



## **Submariners Association of Canada (East)**

Minutes of the Emergency Meeting  
to discuss the “Facemask Project”  
Saturday 09 May 2020  
Via ZOOM Conference Meeting



This is the second attempt of conducting a virtual meeting via Zoom. By all accounts it appeared to be successful with a few issues while members figured out how to get their video or audio to work. Some issues were encountered by individuals who perhaps their computers need to be updated. Some had sound but no video. Some were using tablets as well. We had only good comments so I would suspect that if the end of May is like it is now, we will probably attempt to do it again.

Once everyone seemed to be connected and the greetings from seeing smiling faces on your screen and pleasantries all round.

**Opening** the Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at 19:06 hrs from his home and thanked all for making this special Zoom meeting tonight.

The purpose of this meeting is to make a motion to the Membership for SAOC(E) to pay up to \$4000.00 for the procurement of 400 masks with a Submarine related design. The reason we will make this motion is when the supplier delivers the product, we will have to pay them in full.

Brian Lapierre came up with an idea which became more than popular on Facebook. With the help of Greg Hallonquist, they will pursue the designs and supplier. The supplier will be the same supplier that has provided our hats and T-Shirts for SAOC(E).

In order to put the motion to the floor we need two Members from the Executive and ten Members which we have in attendance tonight.

**Attendance** 18 members and 3 guests were in attendance: Raymond Beaudin, Jeff Cameron, William Cleal, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Donald Courcy, Jim Harris, Brian Lapierre, Andy Lovasi, Ernie Marcoux, Ken McMillan, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Richard Patterson, Conrad Petrikowski, Sylvain Rouillard, Gilles Poirier, Tim Wood, Guests: Peter Heppleston, Fred Rowe & Pierre Bouchard.

**Facemask Discussion** At the time of the meeting Brian had received orders for 190 for the Dolphin design and 170 for the Veteran design. Orders were still coming in. There was also a pending order from HMCS Victoria for 60 Dolphin Masks which is not included in the 190. (This order was later cancelled by the Victoria). Orders were still coming into Brian.

Sylvain indicated that perhaps we should increase the amount supplied to \$5000.00 to give us a bit of “wiggle” room.

One of the members had sent an email to Sylvain and Brian asking “Why is SAOC making a profit on this? It was turning into a disease. It was brought up by Sylvain that in the Minutes on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Meeting that Slops should make a 15% profit on items purchased and entirely at the discretion of the Slops Manager. All this was to keep the Membership Fees at \$20.00. SAOC(E) is losing money by not having monthly meetings. By not having a meeting we miss out on 50/50 revenue.

Sylvain then asked Brian Lapierre to put forward the Motion. Brian’s Motion was “I move that SAOC pay up to \$5000.00 for the procurement of 400 or more masks with Submarine Related Designs. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Cleal.

Question by RJ Harris suggested that the Profits from this Project perhaps could be designated for example a Harbour Cruise when SAOC(E) comes out of quarantine. Brian Lapierre disagreed with RJ Harris’s statement. He said we should not designate any profit made from the Facemask Project at this time, wait for the project to end, see the end results and just put it in the fund. Any function that will be held by SAOC(E) would probably be subsidized at some point by SAOC(E). The general consensus is that the money just goes into our fund.

John Meehan asked if the masks were made locally. Brian stated that the masks were made locally from our supplier.

Tim Woods stated that he was worried about the number of masks and if we ordered 400 would we be stuck with some we can't sell. Brian didn't think so.

Sylvain then stated that this meeting was just to approve the capital cost.

Brian stated that with orders coming in that he will let the orders come in.

Ron Cooper stated that there is only one Fund. The General Fund is where all money goes into.

Sylvain stated the Motion again and asked for "All in Favour" **Carried. Motion approved.**

**Adjournment** There being no further business, it was moved by Andy Lovasi and seconded by Billy Cleal to adjourn the meeting at 1940 hrs. **Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre for Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman