



Submariners Association of Canada (East)
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 23 February 2022 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 so members could attend or connect at home.

Opening the Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 17:06. He greeted all in attendance and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight. Sylvain thanked the Bartender Garry Wiley for coming into Peregrine to open it up for this meeting.

Attendance 11 members were in attendance and 7 connected via Zoom. Those attending were Douglas Birch, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Lloyd Dyck, Claude Gendron, Wynn Jones, Brian Lapierre, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Brum Tovey, Nigel Walsworth. Those connected via Zoom were George Byzewski, Jeff Cameron, Robbie Fraser, Shaun MacDougall, Jim Northrup, Conrad Petrikowski & George Roach. Regrets received were from Cliff Boettcher, Brian Cooper, Shem Embree, John Meehan, & Willy Waugh.

Health and Wellness Life Member Lionel “Tex” Ranger passed away on 04 February 2022 in the VG Hospital in Halifax. Peter Jarrett on the West Coast passed on 09 February 2022. Tony Halvorson in PEI is still not well. He has Parkinson’s and not doing well. Apparently, Joe Haddock had a double lung transplant in Ontario. George Byzewski is home recovering from a slippery fall. All because of women walking dogs. No further information. A moment of silence was held in their honour. Remember all those who are ailing and perhaps give them a phone call to see how they are doing now and then. If you have any info on an ailing member please contact the Association by telling Sylvain Rouillard or Brian Lapierre.

Minutes The 28 January 2022 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 A Condolence Card was mailed to the Ranger family in Remembrance of Tex.

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

Vice Chair Scotty Parsons has nothing to report.

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his report. Closing Balance for 23 February 2022 is \$18,414.34. 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 is hoping to go to Ontario in the summer and take some Slops up with him to Port Burwell.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 39 Life Members, 93 Members paid for

2021 and beyond for current total of 132. 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. 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).

Brian continues to send out emails to members whose dues are not current. If you don't receive an email it is because your dues are up to date. Peter Haydon sent a cheque for \$20.00 for dues but he is a Life Member so the cheque at Peter's request was a donation. It was forwarded to Ron Cooper.

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. (Brum Tovey acting on his behalf)

Old Business Assistance to Bill Venator for his trip to the Submarine Congress Meeting in Sweden in May. 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.

New Business If you have any concerns with the 2021 AGM Minutes or Bylaws please forward any submissions to Sylvain.

Around the Room. Bill Venator requested assistance with pins, dolphins etc. for his trip to the Submarine Congress in May 2022 in Sweden. 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. Brum Tovey has taken the action to have another Beer Call on 13 April at Seamus David Pub in Burnside at 1400. A notice will be sent out and posted on Facebook.

Lloyd Dyck asked about the information on various cancers that people have been afflicted with. Brian posted the Australian Submarine Report in an email and also posted it on Facebook. I have encouraged people to send away for their Military and Medical Records if they haven't. You can find the application on www.forposterityssake.ca. If you also haven't sent the form for VA to give authorization for a 3rd party to speak on your behalf you need to do that as well. On the VA Website it is Form 502E. Please do so. Cancer has affected us all so if you have something to share please do so.

50/50 Draw Not held. People were asked to make a donation in the Tip jar.

Submariners Prayer was read by George Roach.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Nigel Walsworth and seconded by Taft Jones to adjourn the meeting at 1746 hrs. **Carried.** For those in attendance at Peregrine, Pizza was ordered and enjoyed.

The next MGM will be held at Peregrine (Depending on Restrictions) and via Zoom on Wednesday 23rd of March 2022 at 17:00 (5pm). The RCNA will be moving from the Peregrine on Agricola St to their new location. Their last day of operation will be 29th of March 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman