



Submariners Association of Canada (East)
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 23 March 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 17:10. 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. He then apologized for the poor connection via Zoom tonight. Not sure what the problem is but Peregrine is in the process of moving and moved the WiFi unit. That may be the issue. At this time, we still don't know where next months meeting will be held. Again, we would like to thank RCNA Peregrine for their support over these years and good luck in your new venue.

Attendance 11 members were in attendance and 6 connected via Zoom. Those attending were Douglas Birch, Cliff Boettcher, George Byzewski, Claude Gendron, Brian Lapierre, John Meehan, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brun Tovey, Nigel Walsworth. Those connected via Zoom were John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Sherm Embree, Shaun MacDougall, Jim Northrup, Scotty Parsons, Luc Rollin, George Roach & David Russell. Regrets received were from Terry Chatham, Jim Harris & Willy Waugh.

Health and Wellness Brian talked to Dick Newman who is the VA Hospital in Fredericton. He is still waiting for a hip transplant. Brian sent Dick the Minutes from Jan 2021 to the present for light reading. Brian also received a telephone call from Brian Hills over in PEI telling him that Tony Halvorson has now been transferred to a Long Term Care facility. Hopefully this will help Tony in his battle with Parkinson's. After this meeting and before the minutes were written we had a report that former Submariner Eric "Jock" Meredith passed away on the 22 March 22. "Jock" served in RN Submarines and in Ojibwa & Onondaga. He was a PO2 Steward when he retired. 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 23 February 2022 MGM minutes were distributed by email. A correction had been made. The minutes were adopted as distributed.

Correspondence In Brian received an email from the Onondaga Museum. Their new website is up and running at Onondaga.ca. At first read it appears to be very well done and informative. It is in French but you can change it to English at the top. The Videos however are still mostly in French. Brian also received an email from Helen Theberge who is the new Director of the Onondaga Museum. Brian sent an email to her inviting her to attend the weekly Zoom meeting if she wished. I again received 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 emails from various Associations in the UK were distributed.

Correspondence Out Nothing to report.

Reports Chairman Was informed by Gilles Poirier that he is coming to the Beer Call.

Vice Chair Scotty Parsons has nothing to report as he is south.

Treasurer Ron Cooper is south and will give an updated report at the next meeting.

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. Claude indicates he has no hats and has got to contact Greg Hallonquist to find out where he got the last batch.

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) Brum proposed \$200.00 at the Beer Call be spent for food on the 13th of April. Carried.

Old Business Assistance to Bill Venator for his trip to the Submarine Congress Meeting in Sweden in May. If anybody has any items they would like to donate to Bill please contact Brian Lapierre for his mailing address.

New Business "Man of the Hour" Banquet in honour of David Russell, 14th May 2022, 16:00 to 20:00, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Dartmouth. Tickets for sale. \$50/person. Contact Sylvain Rouillard for details and to purchase tickets. Come on out and support David and enjoy a great evening.

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 and Sylvain will also send him some pins and dolphins. Brum Tovey has taken the action to have another Beer Call on 13 April at Seamus David Pub in Burnside at 1400. A notice has been sent out and posted on Facebook. As of the writing of these minutes only 15 members have their name on the list. John Meehan also sent Brian an email he received indicating that the **Maritime Military Collectors Society Show and Sale will be held on the 9 April 2022 at The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #95, 1772 Bedford Highway, Bedford, N.S.** This may be of interest to some people. It will be posted on Facebook and sent out in an Email. John Meehan also mentioned that if the BBQ is a go for this summer that he will still host it. He may not get the help from the Legion that he would have had last year but we will handle that when the time comes. Brian also mentioned that The Naval Museum of Halifax could be reopened in the next few weeks. Still pending the status of COVID. John Meehan also stated the TV Program Militaria which is run on Eastlink and run in the style of Antiques Road Show will be on TV sometime this summer and will run 13 weeks. John said he took a British Military sword from a friend into the show which turned out to be very valuable and dated 1794. He also took his fathers WWI medals and found out quiet a bit of information he never knew. So, this could be a very interesting program to follow.

50/50 Draw Was won by Claude Gendron and shared with Gary Wiley. Total \$50.00

Submariners Prayer was read by Claude Gendron.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Brum Tovey and seconded by John Meehan to adjourn the meeting at 1740 hrs. **Carried.** For those in attendance at Peregrine pizza was ordered and enjoyed.

The next MGM will be held on Wednesday 27th of April at 17:00 (5pm) at the Somme Branch Legion, 54 King St, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 2R5. If Wi-Fi is available, it will also be on Zoom. Peregrine could not guarantee that they would be ready since they've yet to get their liquor licence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre
SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard
SAOC (E) Chairman