



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

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Thursday 29 October 2020

At RCNA Peregrine & Via ZOOM Conference Meeting



The Monthly Meeting of SAOC(E) was held at RCNA Peregrine. It was our 3rd Meeting since March 2020. A Zoom connection was provided for members at home. Emails had been sent out and a posting made on Facebook Group to inform everyone. Everyone arrived at Peregrine taking the required COVID-19 precautions. Greetings were extended all around. The head tables were setup near the large room entrance to be close to the WIFI, which provided a fair connection.

**Opening** the Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 17:04 hrs at Peregrine. This was our third attended meeting since the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March all before COVID. Everybody followed the COVID rules and left their contact phone number in the book at the door when they entered. Sylvain stated that since Nova Scotia was doing so well in keeping the infection cases down, we were not the only organization holding live meetings anymore. As long as NS does not go into a second wave, we should be able to hold more meetings. 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. Sylvain thanked the Bartender Garry for his service. A moment of silence was held for all our departed brothers and those who are ailing. Since our last attended meeting we have lost Terry Wyss. Terry had an outstanding career in Submarines and the Navy and was a very active member of SAOC(C). 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** 16 members were in attendance at Peregrine and on Zoom. Cliff Boettcher, George Byzewski, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Sherm Embree (Zoom), Claude Gendron, Keith Estabrooks, Brian Lapierre, Shaun McDougall (Zoom), Jim Northrup, Scotty Parsons, Larry Pike (Zoom), Gilles Poirier (Zoom), Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey.

**Regrets** were received from 4 members: Terry Chatham, John Meehan, Robbie Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, and Charlie Lonsdale. Brum stated that Willy would have given his regrets if he had known there was a meeting. Ha! Ha!

**Health and Wellness** Tex Ranger is basically the same with his health. Dick Newman is also the same. Both not well. Sherm Embree gave us a sit rep on his accident and results of his rebuild.

**Minutes** the 01 October 2020 MGM minutes were distributed by email. No errors. The minutes were approved as distributed.

**Correspondence In** Robbie went to the mail box and picked up the mail. A cheque from Brian & Nancy Thompson for \$50.00 to support the Art Bodden Donation to the Naval Museum of Halifax for the Submarine Room. Well appreciated indeed. A check was received from Victor Mineotas for his dues. Dave Brannen pd his dues, Peter Hayden pd his dues for 2020 & 2021. The Post Office Bill was received for \$228.00 which was passed to Ron Cooper. We received a thank you note from the Veterans Emergency Transition Services; we donated \$200.00 to them at the beginning of the year. We also received a thank you note from the Hants North Community Food Bank where we donated \$200 this year as well. We continue to get inundated with requests for money, which we had decided not to entertain.

**Correspondence Out** Nil.

**Reports Chairman** Sylvain has had some discussions about a common SAOC Website with Central and West. He voiced that he was in favour as long as Ted Hirtle would remain our webmaster. Ted

was asked to contact Bob Emery from West and Bob Bush from Central on this project. Sylvain also mentioned that Patrick Hunt, the Vice President of SAOC(W), was in contact with him regarding an initiative that Wade Berglund, President of SAOC(W), would like to see happen. That being to have one person, or representatives from each branch, be a representative of SAOC across Canada. Not having any details as this idea is in its infancy, Sylvain said he would support this only if it didn't cost anything and the workload for each branch would be minimum. More to follow.

**Vice Chair** Jim Northrup. He said he went to Anders Berglund place and he still had some Rum left for sale. They are \$45.00 per bottle. This may have been pre-mature however. When people contacted him, he had only his personal stash left.

**Secretary** Nil. Brian Lapierre is recording the meeting and will transcribe it. Brian has accepted the position of Secretary relieving Robbie Fraser. The mail needs to be picked more than once every few months. It needs to be done every couple of weeks.

**Treasurer** Ron Cooper gave his report. At the end of September our balance was \$14,727.33. One Transaction, the Royal Bank monthly Fee. Our balance end of October is \$14,727.33.

**Slops** Claude Gendron has agreed to take over Slops from Greg Hallonquist. He has agreed to contact Greg Hallonquist to have an inventory done and pass the articles to Claude. Brian has agreed to send an email to Greg informing him of this.

**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. An E-Transfer from Marc Osmond was received for his dues. Anyone who wants to know their status for membership please contact Brian Lapierre. Thank you all.

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

Send Dues via Canada Post to: Submariners Association of Canada East, PO Box 91, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 3Y2

**Social** Nothing to be done with Entertainment due to COVID-19. BBQ will not happen this year and due to this situation, the Christmas Function has also been cancelled. Any meetings we are going to have will be at Peregrine with its limited capacity but we have to do what we have to do at this time.

**Nominating Committee** A nominating committee must be put together because they are due for the AGM this year. The nominating Committee has been selected as George Byzewski and Terry Chatham.

**Bylaws Amendment** Amendments to the Constitution would have to be received by 31 Oct 2020 as specified in Sylvain's email earlier in the month. None received. They were last amended in 2017.

**Old Business** No old business.

**New Business** The AGM is tentatively to be held on Sunday the 06 December 2020 at Peregrine pending the COVID situation in Nova Scotia. Gilles Poirier might even come from Rose Bay for the AGM.

**Around the Room** Brum indicated he would like a meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, so we all agreed that we will have one. Strictly social. Zoom attendees were asked if they had anything to contribute or any questions. Larry Pike indicated that two or three years ago he donated a box of items from the Victoria from when he was Coxn and her naming Ceremony. He said he donated it to Terry Chatham and perhaps John Clahan. Brian has taken it as an action to try and find it. He also stated that since the fall of 2019 Brian has scanned 55 photo albums of articles that had been passed from SAOC(E) historians. These should eventually end up on the Naval Museum of Halifax Website.

Larry voiced his opinion that he wouldn't like to see it get lost. Brian also had received a phone call from Wilfy. They are confined in Liverpool, UK due to COVID-19. He wanted some facemasks. I told him we didn't have any left. Locked by tighter than a drum in the UK. He is doing well.

**50/50 Draw** \$27.50 was won by Boyd Thomas. He donated it to Garry the Bartender.

**Submariners Prayer** was read by Jim Northrup.

**Adjournment** There being no further business, it was moved by Claude Gendron and seconded by Brian Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 1740 hrs. **Carried** Most members stayed for pizza and fellowship afterwards.

The next MGM will be held at Peregrine and via Zoom on Thursday 26 November 2020 @ 1700 hrs, pending the COVID situation in Halifax. Free pizza will be had.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre for Robert B Fraser

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman