



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 27 April 2022 at Somme Branch Legion &
Via ZOOM Conference Meeting



The Monthly Meeting of SAOC(E) was held at RCL Somme Branch & 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. As this is our first meeting at RCL Somme Branch it was held upstairs in a back room. Very large and satisfactory. The WiFi for the Zoom connection appears to be satisfactory but periodically cuts out. Not many complaints.

Attendance 15 members were in attendance and 6 connected via Zoom. Those attending were Douglas Birch, Cliff Boettcher, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Claude Gendron, Greg Hallonquist, Jim Harris, Brian Lapierre, Drew MacDonald, Marc Pallard, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Nigel Walsworth, Those connected via Zoom were Sherm Embree, Jim Gordon, Shaun MacDougall, Dave McLaughlin, Jim Northrup & George Roach. Regrets received were from Ron Cooper, John Meehan, Brum Tovey & Willy Waugh & Taft Jones.

Health and Wellness Dick Newman apparently was undergoing his hip surgery on 4 May 22 in Fredericton. I tried to call him but the nurse wouldn't let me talk to him. Nothing I could do. Also, I heard from Ron Carrier that Gord Hamilton is making progress in the hospital in Moncton which is good. If you have any info on an ailing member please contact the Association by telling Sylvain Rouillard or Brian Lapierre.

Minutes The 23 March 2022 MGM minutes were distributed by email. No errors. The minutes were adopted as distributed.

Correspondence In No correspondence in. 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 email from various Associations in the UK and they are distributed.

Correspondence Out A "Get Well" card was sent to Gord Hamilton to wish him a speedy recovery.

Reports Chairman Sylvain reported that Nicola Glover was supposed to talk tonight about the use of Medicinal Cannabis however it was cancelled due to COVID. Perhaps next month. Still working on receiving Photographs from the Brown family. Sylvain attended via Zoom the SAOC(W) AGM meeting. The new President is Patrick Hunt and Wade Berglund is now the new Secretary.

Vice Chair Scotty Parsons has nothing to report. We did have a luncheon "Beer Call" on the 13 April 22 which we had about 20 people attended. We hope to have these more often if we can get back to normal.

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his report. We started with a balance of \$18,432.00 at end of last month. Paid RBC their \$3.75 for services. Scotty is owed \$358.47 because he paid the bill for the "Beer Call". Sylvain is still owed \$161.82 for Pizza from the March meeting and a wreath for the BOA.

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. Brian continues to put out the posters for both monthly meetings and the weekly Zoom meeting.

Slops Claude Gendron reported he got a hat made and displayed it on the camera for zoom. They are \$25.00 plus tax. If anybody is interested contact Claude.

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).

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 asked about the summer BBQ. We have voted to have a summer BBQ on 16 July 2022 at John Meehan's. Further details will be posted when it is more organized.

Old Business Sylvain and Brian have sent items 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 Battle of the Atlantic Sunday will be held on 01 May 2022. Sylvain Rouillard and Brian Lapierre will be laying a wreath on behalf of SAOC(E). The protocol this year and forward is during the Battle of the Atlantic Sunday respects will also be paid at the Bonaventure Anchor where wreaths will be laid. A wreath is also held at the Enfield Legion and will be laid by Submarine Members at that Legion.

Around the Room. Brian also mentioned that The Naval Museum of Halifax could be reopened in the next few weeks but had a setback the past couple of weeks. Still pending the status of COVID. Further discussions need to be held about the next Beer Call if held and how we approach the organization and invitation to get people to attend. Lucky Gordon was wondering if anyone is going to the Central AGM at Ojibwa in Port Burwell. He is willing to share the cost of transportation. George Roach also attended the Memorial Ceremony of Verrall Clark and paid respects during the ceremony. Verrall Clark served in HMS Totem, HMCS Ojibwa and was Commissioning Crew in HMCS Onondaga. He passed away on 01 June 2020. Dave McLaughlin also mentioned about the Medical Cannabis situation and if anyone wants to find out more contact Dave.

50/50 Draw Was won by Nigel Walsworth. Total \$35.00. Also \$35.00 to the Association.

Submariners Prayer was read by Brian Lapierre.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Jim Harris and seconded by Brian Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 1735 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will probably be held at the Somme Branch Legion on the 25th May 2022 at 1900 and via Zoom. We will let everyone know in advance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman