



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Friday 25 August 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 17:15. 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 last month. He thanked everyone in the Zoom meeting who connected as well.

Attendance 16 members were in attendance and 3 on Zoom. Those at Peregrine were George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Jim Gordon, Brian Lapierre, Drew MacDonald, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, JJ Surette, Brum Tovey, Nigel Walsworth & Tim Wood. Connected on Zoom were Jeff Cameron, Shaun MacDougall & Bill Venator. Regrets received were from Marc Aalbers, Doug Birch, Cliff Boettcher, Robbie Fraser, William Cleal, Willy Waugh, Peter Wilkins & Kevin Mooney.

Health and Wellness This past month it has been reported that two former submariners have "Crossed The Bar. William "Billy" Flinn who served in Onondaga & Okanagan in the early 1970's and was an Electrician. Also, Ernest Colwell passed away out West in early August. He served in RN Submarines and the records say he was also on Ojibwa in late 1960's. 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.

Minutes The 28 July 2021 MGM minutes were distributed by email. No errors found. The minutes were adopted as distributed.

Correspondence In No correspondence in received except an Email from Valerie Braunschweig about the Newsletter. She wants articles and dits to be published in the Newsletter. Her email is valerieanddick@telus.net and one received from Canada Post about the mail forwarding to the old address has been finished.

Correspondence Out The Secretary also tries to post a Condolence on the passing person's Funeral Home website and sends a card as well. Sympathy cards were sent to the Families of Phil Rody and John Shields to their last known addresses.

Reports Chairman Sylvain also again 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. Special rates from the hotel for those who wish to partake in a room. Cut off date for reservations is at about the end of September. Please Contact Sylvain if you are interested in attending. More information to follow. Jim Gordon indicated that his Mess Kit still fits. 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 had nothing to report.

Treasurer Ron gave the report. Opening Balance from 28 July 21 was \$15,938.04. Dues in received was \$556.00. Expenses out were \$96.39 for Pizza at end of July Meeting and Bank Cost \$3.75. New Balance for 25 August 2021 is \$16,393.90.

Secretary Brian Lapierre is recording the meeting and will transcribe it. Effective on the 21 April 2021 our mailing address is **73 Portovista Drive, Portuguese Cove, Nova Scotia. B3V 1P3**. 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 first of all gave a shoutout to Brum Tovey for what he had done and had to put up with in organizing past BBQ's. Brian also reported that the latest count is about 54 members and guests would attend the BBQ to be held at John & June Meehan's. Then Brian stated the problems. Two caterer's prices were outrageous for what we requested which was nothing out of this world. The first quote was for \$2550.00 for Hot Dogs and Hamburgers and the 2nd quote was for \$2870.00 for the same. This does not include the kegs of beer. The executive had decided to have a BBQ. The question is. "Do we need to have a full-service BBQ.?" John Meehan has offered an alternative. With assistance from his Legion in Musquodoboit Harbour it is now planned to have it at John & June Meehan's and that SAOC would purchase the materials to cook and all condiments. This is being organized by Brian Cooper and John Meehan. If anybody who is attending and would like something different bring it yourself. After discussions it has been decided to run with the suggestion that the BBQ be held at John & June Meehan's place with assistance from the Legion and SAOC Members. **The BBQ will be held on 11 September 2021 from 1300 to 1700. Remember that COVID rules are in place, contact tracing will be done and we hope that everyone has been vaccinated with both shots. A map will be sent to all members who plan on attending.**

Old Business Nothing to report.

New Business SAOC will be participating in the visit to Halifax of the Silver Cross Mother Debbie Sullivan. Her visit is scheduled from 30 August to 02 September. SAOC will meet Mrs. Sullivan at The Naval Museum of Halifax on Monday 30 August 2021 at 1400. Mrs. Sullivan had requested that she be given a tour of the Museum and the Submarine Room Display and if it was possible to meet some Retired and serving submariners. With the COVID restrictions in place the SAOC participants are Sylvain Rouillard, Jim Northrup, Brian Lapierre & Jim Gordon. Also serving submariner Bernie Gagnon will also attend. Debbie Sullivan is the mother of Lt. Chris Saunders.

John Meehan mentioned that on Tuesday 31 August 2021 HMCS Sackville has been invited by the Federation of the Russian Navy to celebrate the 1st crossing of a Convoy from Bedford to Murmansk. At noon Halifax time, 4pm London time and 8pm in Murmansk and one at 11 am in the USA, 16 bells will be sounded. He stated that the event will probably be very short. Nothing has been published on media as yet that I know of.

Jim Northrup mentioned that it be discussed that we only have meetings every three months and let the

Executive do what they have been elected to do. This is a topic to be brought up for the AGM. This would also be a bylaw change so Sylvain & Jim Northrup will discuss it. Has to be submitted before 31 October.

Around the Room. Nothing discussed.

50/50 Draw \$80.00 was divided between Ron Cooper and Gary the Bartender.

Submariners Prayer was read by guest JJ Surette.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Jim Northrup and seconded by Keith Estabrooks to adjourn the meeting at 1804 hrs. **Carried**

The next MGM will be held at the Peregrine and via Zoom on Wednesday 29 September 2021 @ 17:00 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman