



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 31 August 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 Chairman, Sylvain Rouillard, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 1811 He greeted all in attendance and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight. As this is our 4th 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. Welcome to all who are attending from out of the Halifax/Dartmouth area. Charlie Lonsdale from the UK. Marc Osmond & Jeff Cameron from Truro. Good to see you all.

Attendance 18 members were in attendance and 2 connected via Zoom. Those attending were Cliff Boettcher, George Byzewski, Jeff Cameron, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Claude Gendron, Bert Houde, Brian Lapierre, Anthony "Charlie" Lonsdale, John Madison, John Meehan, Marc Osmond, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey, Nigel Walsworth. Those connected via Zoom were Shaun MacDougall and George Roach. Regrets received were from Doug Birch, Brian Cooper, Jim Gordon, Willy Waugh & Tim Wood.

Health and Wellness

Gord Hamilton – Is back in the hospital as of yesterday. More complications. I talked to Gord and he was positive but had a low blood pressure situation.

Rob Gray – Is still in the Camp Hill Hospital. He has Dementia. Talked to Rodney Lake. He said that his body is good but with Dementia we know how that is.

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 is still in the Vet Hospital in Fredericton.

Pierre Alarie - I talked to him end of August and he is now home, progressing and happy to be home.

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 27 July 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 Email sent out to Members indicating that Charlie Lonsdale is holding a welcome at the Elmsdale Legion on Friday 02 September 2022. For all those who are interested. The Secretary has sent out various emails to Members about the going on with the Association.

Reports Chairman Thank you to everyone who attended Dr. John Smith's Funeral. 15 Members attended. The "Crossing The Bar" Ceremony went well and everyone was satisfied with the event. Photographs and artifacts from the Brown family have been received and delivered to Brian at the Museum for historical value. Sylvain also asked Mrs Brown if we could share Buster's Manuscript "Sons of Neptune" to members of SAOC(E). Mrs Brown agreed and was satisfied that we would do this. Sylvain has spent many hours reformatting the final book. No content nor words were changed. It is in pdf format and the link to this copy will be sent out to the membership. Some of our members would like to see it published in book form. More discussion to be held on this. Please, if you have any comments on the book, relay them to Sylvain.

A limited number of Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Pins were received from the Monarchist League of Canada for free except for the shipping. A very nice looking pin. A motion to give a pin to every attending member at the meeting was brought up. 2nd by Marc Osmond. Passed. Pins were distributed to attending members at the meeting and will be passed out to attending members until all are gone. The Chairman also mentioned that working with Ted Hirtle all the Minutes of Monthly Meetings and AGM Meetings since 2001 have been converted to PDF's and are on the website.

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 for July. We started with a balance of \$18,165.28. Paid RBC their \$3.75 for services. Web Hosting service was \$159.85. Closing The BBQ cost was \$823.30. Closing balance end of July \$17,178.38. The report for August. Started with \$17,178.38. Paid RBC their \$3.75 for services. Claude Gendron gave Ron \$255.00 from Slops sold at the BBQ and Brian passed to Ron \$20.00 for a Membership. Closing balance end of August was \$17,449.63.

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 set up his table at the BBQ. He sold \$255.00 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, 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 was not in attendance. No report. Scotty mentioned that him and Brian are planning another Beer Call type event. The 50/50 proceeds are being put towards the pizza.

Old Business No old business.

New Business Call for nominations held for volunteers for 2023. Secretary Brian Lapierre agreed to stay on as Secretary and Membership Chairman. Scotty Parsons has agreed to take over as Chairman. Claude Gendron will remain Slops Chairman, Brian Cooper will remain as Social Chairman, Ron Cooper will stay on as Treasurer. Cliff Boettcher has agreed to take over Vice Chairman. The Election Committee is Terry Chatham & George Byzewski.

Around the Room. Claude Gendron was wondering if Ojibwa would be interested in buying some of our Slops. It was suggested that Gerry Brown be contacted to see if they would be interested. Brun Tovey asked if \$50.00 could be contributed to the Charlie Lonsdale event at the Elmsdale Legion. A motion was raised by Brum Tovey. 2nd by Marc Osmond. Passed.

50/50 Draw Was won by Terry Chatham. Total \$50.00 of which Terry gave his share back to Association for the Pizza. Association Share. \$50.00.

Submariners Prayer was read by Charlie Lonsdale.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Marc Osmond and seconded by Claude Gendron to adjourn the meeting at 1856 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at the Somme Branch Legion on the 28th September 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