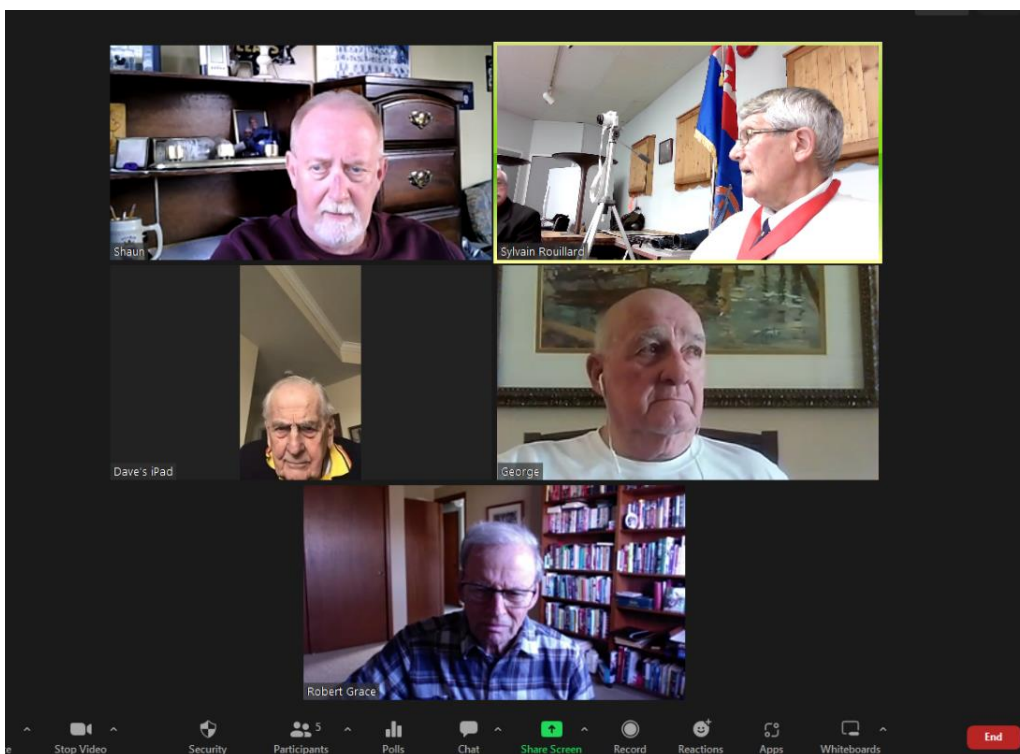


	Debit/Out	Credit/In	Balance	Remarks
2021 Balance			\$16,785.84	Balance as of 2021 AGM
Membership Dues		\$2,236.00		Average Annual Intake
Slops		\$880.00		
50/50		\$75		Many 50/50 profits donated to Peregrine bartender
Web Site	\$159.85			Shared with Central & West
Royal Bank	\$45.00			Monthly fees
Misc	\$496.72			Presentos, Admin Expenses, Wreath, QEII 70 Pins.
Luncheons	\$461.97			2 Beer calls. Seamus David's, Millstone Public House
BBQ	\$823.30			Food, Drinks, Legion donation.
Meeting Pizzas	\$193.57			
Total Out/Total In	\$2,185.41	\$3,191.00	\$17,791.43	Balance as of 2022 AGM
			+\$1,005.59	End \$17,791.43 - Start \$16,785.84 = \$1,005.59

Ron Cooper
Treasurer



SAOC(E) AGM Attendees: *Front Row (L-R): Boyd Thomas, Claude Gendron, Sylvain Rouillard (Outgoing Chairman), Scotty Parsons (Incoming Chairman), Cliff Boettcher (Incoming Vice Chairman), Ron Cooper, Brian Lapierre. 2nd Row: Marc Osmond, Robbie Fraser, Keith Estabrooks, Nigel Walsworth, Brum Tovey. Back Row: Drew MacDonald, Jeff Cameron, George Byzewski, Tim Wood, Erik Norman, Terry Chatham, Jim Northrup.*



On Zoom:

Shaun MacDougall

David Russell

George Roach

Robert Grace