



## Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Emergent Zoom Meeting

Friday 27 November 2020



**Purpose:** To discuss and obtain approval on a motion of purchasing a common webhosting service to host a common saoc.ca website, along with each branch's individual websites within, and to share that cost between the three branches.

This Zoom Emergent Meeting was held immediately prior to the "Friday Night at the Mess" meeting.

**Members in Attendance via Zoom: 19 Members.** Sylvain Rouillard, Brian Lapierre, Alvin Carrier, Marcel Simard, Gilles Poirier, Claude Gendron, Geoff Mawdesley, Shaun MacDougall, Sherm Embree, Jim Gordon, Ron Cooper, Phil Rody, Jim Northrup, Steve St. Amant, John Meehan, Bill Venator, John Smith, George Byzewski, Steve Higdon.

**Opening:** The Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, indicated that we had 19 members connected on Zoom and therefore had the required number of members and executives to form a quorum. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Background:** We currently have three SAOC websites. The idea was put forth by SAOC(W) to have a common website to represent all of SAOC. We would keep our individual websites and the common website would point to ours. The East webmaster, Ted Hirtle, did some research and found that saoc.ca would be a good name, however it had been purchased by someone. The person who owned it told Ted Hirtle that we can have the name for free because we were military.

Ted, after much homework, suggested that we purchase a Webhosting service to host the four domains, being saoc.ca, saocwest.ca and saoc-central.ca. He found one, Fullhost, a Canadian owned hosting company. They are Canadian, are responsive to requests for help, reasonably priced, and would allow each of the three webmasters to maintain their websites.

Central & West indicated that they needed to bring it to their membership for approval, thus East decided to do the same thing. So here we are. The meeting was called to order at 19:06.

The idea is to have one webhost with the different domains within it. SAOC(W), SAOC(C) & SAOC(E). The individual webmasters for West, Central & East would share the maintaining of the main website. Sylvain indicated that it would be Bob Emery for West, Bob Bush for Central & Ted Hirtle for East.

We will be able to keep our original websites as they are. John Clahane currently is paying \$250.00 per year for the website and Sylvain is paying \$60.00 for the SSL Certificate. So that is a little more than \$300.00 for East website. The new webhost service is a Canadian based service unlike the current which is American and Ted Hirtle as indicated that it is almost impossible to communicate with them during these COVID times which has become extremely frustrating.

With the new hosting service, we can have up to fifteen domains or individual websites within, with the SAOC.ca umbrella.

The cost breakdown is as follows:

\$31.50 a month. Cost transfer is 53.76 which if you pay yearly is \$488.00 divided by 3 which is \$162.00.

**Discussions:**

We can have up to 15 domains. It was suggested perhaps we could add the Victoria Class submarines, the Naval Museum of Halifax and any other appropriate websites.

It was also mentioned about a Suggestion Box to put forth any ideas for the website.

There should be a single manager of the website with one voice in charge. Also, a single point of contact for the website.

The Newsletter “Angles & Dangles” from West has a new Editor and we are looking forward to seeing it.

Zoom meetings have been relatively successful and we hope to continue them with more participation.

**Financially:** It will be handled by Sylvain and Ron Cooper the SAOC(E) Treasurer.

**Motion:** The motion is: That SAOC(E), in partnership with SAOC(C) and SAOC(W) if they agree, purchase a web hosting service yearly to provide us all with the ability to each have our own website along with a common saoc.ca common web page. This is to be managed by the three branches. The cost is not to exceed \$600 per year, to be split three ways. All three Associations will have a say in the website’s operation. **Motion carried.** Two additional email members sent emails agreeing to the motion.

The Meeting was adjourned at 19:36 by Gilles Poirier and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Rody. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brian Lapierre for Robert B Fraser  
SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard  
SAOC (E) Chairman