



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 27 July 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 3rd 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 with the new Bell Fibre Op connection at the Legion. Not many complaints.

Attendance 8 members were in attendance and 4 connected via Zoom. Those attending were Brian Cooper, Claude Gendron, Jim Gordon, Brian Lapierre, John Meehan, Marc Osmond, Boyd Thomas, Scotty Parsons. Those connected via Zoom were George Byzewski, Jim Northrup, Sylvain Rouillard, George Roach. Regrets received were from Cliff Boettcher, John Clahane, Ron Cooper, Jim Harris, Conrad Petrikowski, Brum Tovey, Nigel Walsworth. Wynn Jones, & Willy Waugh.

Health and Wellness

Gord Hamilton - Gord Hamilton is home according to Ron Carrier. He was very positive that Gord is making progress as well.

Jim Northrup – Jim is home and has made great progress. He has a clean bill from the hospital but still goes for regular checks.

Tony Halvorson - He's in a long-term care facility in Charlottetown.

Dick Newman - 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.

Pierre Alarie - I talked to him mid July and he is now home, progressing and happy to be home.

John Smith – Dr. John at the time of the meeting for in Palliative Care and sadly passed away on 31st July 2022. His Celebration of Life was held on 07 August 2022 with a good turnout of Submariners attending.

Luc Rollin – Brian talked to Luc in the middle of July. He has been battling colds etc but he said he is ok which is good news. He said he hasn't been participating on Zoom because of his health.

If you have any info on an ailing member please contact the Association by telling Sylvain Rouillard or Brian Lapierre.

Minutes The 29 June 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. Also emails received from various Submarine Associations are forwarded to members.

Correspondence Out The Secretary has sent out various emails to Members about the going on with the Association.

Reports Chairman The Chairman stated that he was impressed with what the West Coast Association has been doing to reach out to current and past submariners. SAOC(W) had a BBQ, a Summer Sizzler. A

Meet and Greet and they are having a Pig Roast. SAOC(W) is trying to reach out to current serving submariners. Can this be done on the East Coast with one boat, perhaps. More discussion to be held with Entertainment. Still working on receiving Photographs from the Brown family and received an email from Mrs Brown indicating she had some items to be picked up. 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. The Minutes for the AGM for 2002 has been found and added.

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 \$17,178.00 at end of last month. Paid RBC their \$3.75 for services. The BBQ cost was \$825.00. Ron will give his full 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. Brian continues to put out the posters for both monthly meetings and the weekly Zoom meeting. Brian had sent out 12 paper invitations to individuals asking if they wanted to attend the BBQ. I received only 4 replies back and those backed out at the last minute.

Slops Claude Gendron set up his table at the BBQ. He sold \$225.00 worth of items. Thanks everyone who purchased items. If anybody is interested in items contact Claude.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 39 Life Members, 93 Members paid for 2022 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 was unable to attend the summer BBQ due to a family emergency. Condolences to Brian & his family. The summer BBQ was held on the 16 of July at the home of John & June Meehan's. A good turnout showed up with 41 members and guests taking part. A well-organized event by Brian Cooper and John Meehan. Special thank to both of them as well as June Meehan, the Ladies from the Legion. A good time was had by all.

Brian has been keeping the 50/50 proceeds and putting it towards the pizza.

Again, the topic has come up about how to get submariners to socialize from all the broad scopes of service. Remember "Once a Submariner, Always a Submariner". Numerous discussions took place. Ongoing.

Old Business No old business.

New Business No new business.

Around the Room. John Meehan said that if the Association decides to have a BBQ in 2023 that he is willing to hold it at his place. Thanks John. Brian stated that the Oxygen Generator he had at the Museum was being taken to Port Burwell and Ojibwa by Jerry Brown's daughter around the middle of August. Again, it was mentioned that the Central AGM is being held on the 19, 20 & 21st of August 2022. George Roach stated that he is working on a T-Shirt Project. More to follow. Marc Osmond asked why a "Friday

Night at the Mess” type of social function in a location could not be held at any time at any place?

50/50 Draw Was won by Boyd Thomas. Total \$45.00 of which Boyd gave his share back to Association \$22.50 for the Pizza. Association Share. \$22.50.

Submariners Prayer was read by Jim Northrup via Zoom.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Marc Osmond and seconded by John Meehan to adjourn the meeting at 1855 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at the Somme Branch Legion on the 31st August 2022 at 1800 and via Zoom. We will let everyone know in advance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre
SAOC (E) Secretary

Scotty Parsons (Vice Chairman)
for Sylvain Rouillard,
SAOC (E) Chairman