



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Friday 28 July 2021 at RCNA Peregrine &
Via ZOOM Conference Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of SAOC(E) was held at RCNA Peregrine & via Zoom. Emails had been sent out and a posting made on Facebook Group to inform everyone that the meeting would commence at 1700 Halifax time. Upon arrival at Peregrine a connection was established so members could connect.

Opening the Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 17:17. He greeted all attending members and those connected via Zoom. With the improved cases of COVID-19 and restrictions being lifted in the province it was encouraging to see so many members attend at Peregrine whom we haven't seen in many months. He thanked everyone in the Zoom meeting who connected as well.

Attendance 20 members were in attendance and four on Zoom. Those at Peregrine were Marc Aalbers, George Byzewski, Jon Carpenter, Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Claude Gendron, Jim Gordon, Jim Harris (back from Mexico), Gary Hopkins, Brian Lapierre, Ernie Marcoux, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Sylvain Rouillard, Brum Tovey, Tim Wood. Connected on Zoom were Jeff Cameron, Shaun MacDougall, Scotty Parsons & Gilles Poirier. We also had two guests attend. Kevin Mooney & Greg Thomas who both work at Irving Shipyards in Halifax and are former US Navy Submarine Officers. Both stood up, introduced themselves and gave a brief history on their careers. They were informed about our association by "Gumba". Regrets received were from Robbie Fraser, Cliff Boettcher, Marcel Simard & Willy Waugh.

Health and Wellness It was a rough week for Submariners. On the 23 of July I heard of the passing of John Shields. John served in all three Oberons. He was a Cook. On the same day I heard that Herbie Wambalt also passed away on the 23 of July. Herbie served in Okanagan from 1969 to 1971. He was a Steward. Both John Shields and Herbie Wambalt passed away in Dartmouth General Hospital. Then on the 24th I heard that Phil Rody passed away in Miramichi, N.B. Phil was a Radio Lady and also served as a Coxn on HMCS Ojibwa. That was a shocker because we had seen Phil on our Friday Night Zoom Connection last week and he appeared ok. Phil was a member of SAOC(E). No other reports of ailing members that we have heard of. If anyone knows of anyone ailing please pass it on to the Executive to keep us in "The Loop". Also call a friend that you haven't seen or talked to in a long time.

A Celebration of Life was held for **Donald "Buster" Brown** at J.A. Snow's Funeral Home on Lacewood Drive in Halifax on the 17th July 21. There was a good turnout of Submariners to pay their respects and Jim Gordon did a marvelous job of the Eulogy. A picture was taken of Submariners who stayed long enough to do this. Some fled the scene so they are not in the picture. Twenty-one were in the picture.

Minutes The 25 June 2021 MGM minutes were distributed by email. No errors found. The minutes were adopted as distributed.

Correspondence In Email from Valerie Braunschweig about the Newsletter. She wants articles and dits to be published in the Newsletter. Her email is valerieanddick@telus.net.

Correspondence Out The Secretary also tries to post a Condolence on the passing person's Funeral Home website and sends a card as well.

Reports Chairman Sylvain reported that Buster's funeral was very well attended. After the funeral home a number of people went to RCNA Peregrine to "raise" a glass to Buster. I am sure he would have liked to have been there. Sylvain also mentioned about a Dinner being held to Honour Retired Submariner David Russell. This event will be held at DoubleTree Hotel on the Dartmouth side of the Old Bridge. It is a Black Tie event. Tickets are \$50.00 each. The event will be held between 1600 to 2000 on the 06 November 2021. "Man of the Hour" to Honour David Russell. Please Contact Sylvain if you are

interested in attending. More information to follow. Also, Bravo Zulu to Jerry Brown who is doing a “bang up” job at Ojibwa Museum cleaning out “Walter’s” mess and making her look pretty.

Vice Chair Jim Northrup said that he visited IronWorks in Lunenburg. They mentioned that they still had the master recipe of the 100th Anniversary Rum. It would be expensive to reproduce. Could be done again as a fund raiser.

Treasurer Ron gave me a 3 monthly report to transcribe. Also Ron stated that he sent Brian the last \$50.00 cheque from the Bodden Family for The Naval Museum of Halifax. Brian has given the cheque to the Museum. With all said and done Ron stated that the Balance of the Association is \$15,938.04. Also both Sylvain and Brian stated that they had dues money to pass to Ron. Sylvain will check on what money he has and Brian had \$80.00 collected at tonight’s meeting to pass to Ron.

Secretary Brian Lapierre is recording the meeting and will transcribe it. The big thing that the Secretary reported was that the Executive decided to eliminate the Canada Post Office Box. Effective on the 21 April 2021 the Box was closed and all mail will now be forwarded to **73 Portovista Drive, Portuguese Cove, Nova Scotia. B3V 1P3**. The reason was that the cost of the PO Box of \$228.00 per year was determined to be excessive for the amount of Snail Mail we received. It was deemed not necessary when we receive a max of 5 letters per year. Most everyone pays their dues with E-Transfers. Please note this and also the address has been changed on the website for the mailing address.

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 is making progress on it. Sylvain has been working with Ted trying to convert all minutes to PDF and update. Work in progress.

Slops Brian has been working with Claude and the Slops. Pictures have been supplied to Ted Hirtle to get them up on the Website. Claude mentioned that he has a lot of stuff. Hopefully if we have a BBQ, we might be able to move some of it. Once the website is up and running with the Slops page we may move some of it.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 37 Life Members, 91 Members paid for 2021 and beyond for current total of 128. 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. An email was sent out a couple of days after the end of April meeting asking people to pay their dues. As a reminder if people have not paid their dues and are lapsed for one year then their name will be taken off the list and they will no longer receive any emails from SAOC(E).

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**

Social Brian Cooper would like to have some ideas on a Luncheon that could be held. Brum Tovey asked why couldn't we have a BBQ since restrictions precluding this type of event were lifted. After discussion around the room it was suggested that a fall BBQ could possibly be held on the 11 September 2021. George Byzewski said he would check available status at Chez Dube's. If that is not available John Meehan said that it could be held at his place. No motion was put forward but a show of hands saw that everyone was unanimously in favour. This is still in the planning stage and depending on the COVID status in the next month it could be planned. Also the fall AGM, thoughts would be accepted to have a Christmas Luncheon.

Old Business Nothing to report.

New Business None, except for the BBQ mentioned above.

Around the Room. Nothing discussed.

50/50 Draw None held.

Submariners Prayer was read by guest Kevin Mooney.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by George Byzewski and seconded by Keith Estabrooks to adjourn the meeting at 1750 hrs. **Carried**

Post-Meeting All enjoyed good conversations and pizza. Great meeting!

The next MGM will be held at the Peregrine and via Zoom on Wednesday 25 August 2021 @ 17:00 hrs. Free pizza O/C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman