



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 29 June 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 the new time of 1800 Halifax time so members could attend or connect at home.

Opening the Vice Chairman, Scotty Parsons, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 1805 standing in for Chairman Sylvain Rouillard. He greeted all in attendance and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight. As this is our 2nd 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 16 members were in attendance and 5 connected via Zoom. Those attending were Wade Berglund, Doug Birch, Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Jim Harris, Brian Lapierre, John Madison, John Meehan, Marc Osmond, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Brum Tovey & Nigel Walsworth, Out of town guests included Sandy Sadler. Those connected via Zoom were Reggie Daigle, Sherm Embree, Claude Gendron, Shaun MacDougall & David Russell. Regrets received were from George Byzewski, Jeff Cameron, John Clahane, William Cleal, Wynn Jones, & Willy Waugh.

Health and Wellness Dick Newman had undergone his hip surgery on 4 May 22 in Fredericton. I did manage to talk to Dick Newman the 1st week of July. He is still unable to walk as he said if you don't use your legs they don't work. That is his situation as of now and his knees are shot. Dave Yeo had made a trip to Fredericton and was going to visit Dick. Dave went to the hospital but they would not let him in to visit because his name wasn't on the list of people who could visit. He is still in the hospital. Jim Northrup got out of the hospital on the 8th of July. He is at home now but has to make daily trips to the hospital for the next 4 months. Still a long process for Jim. Gord Hamilton is home according to Ron Carrier. He was very positive that Gord is making progress as well. Tony Halvorson is still in a long term facility in PEI. Brian Hills and Dave Yeo are in regular contact with Tony. As was passed around in early July Dr. John Smith has terminal cancer. He wanted the Association to tell the membership this and when the time comes that he passes he has invited everyone to his Celebration of Life and a "Crossing the Bar" Ceremony will be performed. Pierre Alarie spent time in hospital again with various ailments. I talked to him last week and he is now home, progressing and happy to be home. Again this information has been sent to the membership. Nigel Walsworth gave an update to the condition of Tim Kramble who broke his back in a home accident. This happened quite a few months ago. Tim is home with various rods in his body but according to Nigel making progress. If you have any info on an ailing member please contact the Association by telling Sylvain Rouillard or Brian Lapierre.

Minutes The 25 May 2022 MGM minutes were distributed by email. No errors. The minutes were adopted as distributed.

Correspondence In No correspondence in. I did receive a cheque from a member for dues which was passed to the Treasurer. 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. Also emails received from various Submarine Associations are forwarded to members. An email from "Unseen Warriors" about Memberships has been forwarded to the Members. An email was received about the Web Hosting service which was forwarded to the Members. Also an email on the Celebration of Life for Keith Nesbit on the 14th of July was received and forwarded to the Members with the Link. He will be buried in Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa.

Correspondence Out The Secretary has sent out various emails to Members about the going on with the Association. From emails about the BBQ on the 16 of July to keeping the Members informed about the

health of our ailing members. Get well cards were mailed to Gord Hamilton and Jim Northrup.

Reports Chairman The cost sharing for the Web Hosting has been taken care of. Still working on receiving Photographs from the Brown family. The Chairman also mentioned that working with Ted Hirtle all the Minutes of Meetings, AGM Meetings have been converted to PDF's and are on the website. With the exception of the AGM minutes for 2002 which has not been found yet.

Vice Chair Scotty Parsons mentioned that he will be conducting more meetings for the Chairman. This is in anticipation that he will take over from Sylvain as Chairman at the AGM in December.

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his report. We started with a balance of \$18,066.69 at end of last month. Paid RBC their \$3.75 for services. Brian L was paid \$51.24 for Secretary Expenses. \$88.00 was paid for a new wreath for the Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony. Sylvain was paid \$73.42 for Pizza for the last meeting. A Deposit was made for \$315.00 with a closing balance as of 22 June 2022 of \$18,165.28

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 bi-weekly Zoom meetings.

Slops Claude Gendron said he is not going to Ontario because of the cost of gas. He will bring the Slop items to the BBQ and set up a table. He had got a couple of hats made for Sandy Sadler which were passed to Sandy Sadler at this meeting. I 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, 92 Members paid for 2022 and beyond for current total of 131. 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. Brian Cooper with the assistance of John Meehan have the BBQ plan in hand.

Old Business No old business as the topic of the BBQ has been covered and is being organized.

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Around the Room. Sandy Sadler mentioned that Central is having their AGM in Port Burwell at Ojibwa on the 19, 20 & 21st of August 2022. Wade Berglund gave a talk on his trip to the Submarine Congress in Sweden. It was well done and well received. No Russians allowed. Bill Venator a member of SAOC(E) also attended this Congress. Wade mentioned that it was a good time and would definitely attend another one. Brian also mentioned that a few months ago he was contacted by the Submarine Force in Halifax asking if he wanted an Oxygen Generator. Of course he said yes so now Brian has an Oxygen Generator at the Museum which needs to be transported to the Ojibwa in Port Burwell. Jim Harris asked about the Dress for attending a Celebration of Life. Blazer with medals without Beret. So in the summer of 2022 if anybody is going to Ontario and would like to transport an Oxygen Generator to the Ojibwa please contact Brian. It is in a metal box about 30" x 18" x 18". The Naval Museum of Halifax is open but

COVID protocols are still in place and wear a mask. A new batch of summer students have arrived and are in the process of doing inventory. We had a discussion on the time for holding the meetings. With a show of hands it has also been decided to start holding meetings starting at a new time of 1800.

50/50 Draw Was won by Keith Estabrooks. Total \$35.00. Also \$35.00 to the Association.

Submariners Prayer was read by Wade Berglund.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by John Meehan and seconded by Jim Harris to adjourn the meeting at 1854 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at the Somme Branch Legion on the 27th July 2022 at 1800 and via Zoom. We will let everyone know in advance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre

SAOC (E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard

SAOC (E) Chairman