



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 22 February 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 14 members were connected & 8 via Zoom. Those attending were Doug Birch, Ron Butchart, Terry Chatham, Robbie Fraser, Claude Gendron, Bert Houde, Wynn Jones, Brian Lapierre, John Meehan, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey & Nigel Walsworth. Those connected via Zoom were Sherman Embree, Jim Gordon, Jim Harris, Shaun MacDougall, Jim Northrup, George Roach, Luc Rollin & Al White. Regrets received from Cliff Boettcher, Ron Cooper, Marc Osmond & Willy Waugh.

Reports Chairman The Chairman would like to welcome everybody to the meeting.

Health and Wellness Brian placed a Condolence on the Funeral Home website from Bruno Petrikowski (father of member Conrad). Member Jim Brennan is possibly suffering from Asbestos & cancer. Not confirmed as yet. Fred Schatz had a bout with cancer and his heart in November but is making a recovery.

Michael Young – Died 04 February 2023 in Florida. Commissioned HMCS Onondaga and had a career in surface ships, ie: Captain of HMCS Ottawa (229). Condolence submitted to Funeral Home from SAOC(E).

Peter Cairns – Died 18 February 2023 in Ottawa. Retired Admiral. Commissioned HMCS Onondaga, Served in HMCS Rainbow as XO, HMCS Okanagan as 7th Commanding Officer, HMCS Onondaga as 10th Commanding Officer. He was the 4th CO of SM1. Also Captained the Destroyers Margaree, Assiniboine & Fraser. He was the 24th Commander of Maritime Command. Condolence submitted to Funeral Home from SAOC(E).

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

Tony Halvorson is still in long term care in Charlottetown.

Luc Rollin is with us tonight on Zoom.

Pierre Alarie – still at home and continuing with his recovery.

Minutes The 23 January 2023 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.

An email was sent out to Members who have not paid their dues for 2023.

Treasurer Ron Cooper's report:

25 January 23 the balance was \$17,668.93.

01 February 23 – Royal Bank dues \$3.75

10 February 23 – Cheque #54 for \$152.35 to Sylvain Rouillard for Website Mobirise

22 February 23 – Deposit Dues & 50/50 \$420.00

22 February 23 - Closing Balance \$17,932.83

Buster Brown would be proud.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 40 Life Members, 91 Members paid for 2022 and beyond for current total of 131. 12 Members are outstanding for dues for 2023. A suggestion was made by an attending member to list the name of those outstanding for their dues but we rejected his suggestion. 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 sent \$180.00 to Ron Cooper in an E-Transfer for dues he had received.

Social After much discussion we have decided to slate the summer **BBQ on 08 July 2023**.

Slops Claude Gendron is hoping to go to Ontario with his Slop items and try to get to Port Burwell.

Claude had got some hats made. By the time he got them made and shipping the cost was \$50.00. A little expensive so he is at an impasse.

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. Brian Lapierre will now be receiving E-Transfers for payment of dues. Send dues to lapo48@gmail.com. Also in conjunction with the BBQ, Okanagan's 50th Anniversary of her accident with Grey Rover will also be recognized.

Also Brian has found out about the Accommodations at Juno Tower and sent the contact information to George Roach, Fred Rowe and Dave Anderson who plan on attending the summer BBQ from Ontario. Take in to consideration that July for Juno Tower is a busy month so they should contact Juno Tower in June.

New Business Battle of the Atlantic information has not been received as yet. Probably by end of March meeting.

Brought up by John Meehan. On the 23 March 2023 the Veteran's Ombudsman is holding a Town Hall Meeting at Legion 160 on Main Street in Dartmouth from 2000 to 2100.

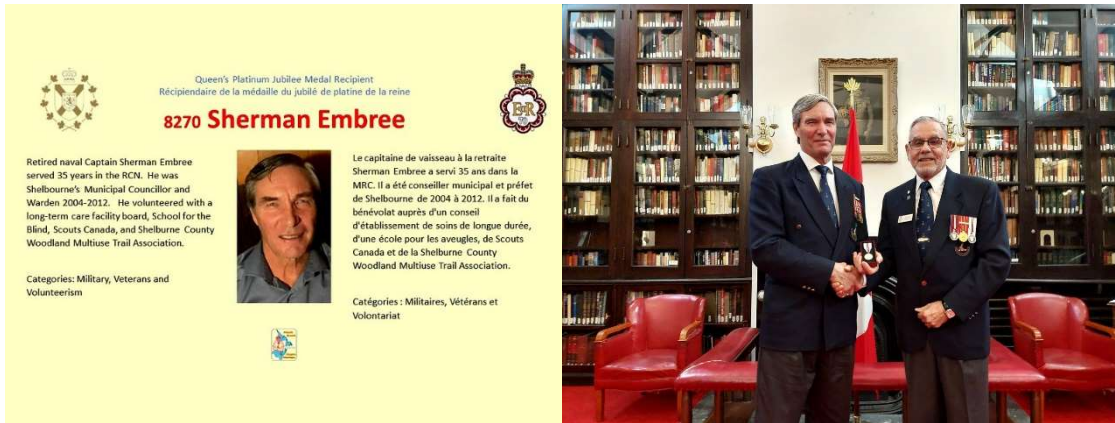
With Sylvain stepping down SAOC(E) will be entering into a contract with Zoom. We will be going forward to setting up a Zoom account and Scotty will be doing this.

Ted Hirtle is doing our website. Sylvain Rouillard to going to work with Ted on that to try and learn more about the Website and assist Ted in making it better.

John Meehan brought up about trying to organize with the Deputy Base Chief on how to get a ride on the helicopter for Battle of the Atlantic Sunday Ceremonies. Brian is trying to contact the Base.

Scotty Parsons will be trying to get the new Zoom Account within the next couple of weeks.

Around the Room It was good to see Ron Butchart returning to our meetings. Sherm Embree received the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal on 28 January 2023. Congratulations Sherm.



50/50 Draw \$100.00. Won by Brian Lapierre. \$50.00. Brun Tovey will pass the Associations 50/50 to Ron Cooper.

Submariners Prayer was read by Ron Butchart.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by Sylvain Rouillard to adjourn the meeting at 1849 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at Somme Branch Legion and via Zoom on Wednesday 29th of March 2023 at 18:00 (6pm).

Pizza will be served downstairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre
SAOC (E) Secretary

Scotty Parsons
SAOC (E) Chairman