



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 26 October 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 brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 1812. He greeted all in attendance and those connected via Zoom. As this is our 6th 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. We stood for a moment of Silence to remember Guy Lafranchise who passed on 22 September 2022, Bob Steeb who passed on 18 September 2022 & Terry Jones who passed on 28 September 2022. May these members be remembered for their good deeds and being submariners.

Attendance 14 members were in attendance and 6 connected via Zoom. Those attending were Terry Chatham, Brian Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Robbie Fraser, Claude Gendron, Jim Gordon, Jim Harris, Bert Houde, Brian Lapierre, Drew MacDonald, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas & Tim Wood. Those connected via Zoom were Ron Cooper, Sherm Embree, Shaun MacDougall, John Meehan, Jim Northrup & George Roach. Regrets received were from Cliff Boettcher, George Byzewski, Jeff Cameron, Wynn Jones, Marc Osmond, Lee Thompson, Brum Tovey & , Willy Waugh.

Health and Wellness

Gord Hamilton – I talked to Gord. His plumbing has been reconnected. He sounded very chipper and has made great progress.

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.

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

Luc Rollin – Brian received an email from Luc's wife. Luc was on IV Meds so that is why we haven't seen him on Zoom. He has been battling colds etc but he said he is ok, which is good news.

Marc Osmond – I heard from Marc after the meeting that he spend some time in hospital with a bum knee. He is now home.

We also heard that Nancy Heppleston (wife of late Peter) was in hospital and was not doing very well.

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

Minutes The 28 September 2022 MGM minutes were distributed by email. No errors. The minutes were adopted as distributed.

Correspondence In No correspondence in other than from various Associations. 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. The Secretary has posted a Notice for the Beer Call on 23 November 2022. You need to get your name in if you are attending.

Reports Chairman Sylvain is still working on Buster's Manuscript "Sons of Neptune." 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, and in the future, it might be published so that those who would want a hard copy can buy it. More discussion to be held on this. Please, if you have any comments on the book at it's pre-release, that you have read, relay them to Sylvain.

Vice Chair Scotty Parsons mentioned that this is his last meeting as Vice Chairman. He is looking forward to taking over the position of Chairman at the AGM in December.

Treasurer Ron Cooper gave his report for 26 October 2022. As of 28 September 2022, we started with a balance of \$17,506.18. Paid RBC their \$3.75 for services. Dues in were \$240.00. Closing balance for 26 October 2022 is \$17,742.43.

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 passed \$140.00 to Brian Lapierre which will be sent to Ron Cooper or given to him at next opportunity. Claude is going to contact Jerry Brown to see if the Ojibwa Museum would like some items at a cut rate.

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 to 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 The Beer Call date has been set for 23 November 2022 from 1230 to 1500 at the Millstone Public House at 250 Baker Drive, Dartmouth, N.S. Get your name to Brian Lapierre no later than 18 November 2022. SAOC will be subsidizing finger foods at each table. We hope to have a good turnout. The 50/50 proceeds are being put towards the pizza.

Old Business No old business.

New Business On Remembrance Day the Chairman Sylvain Rouillard & Wreath Bearer Brian Lapierre will lay a Wreath on behalf of SAOC(E). All are invited to attend at the Halifax Memorial at Point Pleasant Park. After the services at the Sailors Memorial the parade will move to the Bonaventure Anchor for a Ceremony. The AGM is slated for the 03 December 2022 at 1300 at Somme Branch Legion. If anyone has any changes to the Bylaws please submit them to Sylvain Rouillard prior to the end of October, to be tabled. Sylvain.Rouillard@outlook.com. Sylvain has talked to the Legion Staff about using the kitchen for a Potluck, but this is not possible. We will have the use of the meeting room for the AGM and then order Pizza.

A tentative date on 17 December 2022 at 1600 for a Christmas Function will be held at the Millstone Public House, 250 Baker Drive, Dartmouth, N.S. Again the Secretary will send out a Notice canvassing the Membership to see who would like to attend. SAOC(E) will subsidize a portion of this event.

Around the Room. John Meehan mentioned that it should be checked out with the Military to see if Members have the opportunity to participate by flying in the helicopter on Remembrance Day. This needs to be checked out to see if it is possible. Also John Meehan and Jim Gordon have been involved in filming documentaries for the program Militaria on Eastlink Television. Jim said he had a good time and “spun a few dits” at the filming. Looking forward to seeing it on TV. Tim Wood gave us an update on the pubs in “Gosport.” A lot of pubs are shutdown or have changed names. Brian Lapierre mentioned that the carrier USS Gerald R. Ford to visit Halifax for a port visit on Friday 28 October 2022 along with ships of the NATO Fleet.

50/50 Draw The winner was Claude Gendron. Total \$35.00.

Submariners Prayer was read by Claude Gendron.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Scotty Parsons and seconded by Robbie Fraser to adjourn the meeting at 1912 hrs. **Carried.**

The next Meeting will be the AGM and will be held at the Somme Branch Legion on the 03 December 2022 at 1300 and via Zoom. We will let everyone know in advance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre
SAOC(E) Secretary

Sylvain Rouillard
SAOC(E) Chairman