



Submariners Association of Canada (East)
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Friday 29 September 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 17:14. 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 15 members were in attendance and 6 on Zoom. Those at Peregrine were Cliff Boettcher, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Claude Gendron, Greg Hallonquist, Gary Hopkins, Brian Lapierre, John Meehan, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Nigel Walsworth & Tim Wood. Connected on Zoom were Sherm Embree, Robbie Fraser, Shaun MacDougall, Jim Northrup, Luc Rollin & George Roach. Regrets received were from Doug Birch, Jim Harris, Gilles Poirier, Marcel Simard, Brum Tovey & Willy Waugh.

Health and Wellness This past month it has been reported that one Life Member passed away on the 5th of September in the UK. Wilfy Broyden passed away after a brief illness. The Secretary has been in touch with his daughter and she will keep the Secretary informed as to any funeral details. An email was sent out and a Virtual Celebration of Life which was Live Streamed on Monday 04 October 2021. A ceremony will be held in Halifax in the future according to Christine Broyden, Wilfy's daughter. At this time, we do not know any further details. I hope that some members tuned in to view the Virtual Ceremony. What I saw it was a very nice, moving ceremony with a Tribute to our "Fallen Comrade". RIP Wilfy. Also, our thoughts and prayers to all our ailing members and wish their health be well. Jim Northrup gave a brief description of his health issues and we can only wish Jim well. Also, I received an email from John Madison. He changed his email address so if anyone wants to contact John please contact Brian Lapierre to make contact.

Minutes The 25 August 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.

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 Family of Wilfy Broyden. No other correspondence out except informing the Members of the cancellation of the BBQ which was to be held on 02 October 2021. A comment was said that perhaps Bob & Lillian Evans will show up again at John Meehan's on Saturday. For the record they did show up again. Bob never got the email and Brian has discovered for some reason his name was not on the distribution list. That has been fixed.

Reports Chairman Nothing to Report

Vice Chair Jim Northrup had nothing to report.

Treasurer Ron gave the report. Opening Balance from \$16,393.90 last month. New Balance for 29 September 2021 is \$16,610.15. Slops passed \$306.00 to the Treasurer and \$40.00 for dues was also passed. This will show in next months report.

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 36 Life Members, 92 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). Good news is that Gord Hamilton has become a Life Member. George Roach asked about the cost of a Life Membership and Brian told him he would tell him how much it would be.

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 As we know the BBQ for 02 October was cancelled. Will try to plan something in the future for sure. Thanks to Brian Cooper, John & June Meehan in trying to put this event together. A question was asked about the status of Helen Dube. She had told George that she would have loved to host the BBQ but due to COVID and all the restrictions it was not possible. She is doing well which is good news.

Old Business Nothing to report other than the cancellation of the BBQ.

On the 30th of August the Canadian Submarine Force brought the Silver Cross Mother, Mrs. Debbie Sullivan, to Halifax for a visit. So, on the 30th of August SAOC was represented by Sylvain Rouillard, Jim Northrup, Jim Gordon & Brian Lapierre as well as retired submariner Marc Miller and still serving member Bernie Gagnon. The Submarine Force was represented by Captain Stephane Ouellet and Formation Chief CPO1 Paddy McGuire and along with the Silver Cross Mother, Gwen Manderville (widow of Chris Saunders) and their two sons Ben & Luke all arrived at The Naval Museum of Halifax. A tour was conducted of the Submarine Room and the Museum and after refreshments were served in the Bar Area of the Museum. A good chat was had by all and all in all it was very enjoyable and SAOC(E) should be proud that the Submarine Force has a high regard for SAOC(E) and its Membership and what we stand for. Her visit also included a visit to HMCS Windsor, the future HMCS Margaret Brooke and a visit to the Submarine Fleet School.

New Business We are going to have an AGM this year. If anyone wishes to make changes to the Bylaws please send them to Sylvain prior to 31 October 2021 explaining your reason for making the suggestion to change the Bylaws. The AGM is slated to be held on 05 December 2021 which is a Sunday, without partners and spouses and with no Pot Luck. This is an Election year. Everyone has agreed to continue in their positions with the exception of Jim Northrup so we need a new Vice President. A nominating committee of George Byzewski and Terry Chatham was formed. So please contact George or Terry if you're interested in serving as Vice Chairman. A motion was put forward by Terry Chatham that the AGM for 2021 be held on Sunday 05 December 2021 at 1300 with no partners and no Pot Luck. Pizza will be served. Motion carried.

Brian Cooper then addressed the meeting about having a “get together” at a Pub in the afternoon. At the date of the Monthly Meeting and place, date and time was not determined. As of 05 October, it has been planned. Right now, it is slated for Monday 18th October 2021, 1330 at Seamus David Pub in Dartmouth Crossing. Brian Lapierre has sent out a Poster with all the information on it and request that you respond to Brian Cooper with your confirmation of attending. SAOC(E) will kick in some money for “munchies” etc. Members will be responsible for their own food and drink.

Around the Room. Nothing discussed.

50/50 Draw \$85.00 was divided between George Byzewski and Gary the Bartender.

Submariners Prayer was read by John Meehan.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Scotty Parsons and seconded by Gary Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 1800 hrs. **Carried.** Pizza was then served.

The next MGM will be held at the Peregrine and via Zoom on Wednesday 27 October 2021 @ 17:00 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman