



Submariners Association of Canada (East)
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 01 November 2023 for October 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 18:12. He greeted all and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight.

Attendance 9 members attended and 6 were connected via Zoom. Those attending were Cliff Boettcher, Alvin Carrier, Brian Cooper, Claude Gendron, John Gullion, Gord Hamilton, Steve Higdon, Scotty Parsons & Sylvain Rouillard, Those connected via Zoom were Sherm Embree, Brian Lapierre, Shaun MacDougall, John Meehan, George Roach & David Russell. 8 Regrets received from Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Robbie Fraser, Greg Hallonquist, Jim Harris, Conrad Petrikowski, Larry Pike & Mike Sylvain.

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.

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

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

Luc Rollin – is back home.

Dave McLaughlin out in Winnipeg informed me he has had some health issues. He was on the Zoom last week and he is working through them.

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

Minutes The 27th September 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.

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. Valerie also sent me an article about the USS Razorback Reunion. It was distributed. After the event due to the age of Members of the Razorback Group it was disbanded.

Letters were mailed out to members who do not have email.

Chairman Quiet month. Will give a report next month on Scotty & Brian’s visit to Compass Distillers. Scotty apologized for having to delay the meeting for a week.

Vice Chair Nothing to report for this month.

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.

Treasurer Ron Cooper report as follows. Email sent to Secretary as well.

27 September 2023 Closing balance was \$17,363.33.

28 September 2023 Cheque #166 of \$28.74 to Scott Parsons for Gavel & Block.

03 October 2023 – Royal Bank dues \$3.75.

01 November 2023 – Deposit of 717.50 from Slops, \$40.00 from 50/50 & \$20.00 for Dues.

Total \$777.50.

01 November 2023 - Closing Balance \$18,108.34.

Ron Cooper also stated that the Royal Bank still had our original PO Box Mailing address. It will be update to our current address at 73 Portovista Drive, Portuguese Cove, N.S. B3V 1P3

Buster Brown would be proud.

Social Brian Cooper brought up the topic for holding the AGM in December. It has been decided to hold it at the Somme Branch Legion, no guests, no food and the same as last year. Date is 09 December 2023 at 1300. Pizza will be served on completion.

Brian C. stated that the Beer Call was a go for the 08 November at 1300 at the Seamus David Pub. It was a success with 15 people attending.

Also talk about a Christmas event as well. It is proposed to have a Christmas event at the Seamus David Pub on the 16th of December at 1700. A notice will be sent out by the Secretary so Members can submit their names. Names will be taken and the cut off date is 09 December 2023. A motion was raised by Alvin Carrier that SAOC(E) will subsidize the event with \$35.00 per Member. Seconded by Steve Higdon. Passed. Due to the Pubs issues with Gift Certificates it was decided to reduce SAOC(E) contribution to \$25.00 per member for this event.

Slops Claude reported that he only has pins and one jacket left in his stock. A supplier is supposed to give Claude some information on hats. He reported also that getting the Double Dolphin pins is very hard due to the amount you have to order.

Membership Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 42 Life Members, 85 Members paid for 2023 and beyond for current total of 127.

Congratulations to Denis Dagenais in becoming a Life Member

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**

No money was transfer to the Treasurer for this report.

John Gullion paid his dues for 2024. Money given to Cliff Boettcher.

Old Business No old business to discuss. Brian Lapierre will now be receiving E-Transfers for payment of dues. Send dues to lapo48@gmail.com.

New Business

Scotty has also been in contact with DND about the 11 November event at Point Pleasant Park. Sylvain Rouillard will replace Brian Lapierre in laying the wreath with Scotty Parsons. Terry Chatham will be assisting.

Scotty mentioned that the AGM Meeting has been delayed by a week and will have it on 09 December 2023 at 1300. We want to make the AGM each year a little more flexible. Amendments have been

proposed to change to meet the requirements of the AGM yearly to the 2nd week of July which will coincide with the yearly BBQ. The details have been submitted to be presented at the AGM on 09 December 2023. Making the event a weekend event. With the AGM on Friday night, the BBQ on Saturday and any other services on the Sunday. Change proposals have been submitted to George Byzewski.

Scotty also stated that the Somme Branch Legion has been very good to us in this past year. SAOC(E) will discuss what we can do to support the Legion. Perhaps in the form of a Cash Donation. That money will be kept by the Legion for that Legion. Perhaps a donation to the General Fund of the Legion.

Around the Room Sherm Embree brought up about the topic of items to decorate that Cliff Boettcher was asking for. The center for the decorating would be the Somme Branch Legion with Submarine Articles. Brian gave an update about items from MOG 5. After 20 + years of Victoria Class, MOG 5 has decided to update the C&PO's Mess to be more current with the current submarines. Brian along with Guy Godin of The Naval Museum of Halifax visited MOG 5 in early October and was informed about what was going on. All items removed would not be pilfered but would be given to The Naval Museum of Halifax and some of those items could be distributed to SAOC(E) for the Somme Branch Legion. Some of the items from the C&PO's Mess may very well have been donated by SAOC(E) originally but each item will be inspected, cataloged, and photographed. More information to come in the future. If anyone still has items they want to donate then contact Cliff Boettcher directly.

George Roach brought up about the 110th Anniversary of Submarines. He was told an update will come in the future. He also mentioned that Retired submariner John Abraham visited Ojibwa Museum and had a good visit.

50/50 Draw Won by Gord Hamilton \$22.50. He gave it back to the Association. \$45.00 to SAOC(E).

Submariners Prayer was read by Gord Hamilton.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Sylvain Rouillard and seconded by Claude Gendron to adjourn the meeting at 1910 hrs. **Carried.**

The AGM will be held at Somme Branch Legion and via Zoom on 09 December 2023 at 1300. Those attending in person are reminded that a Group Photo will be taken so if you desire to be "fully booted & spurred" for the event.

Pizza tonight downstairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Parsons Chairman 	Brian Lapierre Secretary 
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