



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 30 August 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 18:04. He greeted all and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight.

Attendance 23 members attended and 7 were connected via Zoom. Those attending were Doug Birch, Cliff Boettcher, Ron Butchart, Wayne Buzzard, George Byzewski, Jeff Cameron, Terry Chatham, Robert Clements, William Cleal, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Robbie Fraser, Bert Houde, Wynn Jones, Brian Lapierre, Geoff Mawdesley, Marc Pallard, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey & Nigel Walsworth. Those connected via Zoom were Donald Courcy, Sherm Embree, Shaun MacDougall, John Meehan, Jim Northrup, George Roach & Fred Rowe. 4 Regrets received from Jim Harris, Marc Osmond, Conrad Petrikowski & Gilles Poirier.

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 at home after his stay in Camp Hill during the fire evacuations.

David Russell – is comfortable in the Camp Hill Hospital.

Geoffrey Meek (93) – 28 July 2023. Commissioning CO of HMCS Onondaga. Also the 3rd & 5th CO of Onondaga and 2nd CO of Okanagan. He passed away in Victoria, BC.

Donald L. Brown (88) – 08 August 2023 in Kelowna, BC. Commissioning Crew in HMCS Gilse & HMCS Rainbow.

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

Minutes The 26th July 2023 MGM minutes were distributed by email. The minutes were adopted as read & distributed after one correction was made.

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.

Chairman Quiet month after the BBQ. Nothing to report.

Vice Chair Submariners get together on 30 September in back room at Somme Branch Legion at 1300. Plus Cliff still have some Submariner Veterans decals from George O’Keefe for sale that were given to

him for \$5.00. Also there is a Vet Chat at the Legion on Monday's that are not a holiday at 10am in back room at Somme Branch Legion. Coffee, Tea and Sweets provided free of charge. Only Vets allowed as it open at 10am one hour before the Legion opens.

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 was sent to the Secretary via Email.

26 July 2023 the balance was \$16,906.95.

01 August 2023 – Royal Bank dues \$3.75.

15 August 2023 – Deposit \$662.75 which consisted of \$550.00 for slops, \$80.00 for Dues, \$35.00 for 50/50, \$2.75 for Misc.

30 August 2023 - Closing Balance \$17,565.95

Buster Brown would be proud.

Social Brian Cooper indicated if anyone has any ideas about a Beer Call or an Event please contact him. Sherm Embree suggested that if you want to more Social connect on the Zoom every 2nd week. Lots of banter is discussed.

Slops Claude apparently pretty well sold out his items to the Ojibwa Museum. We will get a full report from Claude at the next monthly Meeting unless he headed West after he sold everything.

Membership Brian Lapierre. Brian reported there are 41 Life Members, 86 Members paid for 2023 and beyond for current total of 127.

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**

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

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. If members had any items from the 100th Anniversary sent pictures to Brian. We need to put a committee together to discuss what we might want to purchase for the 110th Anniversary. Items that had been purchased for the 100th Anniversary were Lapel Pins, Medallion Coins, Ball Caps, Decals, Bumper Stickers, T-Shirts, Golf Shirts, Calendars, Submariners Rings and the Submariners Rum. These are the type of items done in the past.

For the 110th Anniversary who are we trying to entertain? Current SAOC Members, getting current serving submariners involved is like "pulling teeth". John Meehan also mentioned in 1989 for the 75th that Wine was produced as well. He also showed a crest that was made in 1989.

Brian has also sent an email to Compass Distilleries seeing to set up a meeting with them to discuss getting rum made for the 110th Anniversary. We will report at the next meeting after Scotty and Brian meet with Compass.

Once SAOC(E) gets it Committee together then we can inform the other Associations and current serving submariners into the projects we have going on to see if they are interested.

Around the Room Taft Jones went to the Diesel Boat Reunion in Plymouth, UK. He mentioned that friends of George Roach asked to say hello. Good times was had by all. The Sheep are still ugly. Taft won a bottle of rum and he was going to bring it home but it got way laid. Geoff Mawdesley mentioned that Fleet Week was coming up on the 7th to 10th of September. He asked if there were in any tours etc. Scotty indicated that SAOC(E) approached the Navy in July and Windsor tours and were told “not at this time”. Report by Nigel Walsworth that the Central AGM was a good event. Don Courcy indicated that when he gets up in the morning he looks out his window and sees Onondaga in Rimouski.

50/50 Draw Won by Bert Houde \$55.00. \$55.00. SAOC(E) half given to Treasurer.

Submariners Prayer was read by Geoff Mawdesley.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Terry Chatham and seconded by Robbie Fraser to adjourn the meeting at 1847 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at Somme Branch Legion and via Zoom on Wednesday 27 September 2023 at 18:00 (6pm).

Pizza tonight downstairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Parsons
Chairman



Brian Lapierre
Secretary

