



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 31 May 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 Parson, brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 18:09. He greeted all and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight.

Attendance 19 members attended and 5 were connected via Zoom. Those attending were Doug Birch, Cliff Boettcher, Ron Butchart, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Robert Clements, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Robbie Fraser, Claude Gendron, Bert Houde, Brian Lapierre, Drew MacDonald, John Meehan, Marc Osmond, Scotty Parsons, Boyd Thomas & Nigel Walsworth. Those connected via Zoom were Jeff Cameron, Shaun MacDougall, Jim Northrup, George Roach, Sylvain Rouillard. 3 Regrets received from Conrad Petrikowski, Brum Tovey & Willy Waugh.

Chairman The Chairman would like to welcome everybody to the meeting. We offer our support to all affected by the Forest Fires in Nova Scotia.

Health and Wellness A moment of Silence was held to honour fallen and ailing brothers.

Peter Flewwelling passed away on 04 May 2023 in the Philippines. Served in Okanagan.

Randal Kopp passed away on 17 May 2023 in Nanaimo, BC after a battle with Cancer. He served in Onondaga.

Andre Gagne passed away on 23 May 2023 in Ottawa. He served in Ojibwa, Onondaga, Sub Ron One as STO. He suffered from Dementia. He retired as a Commander.

James Carey Toole passed away on 28 May 2023 in Grimsby, Ontario from a Heart Attack. He served in Onondaga & Ojibwa as CERA.

Tony Halvorson passed away on 30 May 2023 from Parkinson's. Served in Grilse, Ojibwa & Okanagan. Also had a long career in the RCMP.

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

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

Luc Rollin – at home.

For those who have passed away the Secretary does up their Obituary Profile and they are posted on www.forposterityssake.ca.

Minutes The 03 May 2023 MGM minutes were distributed by email. The minutes were adopted as read & distributed.

Chairman Battle of the Atlantic Sunday Event was carried on 07 May 2023. Nice day and a reasonable turnout.

Vice Chair Cliff Boettcher had nothing to report.

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 Nothing sent out other than letters to members who do not have email. Emails sent out for any correspondence received.

A Condolence Card was sent to the Halvorson Family on behalf of SAOC(E).

Membership Cards were distributed to those attending the meeting and the remainder have been mailed out.

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

The Secretary presented the Treasurer with Receipts for \$184.81 of which a cheque to the Secretary was received. This was for expenses and Postage for the Membership Cards.

Treasurer Ron Cooper’s report: 30 April 2023 the balance was \$17,616.08.

01 May 23 – Royal Bank dues \$3.75.

03 May 23 – Cheque #157 for \$230.00 to Scotty Parsons for Zoom Account.

08 May 23 – Cheque #158 for \$134.32 to Sylvain Rouillard for Pizza.

08 May 23 – Cheque #159 for \$165.48 to Sylvain Rouillard for Web Hosting.

11 May 23 – Cheque #156 for \$150.00 to Cliff Boettcher for BOA Wreath & Pizza.

31 May 23 – Deposit for \$773.00, Slops \$110.00, 50/50 \$96.00, Dues \$567.00

31 May 23 - Closing Balance \$17,705.53

Buster Brown would be proud.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 41 Life Members, 88 Members paid for 2022 and beyond for current total of 129. 3 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). Welcome new Life Member Larry Smith to the Association. The Cheque was in the mail but due to Canada Post he eventually paid me a cheque which was give to Ron Cooper at the Beer Call.

Send Dues via E-Transfer to: lapo48@gmail.com

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The Membership Chairman passed \$40.00 in Cash to Ron Cooper at this meeting.

Social Brian Cooper expects to have 30-35 people attend the Beer Call at Seamus David Pub in Dartmouth Crossing. Brian Lapierre has reached out to HMCS Windsor but didn’t get much of a response from them. Apparently Windsor is coming off the lift that day. The Poster was modified to include all Submariners whether a Member of SAOC(E) or not.

After much discussion at the last meeting we have decided to slate the summer **BBQ on 08 July 2023** at John & June Meehan’s in Musquodoboit Harbour. It is intended to incorporate the Okanagan’s 50th Anniversary Crunch into the BBQ for ease of functions. We had some members who disagreed at this meeting about having the Okanagan event as part of it. The Chairman stated that a decision was made a couple of months ago to have the Okanagan as part of the BBQ. Perhaps we need to set a policy that if a person shows up at the BBQ and is not a member of SAOC(E) then perhaps a cover charge must be administered. The possibility of a submarine tour has been scouted out but it all depends on the Windsor’s schedule, whether she is in drydock or available. Scotty has been in touch with CPO2 Dwayne Pope who is checking with Windsor to see if it possible. **EVERYONE IS REMINDED THAT THE CUT OFF DATE IS 28 JUNE 2023 TO GET YOUR NAME ON THE LIST TO ATTEND.**

Slops Claude is hoping to go to Ontario with his Slop items and try to get to Port Burwell. He has been in touch with George Roach to reach out to the Ojibwa

Old Business 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 SAOC Central is holding their BBQ and AGM on 18th, 19th & 20th in Ottawa.

Around the Room Names are still being taken for the BBQ Event in July. Get your names into Brian. There is a possibility for the Pig Roast in Groton. Still in discussion.

Update to Nova Scotia Fires. Members of SAOC who live in the Evacuation Areas due to the fires have been contacted. Safe to report that all contacted came back to report no major damage. Good news indeed.

50/50 Draw Won by Doug Birch \$45.00. \$45.00. SAOC(E) half given to Ron Cooper Treasurer.

Submariners Prayer was read by Doug Birch.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Robbie Fraser and seconded by Claude Gendron to adjourn the meeting at 1905 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at Somme Branch Legion and via Zoom on Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 18:00 (6pm).

Pizza will be served downstairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Parsons
Chairman



Brian Lapierre
Secretary

