



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 26 July 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 18:09. He greeted all and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight.

Attendance 14 members attended and 3 were connected via Zoom. Those attending were Cliff Boettcher, Wayne Buzzard, George Byzewski, Jeff Cameron, Robert Clements, Brian Cooper, Brian Lapierre, John Meehan, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey & Tim Wood. Those connected via Zoom were Jim Gordon, Shaun MacDougall & Fred Rowe. 11 Regrets received from Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Sherm Embree, Keith Estabrooks, Robbie Fraser, Claude Gendron, Jim Harris, Marc Osmond, Gilles Poirier, George Roach, David Russell.

Chairman The Chairman would like to welcome everybody to the meeting. Unfortunately the Chairman forgot the Camera for the Zoom.

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

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

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

Luc Rollin – apparently has moved into the Camp Hill Hospital

David Russell – has moved into the Camp Hill Hospital..

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

Minutes The 28th June 2023 MGM minutes were distributed by email. The minutes were adopted as read & distributed.

Correspondence In Emails received from various Submarine Organizations Newsletters. They have been forwarded to the Membership for Info. The latest Newsletter from the Darbyshire Association has some good links on Page 12 if members wish to check them out.

The Chairman received an email from Jilliam Miller from the Mesothelioma Society looking for money. Scotty will reply to her indicating we are not in a position to support them. Received an 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 and received a reply from the Ojibwa Museum Project thanking SAOC(E) for our support through Gerry Brown.

Chairman Scotty offered his thanks to everyone who attended the BBQ. The Chairman & Secretary attended the latest BSQ #0078 passing out on 14 July. The Chairman presented the diplomas and Top Student with the Secretary taking pictures for the records. This time some parents and friends attended which was good. They hope to continue this process.

Vice Chair Nothing to report. Cliff regrets he couldn't attend the BBQ as he was in BC.

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. There are still a few issues that have to be resolved with the website. Sylvain Rouillard is supporting Ted in this process.

The Secretary had contacted some members who attended the BBQ. All reports were favourable and no one had any complaints. A good event. There have no reports from members having to deal with the affects of flooding on the 23rd & 24th of June.

The Secretary indicates he was contacted by Ron Ewen who sailed in Submarines in the 1970's and gave him a tour of the Museum. He was suitable impressed with the Submarine Room.

Treasurer Ron Cooper report was sent to the Secretary via Email.

28 June 2023 the balance was \$17,293.14.

04 July 23 – Royal Bank dues \$3.75.

10 July 23 – Cheque #163 for \$43.63 to John Meehan, SAOC BBQ Supplies

10 July 23 – Cheque #164 for \$388.81 to Brian Cooper for SAOC BBQ Supplies

26 July 23 – Deposit for \$50.00, 50/50 \$50.00.

26 July 23 - Closing Balance \$16,906.95

Summer BBQ 08 July 2023. \$432.44 for 76 people = \$5.96 per person. Bill Cleal won the 50/50 of \$40.00 and he gave it back to the Association for Pizza.

Buster Brown would be proud.

Social Brian Cooper reported on the BBQ. Thanks again to John & June Meehan for hosting. Thanks to Scotty and Jim Harris for running the BBQ's. We are giving some thought to an event in the fall. If anyone has any ideas please contact Brian Cooper.

Slops Claude did a great job setting up his table at the BBQ. He sold \$550.00 which was given to John Meehan which he gave to Brian which will be given to Ron Cooper. Claude has gone to Quebec & Ontario and will be back in September. Claude was given permission to liquidate stock at a discounted price which turned out to be good.

Membership Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 41 Life Members, 90 Members paid for 2023 and beyond for current total of 131. 2 Members who were outstanding in there dues for 2023 and have not responded have been dropped off the list. We would like to welcome Fred Rowe as the newest member of SAOC(E).

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

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The Membership Chairman has \$682.00 including the cash from Claude Gendron (Slops) which was given to Brum Tovey to give to Ron Cooper.

Old Business The BBQ and the Top Student Award for the Class of Submarines who graduated on the 14th of July 2023. 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.

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

Thinking ahead August of 2024 is the 110th Anniversary of the Submarine Service. The Secretary has started to put a list together of the events that happened in 2014 to get some ideas of what SAOC(E) might want to do for the 110th Anniversary. Brian has also talked to Stephane Marcotte who is the Slops Chairman for SAOC(W). Members input is paramount in planning this event and what we might want to do. We need to start the project now so we are not bombarded in the New Year. Terry Chatham and George Byzewski are willing to participate in this.

Around the Room Apparently the Groton Pig Roast is still on. However members who went in the past are reluctant to drive the distance to attend. Time marches on. Tim Wood hopes everyone enjoyed the BBQ pictures. The Secretary is still looking for more pictures if anybody took any. Apparently the T-Shirts that Brum Tovey was sourcing out from a place in Elmsdale has been determined to be too expensive so he has found another supplier. More to follow. People are still having issues with Canada Life. Hope they can all get it sorted. The Secretary has observed that his recent list of prescriptions went up by a total of \$19.00 due to reduced paying by Canada Life for Dispensing Fees. A mention of 50/50 Tickets for members on Zoom needs to be discussed.

50/50 Draw Won by Robert Clements \$35.00. \$35.00. SAOC(E) half given to Brian Lapierre which he passed to Brum Tovey to give to Ron Cooper.

Submariners Prayer was read by Robert Clements.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Conrad Petrikowski and seconded by John Meehan to adjourn the meeting at 1847 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at Somme Branch Legion and via Zoom on Wednesday 30 August 2023 at 18:00 (6pm).

Pizza tonight downstairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Parsons
Chairman



Brian Lapierre
Secretary

