



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 27 September 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 18:03. He greeted all and those connected via Zoom. You get to supply your own drinks tonight.

Attendance 16 members attended and 5 were connected via Zoom. Those attending were Cliff Boettcher, Wayne Buzzard, George Byzewski, Robert Clements, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Keith Estabrooks, Robbie Fraser, Claude Gendron, Jim Gordon, Jim Harris, Wynn Jones, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, Nigel Walsworth & Tim Wood. Those connected via Zoom were Brian Lapierre, Shaun MacDougall, Jim Northrup, George Roach & Fred Rowe. 7 Regrets received from Doug Birch, Ron Butchart, John Meehan, Marc Osmond, Boyd Thomas, Brum Tovey & 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 home.

Tim Strouts – passed away on 28 August 2023 in UK. RN Exchange Officer served in HMCS Ojibwa in 1972-73.

Gary Arsenault passed away on 17 July 2023 in Victoria, B.C. He served in 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 30th August 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.

After this meeting Brian sourced out the Facebook page with respect to the South African Submarine SAS Manthatisa accident on 20 September 2023 where three crew members drowned. I sent a condolence at the Facebook Page for the Naval Museum in Simon’s Town, SA. I also sent an email asking for a mailing address but no response has been received to date.

Chairman Quiet month. Will give a report next month on Scotty & Brian’s visit to Compass Distillers.

Vice Chair Submariners get together on 30 September in back room at Somme Branch Legion at 1300.

Plus Cliff is looking for submarine pictures to put in our meeting room to replace some of the Skimmer pictures.

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.

30 August 2023 Closing balance was \$17,565.95.

01 September 2023 – Royal Bank dues \$3.75.

01 September 2023 – Cheque #265 for \$253.87, Pizza for July & August

27 September 2023 – Deposit \$55.00 for 50/50 Draw August

27 September 2023 - Closing Balance \$17,363.33

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 02 December 2023 at 1300. Pizza will be served on completion. The submariner's event which will be held on 30 September at Somme Branch Legion SAOC will kick in \$50.00 for pepperoni.

Brian C. is also proposing another Beer Call event. Late October early November time frame to be selected.

Also talk about a Christmas event as well. Last years event went very well at the Millstone Pub. Again date & place to be finalized by end of October meeting.

Slops Claude has turned over \$717.50 to Ron Cooper. This is all from sales when he was at the Ojibwa Museum. Well done Claude. He is doing inventory to see what he has left. Mostly pins. Claude is also checking out getting ball caps made and cost.

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**

No money was transfer to the Treasurer for this report.

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 and Brian had a visit with Compass Distillers in early September. A full discussion will be held at the next meeting. We can discuss a way ahead about this and other topics.

Around the Room George Byzewski brought up the topic about certain members who do not have email are not receiving the Monthly Meeting Letter. The Secretary assured that members who do not have email that letters are sent out. If a member or spouse of a deceased member has email that is how they received the Monthly Meeting Letter. Brian will confirm the addressed of those who have said they didn't received

the Newsletter. George Roach brought up that John Abraham is coming to visit the Ojibwa in October. John Abraham served in HMCS Ojibwa.

50/50 Draw Won by Nigel Walsworth \$40.00. \$40.00. SAOC(E) half given to Treasurer.

Submariners Prayer was read by Robbie Fraser.

Adjournment There being no further business, it was moved by Robbie Fraser and seconded by Claude Gendron to adjourn the meeting at 1857 hrs. **Carried.**

The next MGM will be held at Somme Branch Legion and via Zoom (delayed by 1 week) on Wednesday 01 November 2023 at 18:00 (6pm).

Pizza tonight downstairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Parsons
Chairman



Brian Lapierre
Secretary

