



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Thursday 01 October 2020

At RCNA Peregrine & Via ZOOM Conference Meeting



The Monthly Meeting of SAOC(E) was held at RCNA Peregrine for our 2nd Meeting since March 2020 as well as providing a connection for Zoom for those interested at home. Emails had been sent out and a posting on Facebook Group to inform everyone.

Once everyone arrived at Peregrine, taking the required precautions with COVID-19 still with us and greetings all around for those we had not seen for awhile. We used the WIFI at Peregrine again but this time we set up closer to the entrance to the bar which appeared to be a better connection. We did have some connections from home which was good. It was good to see old faces and some new faces.

Opening the Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 1720 hrs at Peregrine. Sylvain mentioned that this was our second attended meeting since the 3rd of March all before COVID. Everybody knows the rules to abide by and having left their contact phone number in the book at the door when they entered. He also stated that it was a sign of the times and no organizations are holding live meetings that we know of. He thanked everyone who participates in the Zoom meetings as well and it appeared that people at Peregrine and Zoom attendees could hear all of the conversations. A moment of silence was held for all our departed brothers and those who are ailing. Since our last attended meeting we have lost Jean-Claude Gourdeau and member of SAOC(W). He was a member of HMS Sidon during the Explosion in 1955 which killed LaVerne McLeod. He passed away on the 13 of September 2020. He was an LSER at the time of the explosion. The Canadians that were serving onboard HMS Sidon at that time, after the explosion they were all drafted to HMS Scorcher. Jerry Bourgeois informed me of this last week. There also has been no information if and when their will be a Celebration of Life for Buster Brown, Gus Gardner or Art Bodden.

Attendance 13 members were in attendance at Peregrine: Cliff Boettcher, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Brian Lapierre, Shaun McDougall (Zoom), Jim Northrup (Zoom), Scotty Parsons, Gilles Poirier (Zoom), Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey.

Regrets were received from 7 members: Jerry Bourgeois, John Carpenter, Brian Cooper, Bob Davidson, Greg Hallonquist, Jim Harris, Robbie Fraser,

Health and Wellness Greg Hallonquist has spent some time in the Dartmouth General. Due to COVID no visitors were allowed.

Minutes the 26 August 2020 MGM minutes were distributed by email. No errors. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Correspondence In Nil.

Correspondence Out Nil.

Reports Chairman Sylvain talked about the Committal of Ashes to sea for Ray Hunt from HMCS Sackville. The event was very well organized and 9 people were committed. Representing Ray Hunt was his wife Jeanne Cudmore and her son David and Sylvain from SAOC(E). Each ceremony was a very well respected, solemn occasion and well carried out. Others we knew who were committed were Harry Suto (Life Member SAOC(E) and Jim Reddy who was CO of HMCS Sackville. Another person who we have heard about was SLt Abigail Cowbrough who was tragically killed in the crash of the Fredericton's helicopter in April. A big contingent of Fredericton crew attended the Ceremony

for her. If anyone wants to know anything about being buried at sea contact the Padre's Office in CFB Halifax. Sylvain has the contact info so you can contact him as well for the information. Brian also stated that through Sylvain and the Naval Museum of Halifax he has had an email from the Padre's Office that if SAOC(E) wants to know if when someone was buried at sea we need to send an email to the Padre's Office with the name. If the person was buried at sea and they have him listed they will tell us.

Walter the "pigeon" from the Ojibwa has finally been evicted and an update to this will be held at the weekly Zoom Meeting on Friday night.

Vice Chair Jim Northrup has asked if people would send him a bio on yourself giving some information on your military career. Do it in point form and send to Jim via Email.

Secretary Nil. Brian Lapierre is recording the meeting and will transcribe it.

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his report. At the end of August our balance was \$15,134.00. Three Transactions. The Royal Bank Monthly Fee, two checks, one for \$200.00 from the Bodden Family for the Naval Museum of Halifax. The second \$200.00 was to George Byzewski who did the food run for Helen Dube for the Food Bank. So our balance as of today is \$14,731.08.

Slops No report as Greg had given his regrets for this evening. We still need a volunteer to take over slops.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre Brian reported there are 42 Life Members, 88 Members paid for 2020 and beyond for current total of 130. Brian encouraged people to find out their status and pay their dues. Send dues via E-Transfer to sylvain.rouillard@outlook.com. He will also be sending out emails to members who have not paid for 2020. As of the meeting only 4 people haven't paid their dues for 2020. Anyone who wants to know their status for membership please contact Brian Lapierre. Thank you all.

Social Nothing to be done with Entertainment due to COVID-19. BBQ will not happen this year and due to the situation the Christmas Function has also been cancelled.

Old Business Brian Cooper had said at the last meeting that perhaps we could have a Pizza Social here at Peregrine. More discussion required with the Social Chairman. Keith Estabrooks asked if we were having an AGM this year. Sylvain stated that it would probably be held at Peregrine. Plans need to be made. The circumstances are different this year. The executive will address this issue and have a report at the end of October meeting. Perhaps to be held on a Sunday this year due to Peregrine is committed on Saturdays.

New Business The AGM is tentative to be held on Sunday the 06 December 2020. Other than that no new business discussed with the exception for everyone to be vigilante with the COVID situation. Look after yourself and your family and reach out to others who may need help with anything. Brian has been doing the Secretary's job for Robbie since March. It is also possible we will have a Regular Meeting at the end of November as well perhaps with free Pizza. More discussion is required. Gilles Poirier might even come from Rose Bay?

Around the Room The Beast gave a demonstration of his 13 defects to the computer so the Zoom people could view his defects. Keith showed us his "Light Bulb" as well. Also the doctor told him after his last borescope that he was a "perfect Arshole".

50/50 Draw \$26.00 was won by Boyd Thomas.

Submariners Prayer was read by Brum Tovey.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by George Byzewski and seconded by Brian Lapierre to adjourn the meeting at 1802 hrs. **Carried**

The next MGM will probably be held at Peregrine and via Zoom on Thursday 29 October 2020 @ 1700 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre for Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman