



## **Submariners Association of Canada (East)**

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday 07 January 2025 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 1830 Halifax time so members could attend or connect.

**Opening** The President, Scotty Parsons brought the meeting to order (open up for dive) at about 18:37. He greeted all and those connected via Zoom. You can get your own drinks tonight.

**Attendance** 22 members & 5 were connected via Zoom. Those attending were Doug Birch, Cliff Boettcher, Wayne Buzzard, George Byzewski, Jeff Cameron, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, Robert Clements, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Claude Gendron, John Gullion, Wynn Jones, Brian Lapierre, John Madison, Geoff Mawdesley, Marc Pallard, Scotty Parsons, Sylvain Rouillard, J.J. Surette, Brum Tovey & Nigel Walsworth. 5 connected via Zoom were Sherm Embree, Shaun MacDougall, Fred Rowe, Bill Ventator & Tim Wood. 7 Regrets received from Robbie Fraser, Jim Gordon, John Meehan, Marc Osmond, Conrad Petrikowski, Gilles Poirier & Willy Waugh.

President – The President would like to welcome everybody to the meeting.

**Health and Wellness** A moment of Silence was held to honour fallen and ailing brothers. Our thoughts and prayers to everyone.

Luc Rollin, Willie Waugh, Gary Hopkins, Jon Carpenter, Brian Lapierre, Gilles Poirier, Rob Braye, Lloyd Dyck, Brian Cooper & Jim Gordon are all dealing with issues. It was also reported that Richard Patterson (Life Member) had a battle with breast cancer in the fall of 2024. Operation was successful and he is in recovery mode.

Dick Newman passed away on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 in Fredericton, N.B. He had been in the Veterans Hospital for a few years. Dick was a long serving Submariner in Oberon's. He also served in the UK where he got his training. It is with sadness to report that Sally Tovey (wife of Member Brun Tovey) passed away on 03 January 2025 after battling Parkinson's Disease for many years. RIP Sally. We will miss your smile.

For those who have passed away the Secretary does up their Obituary Profile and they are posted on [www.forposterityssake.ca](http://www.forposterityssake.ca).

**Minutes** The 07 December 2024 MGM minutes were distributed by email. The minutes have been adopted with one correction. Shaun MacDougall was in attendance on Zoom. They have been adopted as read & distributed at the MGM with the change. The minutes for the AGM will be adopted at next years AGM.

**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](mailto:valerieanddick@telus.net).

On the Zoom Meeting on 29 of November we had a Representative from Veterans Affairs attend. Her presentation was very informative, and we hope everyone learned something and it is up to the individual to contact Veterans Affairs if you have issues. SAOC(W) hopes to have a similar Zoom in the New Year.

**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 sends to Valerie for the West Coast Newsletter.

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

The Secretary has a good contact in the UK. Barrie Downer sends me the latest edition from the Barrow Association. All Obituaries are sent to Barrie Downer so they can be published in the Barrow newsletter.

**President** Thanks for everyone attending. I never attended last month's meeting in person, but it was handled by the Vice President. I was sick over Christmas for a week but have recovered.

**Vice President** Thanks to everyone who attends the Zoom meetings. The next one on January 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have never checked in you should. You get to see friends perhaps you haven't seen in a long time.

**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 got a phone call from Lloyd Dyck. He is in the Halifax Infirmary. He went to the Cayman Islands with his family for Christmas. While in the Cayman Islands he fell down and had to go to the hospital. While at the hospital in the Cayman Islands they found a couple of blood clots on the brain. He was medevacked from Cayman Islands to Miami and then Halifax. He said he feels fine, not sure for how long. Waiting for further results. The only thing he wanted to advise was the necessity to have Health Insurance. He said he did and all costs were covered.

The Secretary continues to send out letters to those who do not have email.

The Secretary stated that he had sent emails to SAOC(W) and Central Presidents & Slops Chairman about us having Blazer and Beret Badges with absolutely no response from either.

**Treasurer** Ron Cooper gave his report as follows:

Financial Statement for January 2025

03 Dec 24 – Closing balance was \$14,790.87

02 Jan 25 - \$3.75 for RBC Monthly Fee

07 Jan 25 – Deposit of \$351.75. Dues \$220.00, Slops \$64.74, 50/50 \$42.00, Donation Brian Cooper \$25.00.

07 Jan 25 – Closing balance for January 2025 is \$15,138.87.

We need to have in the minutes who had signing authority. They would be the President (Scott Parsons), Vice President (Jeff Cameron), Treasurer (Ron Cooper), Secretary (Brian Lapierre) & Entertainment Chairman (Brian Cooper).

Buster Brown would be proud.

**Social** The Christmas Function went very well with 38 people attending. The Pub treated is very well and they in turn are happy to have our business. Cost was \$700.00 of which every one showed up but two so \$665.00 was spent. We still have a Certificate of \$25.00 and \$10.00 in cash to use at the Beer Call.

A suggestion was made to see if the Association would be comfortable in moving around the location of the Christmas function.

There is still a plan to have our Beer Call on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April at the Seamus David Pub at 1300. The Secretary will do up a poster and send it out.

The new Pizza fund started in November's meeting covered 90% of the costs so that went well.

The Secretary informed that Member William Cleal donated a bottle of the Submarines Rum to be raffled off at the Christmas Function. The bottle of Rum was won by Brian Lapierre.

**Slops** Claude Gendron indicates he has not much change. The website needs to be updated to reflect what we now have.

**Membership** The latest Statistics for our Membership is as follows:

An email was sent out on the 05 January 2025 informing Members who had not paid for 2025 that their dues are due. I have had a reasonable good response of payments so far.

The latest Statistics for our Membership is as follows:

Life Members = 47

Regular Membership to date = 86

Total Members = Total 133

3 Members still outstanding for 2024 as of 05 November 2024.

31 Dec 2024 - \$284.75 was sent via E-Transfer to Ron Cooper from dues & slops received.

Welcome to new Life Member Chuck Stoakley. Turned 80 last July and a Member in good standing.

Welcome to new Life Member Ian Mitchell. Ian served in the RN on HMS Sealion, HMS Osiris & HMCS Onondaga in 1994.

Send Dues via E-Transfer to: [lapo48@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**All members are reminded that if your dues are up to date then you will not receive any emails about not having paid your dues.**

I continue to canvass for new members. On the Zoom of two weeks ago Patrick Hunt, President to SAOC West was asked about the membership for West. They have various events such as “Summer Sizzler” etc and other functions. But with respect to recruiting new members, they also have had not much success. So, we are not alone in this problem. SAOC(W) has tried a new event. They have been trying to have guest speakers, invite current serving submariners but they don’t stick around for the meeting.

We will be setting up another Zoom Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 with Veteran’s Affairs. Stand by for future information.

SAOC Central is preparing for their AGM in August of 2025. Ojibwa Museum has obtained Sea Cans containers which they hope to have in place and have a Grand Opening of displayed items. The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ojibwa is in September 2025.

**Old Business.** Scotty is still working on the By-Laws. Once our monthly meeting day has been finalized then the By-Laws will be amended to reflect the change.

**New Business.** No new business.

**Blazer & Beret Badges.** The remaining Blazer & Beret badges have been turned over to Claude for Slops inventory. Brian has 4 of each which if someone orders he can fill the order. The Blazer Badge is now on sale for \$23.00 and the Beret Badge is now on sale for \$17.00. This includes Shipping and Handling. The Secretary is still being contacted about sales.



**Around the Room.** Sylvain Rouillard mentioned that he was talking to Doreen Bodden. He thinks of everyone and thanks the Association for keeping her informed. John Clahane mentioned that Joe Haddock is recovering from his skin cancer. Brum Tovey said he would like to thank everyone for the condolences for Sally. John Madison was looking for a Submarine Sweater. Sherm mentioned that the room at the Legion is looking good.

**50/50 Draw** Won by Brian Lapierre. \$52.00. He gave \$25.00 back to the Association.

**Submariners Prayer** was read by JJ Surette.

**Adjournment** There being no further business, it was moved by Sylvain Rouillard and seconded by John Clahane to adjourn the meeting at 1935 hrs. **Carried.**

The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Somme Branch Legion on Tuesday 04 February 2025 at 1830.

Pizza tonight downstairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

<b>Scott Parsons</b>	<b>Brian Lapierre</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
	