



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Friday 28 January 2022

Via ZOOM Conference Meeting



The Monthly Meeting of SAOC(E) was held at via Zoom. Emails had been sent out and a posting made on Facebook Group to inform everyone that the meeting would commence at 1900 Halifax time so members could connect.

Opening the Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 19:11. He greeted all connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight.

Attendance 23 members were connected via Zoom. Those attending were Peter Braun, Gerry Brown, George Byzewski, Jeff Cameron, Alvin Carrier, Lloyd Dyck, Sherman Embree, Robbie Fraser, Jim Gordon, Jim Harris, Steve Higdon, Brian Lapierre, Drew MacDonald, Shaun MacDougall, Jim Northrup, Scotty Parsons, Gilles Poirier, Luc Rollin, Sylvain Rouillard, David Russell, Bill Venator, George Roach, Serge Rossignol. Regrets received were from Cliff Boettcher, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Wynn Jones, John Meehan, Marcel Simard, Brum Tovey & Willy Waugh.

Health and Wellness Since the date of the meeting and when the Secretary did them up we have learned that Life Member Lionel “Tex” Ranger passed away on 04 February 2022 in the VG Hospital in Halifax. Please pay your respects to Tex by going to the funeral home website. Tex spent over 20 years in Submarines and was Chief Electrician on Ojibwa, Onondaga & Okanagan. Here is the link:
<https://www.arbormemorial.ca/atlantic-dartmouth/obituaries/lionel-harry-ranger/78613>

Another man passed away on the 28th of January 2022 in London, Ontario. The man was Retired CPO1/LT Terry Meloche. Terry was not a Submariner but he was the Command Chief from 1995-1999 and relieved the late CPO1 Donald “Buster” Brown. Terry was heavily involved in all aspects of the Navy and Cadets and a well-respected individual.

Sylvain asked Brian to speak on Terry Meloche. Brian stated “Terry and I go back to 1973 when we were on 3r’s Course together. Then we sailed together on Nipigon in 1975 and then Terry relieved me when I was on Margaree in 1978. We kept in touch over the years. About 5 years ago he had a heart attack. I used to call him around the end of each month. He lived in Woodstock, Ontario. His wife Ann died in August 2020, Terry sold everything and moved into an apartment. I talked to him at Christmas and he was good. Adjusting to being by his self but getting along ok. He actually told me he was going to become part of the Ojibwa Committee and was sort of excited about it. On the 21st of January I received a telephone call from one of our old friends Reid Hall who told me Terry had an aneurysm in one of his legs and was in the hospital in London, Ontario after being transferred from Woodstock. I called Terry on the 24th on his cell phone. Once he heard it was me he told me that his kidneys were failing, he had high Blood Pressure. He said Lapo it is good to hear from you, but I think I am on my last legs. He said it doesn’t look good. I wished him well, keep up the fight and never give up. My thoughts were with him all week and on the morning of the 28th I received another phone call from Reid Hall telling me that he passed away on the 27th. I personally will never forget Terry Meloche and a fine friend and Electrician he was. His obituary profile has been posted on www.forposterityssake.ca. Rest in Peace Terry.

It was good to see Alvin Carrier attend the meeting after the rough times he has gone through these past few months. Gilles Poirier has had his one-year checkup and all is good after his plumbing repairs. Jim Northrup is making out ok and carrying on with his treatments.

A moment of silence was held for Terry Meloche and all our ailing members.

Minutes The 27 October 2021 MGM minutes were distributed by email. 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. Also email from various Associations in the UK and they were distributed.

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

Reports Chairman Nothing to report. Still working on receiving Photographs from the Brown family.

Vice Chair Scotty Parsons has taken over from Jim Northrup and had nothing to report.

Treasurer Sylvain gave Ron Cooper's report that he sent. Closing Balance for 22 January 2022 is \$17,818.09. This includes money received from dues. Nothing paid out except bank fees. Buster Brown would be proud.

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 continues to support the Website and is making progress on it.

Slops Claude Gendron was not at the meeting so no report.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 39 Life Members, 94 Members paid for 2021 and beyond for current total of 133. Welcome Brian Smith who became a Life Member also Norm Chouinard paid until age 80. 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 is in Florida so no report.

Old Business Nothing to Report.

New Business Sylvain stated that we will table the minutes of the 2021 AGM minutes until the 2022 AGM. If there are errors or omissions, they would have to be brought up at the next AGM or you could send an email to the chairman or the secretary. Also, if you have any concerns with the Bylaws please forward any submissions to Sylvain.

Around the Room Bill Venator requested assistance with pins etc. for his trip to the International Submariners Congress that will take place in Karlskrona, Sweden, May 22-26, 2022. Bill is our SAOC representative at this congress. Various suggestions came up, but Slops has only some pins, no sets of pins and very few Metal Dolphins. Work in Progress. Brian has offered a Set of Pins from his collection he has received from individuals donating items. If you have items at home that you could part with and would be considered good exchange gifts for Bill to present to the organizers of the event, please contact Bill at sonarguy.bill@gmail.com. Bill's home address is: 21 Cheslock Crescent, Warminster, ON L0K 2G0 if you would like to mail him submarine related items, such as metal dolphins, pins, plaques, and coins. The link to the International Submariners Congress is: <https://www.57isc.com/>

50/50 Draw Not held.

Submariners Prayer was read by Jeff Cameron.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Jim Northrup and seconded by Jeff Cameron to adjourn the meeting at 1958 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at Peregrine (Depending on Restrictions) and via Zoom on Wednesday 23rd of February 2022 at 17:00 (5pm). If Peregrine is not possible then it will be held on Friday 25th of February 2022 at 1900 (7pm) via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman