



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 28 June 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 18:10. He greeted all and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight.

Attendance 15 members attended and 4 were connected via Zoom. Those attending were Doug Birch, Gerry Brown, Robert Clements, William Cleal, Brian Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Robbie Fraser, Claude Gendron, Jim Harris, Brian Lapierre, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, Scotty Parsons, Boyd Thomas & Nigel Walsworth. Those connected via Zoom were Sherm Embree, Robert Grace, Shaun MacDougall, George Roach, 6 Regrets received from Cliff Boettcher, Ron Butchart, Ron Cooper, Marc Osmond, Sylvain Rouillard, Tim Wood.

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

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

Douglas Blake -13 June 2023 - HMS Thermopelaye, HMS Anchorite, HMS Spiteful, HMS Orpheus, HMS Dolphin, HMS Olympus, HMS Neptune, Canadian Armed Forces (Navy) service as Lieutenant Commander from June 1981 to May 1986

Duane Hall – 02 July 2023 – HMCS Onondaga

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

Chairman Scotty offered his thanks to everyone who survived the fires. The Friday Night at the Mess for 30 June 2023 Zoom has been cancelled because of the long weekend. Next one will be held on 14 July 2023.

Vice Chair Absent on his way to West Coast.

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.

The Secretary had contacted everyone in the association who was affected by the Forest Fires in Nova Scotia to see how they fared. All reports were positive with no major losses for anyone.

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. Brian continues to write a quarterly report that he send to Valerie for the West Coast Newsletter.

SAOC(E) wrote a letter in support of the Ojibwa Museum Project. Ojibwa has been offered some Fire Control Equipment from Oberon's from Lockheed Martin. It was signed by the SAOC(E) Chairman and mailed to Gerry Brown for the Ojibwa Project. Reports were that Ojibwa was pleased to receive the letter and thanked us.

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

Treasurer Ron Cooper's report: 31 May 2023 the balance was \$17,705.53.

01 June 23 – Royal Bank dues \$3.75.

02 June 23 – Cheque #161 for \$184.81.00 to Brian Lapierre, Secretary Expenses

05 June 23 – Cheque #160 for \$107.70 to Ron Cooper for Pizza. (Jan 2023)

12 June 23 – Cheque #162 for \$361.13 to Brian Cooper for Beer Call \$226.81 & \$134.32 for Pizza.

28 June 23 – Deposit for \$245.00, 50/50 \$45.00, Dues \$200.00

28 June 23 - Closing Balance \$17,293.14

Buster Brown would be proud.

Membership Update Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 41 Life Members, 89 Members paid for 2022 and beyond for current total of 130. 2 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**

The Membership Chairman has \$20.00 in Cash for Ron Cooper which will be held until the next meeting.

Social Brian Cooper reported on the Beer Call. It went well with 33 people attending. An incident occurred after the bill was paid where an outstanding Beer bill of \$230.00. It was for Beer of which we do not pay for beer. This is an issue that currently being investigated and will be resolved.

The BBQ will be held 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. 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. Claude will be setting up his items at the BBQ. He has also been dealing with Ojibwa and George Roach for hats and pins. The association agrees to let Claude determine what his mark down sale price will be to move the items out.

Old Business The tour for HMCS Windsor has been cancelled by the Military. Scotty went through the proper channels to try and achieve this however the request was cancelled by DND.

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.

The budget for the summer BBQ was set at \$1000.00. The numbers right now are about 76 people attending which of course is subject to change. It should be a good event.

New Business SAOC Central is holding their BBQ and AGM on August 18th, 19th & 20th in CFS Leitrim in Ottawa.

Around the Room Shaun MacDougall asked his name with his daughter be added to the BBQ List. Bob Grace said he appreciated in keeping in touch with the Association and good to tune in. People are still having issues with Canada Life. Hope they can all get it sorted before 01 July 2023.

50/50 Draw Won by Keith Estabrooks \$35.00. \$35.00. SAOC(E) half given to Brian Lapierre to hold for Ron Cooper.

Submariners Prayer was read by Gerry Brown.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Nigel Walsworth and seconded by Bill Cleal to adjourn the meeting at 1855 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at Somme Branch Legion and via Zoom on Wednesday 26 July 2023 at 18:00 (6pm).

No Pizza tonight.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Parsons
Chairman



Brian Lapierre
Secretary

