



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 28 September 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 due to traffic congestion across the Bridge connected from home. Vice Chairman Scott Parsons connected via zoom at the meeting and conducted the meeting. Scotty addressed the issue with respects to the dreadful traffic congestions which all was brought on by the hurricane we just experienced. He brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 1805. He greeted all in attendance and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight. As this is our 5th 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. Good to see everyone who attended.

Attendance 11 members were in attendance and 2 connected via Zoom. Those attending were George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Robbie Fraser, Brian Lapierre, Drew MacDonald, John Meehan, Scotty Parsons & Nigel Walsworth. Those connected via Zoom were Sherm Embree & Sylvain Rouillard. Regrets received were from Doug Birch, Cliff Boettcher, Jeff Cameron, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Jim Gordon, Jim Harris, Wynn Jones, Jim Northrup, Marc Osmond, Brum Tovey, Willy Waugh & Tim Wood.

Health and Wellness

We heard today that Terry Jones passed away in Ottawa today the 28th of September 2022. We also had Guy Lafranchise passed away on the 22nd of September 2022 in Saint John, N.B. Both have been posted on Posterityssake.ca

Gord Hamilton – Is making progress while in hospital. He has gained some weight and has undergone an operation to return his guts back to normal. This was from Ron Carrier and Ron will keep us posted on his condition.

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.

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

Dick Newman - Dick Newman is still in the Vet Hospital in Fredericton. Dave Yeo managed to make arrangements to visit Dick in hospital which was a great visit.

Pierre Alarie - I tried to contact Minky before this meeting but no phone response.

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 31 August 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. Letters were mailed out to members who do not have email from the August meeting.

Reports Chairman The Chairman has 10 names of members who have attended Zoom meetings. Sylvain will be mailing out the Platinum ER70 Pins received from the Monarchist League of Canada which the Association purchased. On the 21st of September an Internment Ceremony was held at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery for Buster Brown. Members who were invited by the Brown family were Sylvain Rouillard, Jim Northrup, Jim Gordon & Lloyd Blagdon. After the Ceremony they all went to the Armdale Yacht Club. Lloyd Blagdon then took interested members to visit his motor boat. 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, and is a work still in process. No content nor words were changed. This preliminary version 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. Sylvain is investigating our options. More discussion to be held on this. Please, if you have any comments on the book, relay them to Sylvain. There was supposed to be a visit by a RN Submarine shortly after Thanksgiving but it has since been cancelled.

Vice Chair Scotty Parsons asked about if we had confirmed the Somme Legion from the AGM in December. Sylvain is working on that at this time. Scotty will also be taking over gradually from Sylvain. 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 28 September 2022. As of 31 August 2022 we started with a balance of \$17,449.63. Paid RBC their \$3.75 for services. Cheque to Sylvain for ER70 Pins of \$44.70. Deposit from Slops \$85.00 from Claude. Closing balance \$17,506.18.

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 meeting.

Slops Claude Gendron is on vacation in Quebec & Ontario. No report.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 39 Life Members, 90 Members paid for 2022 and beyond for current total of 129. Brian asked if anyone want to pay dues or check their status contact Brian. 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 and Scotty Parsons are planning another Beer Call type event. Possible about the 9th or 16th of November. The 50/50 proceeds are being put towards the pizza. No pizza tonight.

Old Business No old business.

New Business If the go ahead is given for the publication of Buster's Book Sherm Embree has said he would donate \$200.00. Drew MacDonald said he would donate \$100.00. Sherm has written a Prologue for Buster's Book if accepted.

Around the Room. John Meehan mentioned about the National Association of Federal Retirees. If anyone is interested in looking at their website and benefits here is the website.
<https://www.federalretirees.ca/en>. Check it out.

The topic was brought up about Donations for the Canadian Red Cross due to the fact they are collecting for the hurricane and that the Federal Government will match any donations received. After a brief discussion pro and con it was decided not to donate any money to this.

50/50 Draw No tickets sold or held.

Submariners Prayer was read by Sherm Embree. While we were still standing we raised a toast to the “Queen”. May she Rest in Peace.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Robbie Fraser and seconded by Nigel Walsworth to adjourn the meeting at 1850 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at the Somme Branch Legion on the 26th October 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