



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 29 March 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 Vice Chairman, Cliff Boettcher, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 18:00. He greeted all and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight.

Attendance 13 members were connected & 6 via Zoom. Those attending were Doug Birch, Cliff Boettcher, Ron Butchart, Robert Clements, Terry Chatham, Claude Gendron, Wynn Jones, Brian Lapierre, Drew MacDonald, Conrad Petrikowski, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, & Nigel Walsworth. Those connected via Zoom were Ron Cooper, Scotty Parsons, Shaun MacDougall, Jim Northrup, George Roach & Tim Wood. Regrets received from Sherm Embree, Robbie Fraser, Jim Harris, John Meehan, Brum Tovey & Willy Waugh.

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

Health and Wellness Brian placed a Condolence Card for Garry Gillespie Family at the Funeral Home at his Celebration of Life. A "Crossing the Bar" Ceremony will be carried out at the Celebration of Life. **Garry Gillespie** passed away on 22 March 2023. Celebration of Life to be held on 31 March 2023 at 1900 at Atlantic Funeral Home, Bayers Road, Halifax.

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

Tony Halvorson is still in long term care in Charlottetown.

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 to report. On Vacation.

Vice Chair Cliff Boettcher nothing to report. Back from baby sitting Chicoutimi on West Coast at Minimum wage. .

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 Only item was the Condolence Card for the Gillespie Family. An email was sent out to Members who have not paid their dues for 2023.

Treasurer No Report as the Treasurer was on Vacation. However he did pass a figure of \$17,869.00. He will give a full report in April's meeting.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 41 Life Members, 91 Members paid for 2022 and beyond for current total of 132. 5 Members are outstanding for dues for 2023. 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**

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 into 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 been received just the week of April 12th so will be discussed at the April Meeting. A new wreath is being made.

Scotty Parsons has set up the new Zoom Account and it will be used at the 03 May 2023 Meeting.

Reminder of the new Zoom Link. Receipt has been given to the Treasurer.

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.

Scotty Parsons has been in contact with the Base Chief about the helicopter ride. No confirmation as yet.

Around the Room Names are still being taken for the BBQ Event in July. Get your names into Brian. Brian attended the Meeting of the Ombudsman at the Lower Sackville Legion in late March. It was very informative. Suggestion is to keep submitting and keep pushing your claims. If you have an opportunity to attend one of the meetings, please do so.

50/50 Draw Won by Claude Gendron. \$32.00. SAOC(E) half given to Brian Lapierre to pass to Treasurer.

Submariners Prayer was read by Robert Clements.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Sylvain Rouillard and seconded by Nigel Walsworth to adjourn the meeting at 1832 hrs. **Carried.**

CHANGE. The next MGM will be held at Somme Branch Legion and via Zoom for April on Wednesday 03 May 2023 at 18:00 (6pm).

Pizza will be served downstairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lapierre

SAOC (E) Secretary

Scotty Parsons

SAOC (E) Chairman