



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 25 January 2023 at
Somme Branch Legion &
Via ZOOM Conference Meeting



The Monthly Meeting of SAOC(E) was held at the Somme Branch Legion, Dartmouth and via Zoom. Emails had been sent out and a posting made on Facebook Group to inform everyone that the meeting would commence at 1800 Halifax time so members could attend or connect.

Opening the Chairman, Scotty Parsons, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 18:05. He greeted all and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight.

Attendance 13 members were connected via Zoom. Those attending were Doug Birch, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Robbie Fraser, Bert Houde, Brian Lapierre, John Meehan, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey & Nigel Walsworth. Those connected via Zoom were Sherman Embree, Claude Gendron, Shaun MacDougall, George Roach, & Luc Rollin. Regrets received from Cliff Boettcher, John Clahane, Marc Osmond & Willy Waugh.

Reports Chairman His first meeting as Chairman. Would like to welcome everybody to the meeting. Nothing to report.

Health and Wellness Our Member Claude Gendron is home after spending a few days in hospital with some problems. Claude connected via zoom and said he was feeling much better.

Delbert Volk – Died 21 December 2022 in Victoria, BC. Served in Submarines in UK in early 1960's.

Nancy Heppleson – Died 25 December 2022 in Halifax. Wife of the late Peter Heppleston.

Rene Ruffli – Died 14 January 2023 in Kelowna, BC. Served in RN Submarines HMS Springer, Taciture, Alaric & Alderney.

Dick Newman is still in the Vet Hospital in Fredericton. No change.

Tony Halvorson is still in long term care in Charlottetown.

Luc Rollin still the same as is **Pierre Alarie**.

Minutes The 26 October 2022 MGM minutes were distributed by email. The minutes were adopted as read & distributed.

Chairman Nothing from Scotty Parsons to report. Happy to be here to support the Association.

Vice Chair Cliff Boettcher nothing to report. He is on West Coast baby sitting submarines.

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.

Correspondence In Emails received from various Submarine Organizations Newsletters. They have been forwarded to the Membership for Info. Email from Valerie Braunschweig about the new type of Newsletter. It is called "Run Silent". It is a shortened version now. She wants articles and dits to be published in the Newsletter. Her email is valerieanddick@telus.net.

Correspondence Out The Secretary also posts a Condolence on the passing person's Funeral Home website and sends a card as well to the family. The latest being to the Steve Higdon family on the passing of Marge.

Treasurer Ron Cooper's report:

End December the balance was \$17,791.43
19 December 22 - X-mas dinner cost \$603.75
03 January 23 – Royal Bank dues \$3.75
23 January 23 – Deposit Dues \$440.00
23 January 23 – Deposit 50/50 \$45.00
25 January 23 – Closing Balance \$17,668.93
Buster Brown would be proud.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 39 Life Members, 91 Members paid for 2022 and beyond for current total of 130. He is continuing this task. Brian encouraged people to find out their status and pay their dues. An email will be sent out later this week reminding people to 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: lapo48@gmail.com

Send Dues via Canada Post to: **Submariners Association of Canada East, C/O 73 Portovista Drive, Portuguese Cove, Nova Scotia. B3V 1P3**

Brian turned over \$220.00 in cash to Ron Cooper for dues he had received.

Social Brian Cooper is in Florida so no report.

Slops Claude Gendron was not at the meeting so no report. He is hoping to go to Ontario with his Slop items and try to get to Port Burwell.

Old Business Nothing to Report. However how the money is handled for the 50/50 draw will be changed. The 50/50 money will go to Ron Cooper so it can be accounted for. Ron will then pay for the Pizza. With Sylvain Rouillard stepping down as Chairman, Brian Lapierre will now be receiving E-Transfers for payment of dues. Send dues to lapo48@gmail.com.

New Business Minutes from the AGM in December 2022 have been distributed and tabled and will be accepted at the next AGM. If there are errors or omissions, they would have to be brought up at the next AGM or you could send an email to the chairman or the secretary. Also, if you have any concerns with the Bylaws please forward any submissions to Scotty. Time to review them now.

With Sylvain stepping down SAOC(E) will be entering into a contract with Zoom. We will be going forward to setting up a Zoom account and Scotty will be doing this.

Ted Hirtle is doing our website. In order to get a better operation Ted Hirtle has been paying out of his pocket for programs that will make the website better. Sylvain Rouillard is going to work with Ted on that to try and learn more about the Website and assist Ted in making it better. Still issues with web hosting service but those supposedly in charge have done nothing with it. Sylvain is going to work on this. A motion was made to give Ted Hirtle \$250.00 for his work on the Website. 2nd by John Meehan. All in favour. Passed. A suggestion was made to create a Facebook Group for SAOC(E). A closed membership. George Byzewski is going to investigate into doing this.

Around the Room Nigel Walsworth asked if a date had been set for the summer BBQ. The date from 21 to 30 July are out of question because of the Meehan's commitments. Doug Birch sent Brian his \$20.00 so he can have a slice of Pizza. Conrad Petrikowski stated, "Best Meeting ever". Sherm Embree brought up congratulations to Brian Lapierre for receiving the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal on 14 January 2023. Reciprocal. Sherm Embree is also receiving the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal for his Volunteer work. Brian Lapierre brought up a suggestion with respect to the summer BBQ. Brian would like to suggest that the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Okanagan Crunch on 28 July 2023 be incorporated into the summer SAOC(E) BBQ. With the long weekend being the first weekend in August it may be difficult to plan. Will be discussed at next meeting.

50/50 Draw \$70.00. Won by Robbie Fraser. \$35.00. The other \$35.00 was given to Somme Legion Bartender Rose as her husband had suffered a heart attack earlier in the week.

Submariners Prayer was read by Sylvain Rouillard.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by John Meehan and seconded by Ron Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 1851 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at Somme Branch Legion and via Zoom on Wednesday 22nd of February 2023 at 18:00 (6pm).

Pizza will be served downstairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre

SAOC (E) Secretary

Scotty Parsons

SAOC (E) Chairman