



Submariners Association of Canada (East)

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 02 September 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 18:32. He greeted all and those connected via Zoom. You can get your own drinks tonight. He asked that if you go to the Bar please sign in. We would like to welcome Chris Assuncao to the meeting. Representative of Serving Submariners.

Attendance. 17 members & 7 were connected via Zoom. Those attending were Doug Birch, George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, John Clahane, William Cleal, Brian Cooper, Ron Cooper, Guy Desrochers, Wynn Jones, Brian Lapierre, Andy Lovasi, Scotty Parsons, Conrad Petrikowski, Sylvain Rouillard, Brum Tovey, & Nigel Walsworth. 7 connected via Zoom were Jeff Cameron, Robert Clements, Sherm Embree, Robert Grace, Shaun MacDougall, John Meehan & Jim Northrup & George Roach. Regrets received from Robbie Fraser, John Gullion, Gord Hamilton, Geoff Mawdesley, Ian Mitchell, Gilles Poirier, Kevin Stephens, Peter Wilkins & Willy Waugh.

President – I 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.

We had a good turnout for the Celebration of Life for Rob Gray. Thanks to all who attended and thanks to Sylvain Rouillard & Robbie Fraser for conduction the “Crossing of the Bar” Ceremony.

Luc Rollin, Willie Waugh, Gary Hopkins, Jon Carpenter, Brian Lapierre, Charlie Lonsdale, Gilles Poirier, Rob Braye, Lloyd Dyck, Joe Haddock, Jim Gordon, Rodney Lake & Bill Medynski are all dealing with issues. If anyone knows of a member or submariner with health issues please let the Secretary know.

For those who have passed away the Secretary does up their Obituary Profile and they are posted on www.forposterityssake.ca. They are also sent to Barrie Downer in the UK and they end up in the Barrow Newsletter as well.

Minutes. The 05 August 2025 MGM minutes were distributed by email. They have been adopted as read & distributed at the MGM.

Correspondence In. Emails received from various Submarine Organizations Newsletters. They have been forwarded to the Membership for Info.

The Secretary wrote up a submission to Valerie on the West Coast for the Fall edition of the Run Silent Newsletter.

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 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. Great summer. We had a good turnout for Robert Gray Celebration of Life. An excellent turnout of SAOC East members who attended the Central AGM in Port Burwell. Those who attended were George Byzewski, Terry Chatham, Ron Cooper, Gary Hopkins, John Clahane, John Slack, Geoff Mawdesley, George Roach & Fred Rowe. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped making it a success.

Vice President. No comments. Sorry he is on Zoom.

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. Ted is having issues with his health. With respect to the website this needs to be addressed.

The feeling at this time is that the Somme Branch Legion has treated us well and we will continue to hold our meetings here.

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

The Secretary now has the Slops items with his picture list until a Slops Chairman steps forward.

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 presented the following.

Financial Report for 02 September 2025.

05 August 25 – Closing Balance - \$16,936.21

05 August 25 – Cheque #200 to John Meehan for \$\$35.00 for kennel fees.

02 September 25 - RBC Fee \$3.75, Monthly Fee.

02 September 25 – Deposit of \$120.00. Pizza collection \$40.00, 50/50 \$50.00, Donation \$30.00 from Jeff Cameron.

02 September 25 – Closing Balance - \$17, 017.46.

We need to have in the minutes who had signing authority. This was discussed at the Executive Meeting and Ron Cooper has been directed to discuss with the bank to finalize this issue.

Buster Brown would be proud.

Social. Brian Cooper confirmed the 22 October for the Beer Call at the Seamus David Pub in Dartmouth Crossing.

A Christmas function will be held on the 13 December 25 at 1700 at Seamus David Pub.

Slops. Claude Gendron has resigned and turned over inventory to the Secretary and has all the items, Picture catalogue with prices.

We do not have any Minature Double Dolphins. The cost of getting them made through Emblazon would be outrageous. Cost would be \$30.00 to \$40.00 each. Not acceptable.

Membership The latest Statistics for our Membership is as follows:

The Secretary has posted a notice on the Facebook Group canvassing for new members.

The latest Statistics for our Membership is as follows:

Life Members = 53

Regular Membership to date = 89

Total Members = Total 142

We now have four serving submariners in our Association. Matt Larkin, Reggie Simmons, Anton Carter & John Dunn.

We have no outstanding Members owing dues for 2025.

02 September 2025 – No money was transferred to Ron Cooper.

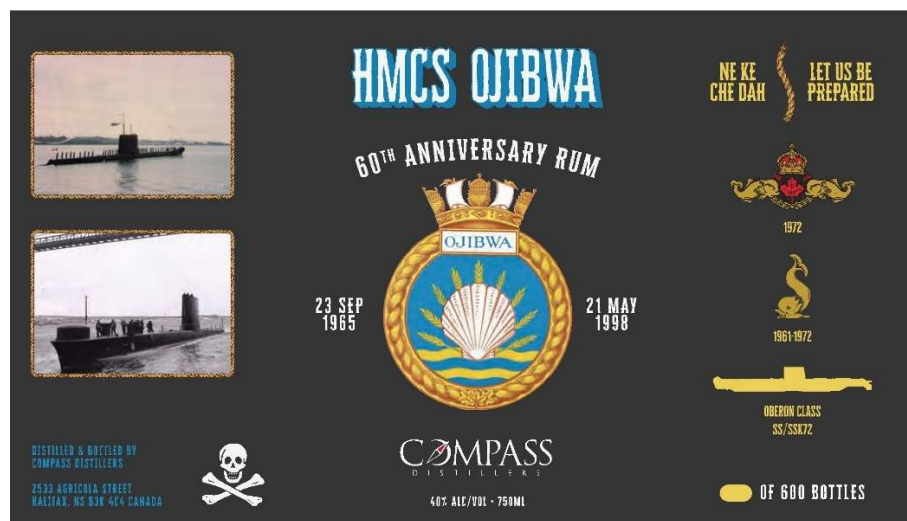
Send Dues via E-Transfer to: lapo48@gmail.com

Send Dues via Canada Post to: **Submariners Association of Canada East, C/O 73 Portovista Drive, Portuguese Cove, Nova Scotia. B3V 1P3**

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.

Old Business. The Secretary visited Compass Distillers. There is a 180 bottles of Rum still available. The Rum will be still on sale until November and the Code has been eliminated and the rum is available to the Public as well and is on sale for \$48.00. A notice for the Ojibwa Rum will also be published in the Run Silent Newsletter.

The Ojibwa Rum is still on sale at Compass. We need to sell all of this Rum. BUY! BUY! BUY!



Ojibwa Work Period – Money that SAOC East donated \$200.00 for the Ojibwa Work Period which will be carried in September from 07 to 13th.

New Business. In SAOC(E) one of the items that keeps us focused is Anniversary dates of significance. One of these dates is the 60th Anniversary of HMCS Ojibwa on 23 September 2025.

The Secretary mentioned about that perhaps the Association could donate to a worthy cause. This has come about due to so many of our members suffering from various afflictions. A suggestion was made by a member to keep it a local donation.

Blazer & Beret Badges. The remaining Blazer & Beret badges have been turned over to Claude for Slops inventory. Brian has 13 Blazer & 17 Beret Badges 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.



A few weeks ago, at the last meeting we talked about MS Chris Assuncao who approached the Secretary about the Association. He would become a liaison between SAOC East and Serving Submariners. He understands the issues that we have dealt with over the years. He would like to help and try and get Junior members to join the Association. He has a background in Digital Media and would like to help the Association improve our exposure through the media.

A motion on the floor to nominate Chris Assuncao as a liaison Member at large. Seconded by Guy DesRochers. Carried. We will bring it up at the next AGM as a position.

Around the Room. George Roach mentioned that there are Ojibwa T-shirts for sale. Contact George Roach or Pierre Bouchard. They are \$25.00. Andy Lovasi has taken over the website which is under construction. Anybody who has pictures etc. please contact Andy. Nigel ran into John O'Dwyer. Taff Jone & Brum Tovey went to Diesel Boat Reunion in the UK. They had taken over two bottles of Rum to be raffled off. They raffled off for 448.00 pound for Charity. Ron Cooper mentioned about magazines from the Legion with has stories of Veterans. There is a form that can be filled out for a submission. Conrad mentioned that his son is on the Max Bernays in the Arctic. Guy Desrochers thanked the Association and glad he was able to attend. John Meehan asked about Claude Gendron and if anyone heard from him.

50/50 Draw. Won by Conrad Petrikowski. \$40.00 to winner which he donated \$40.00 back, \$40.00 to SAOC.

Submariners Prayer. Was read by Conrad Petrikowski.

Adjournment. There being no further business, it was moved by Bill Cleal and seconded by Sylvain Rouillard to adjourn the meeting at 1933. hrs. **Carried.**

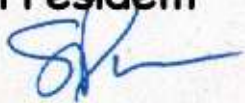
The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday 07 October 2025 at 1830 at Somme Branch Legion.

Pizza tonight downstairs.

Respectfully Submitted,


Scott Parsons

President

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Brian Lapierre

Secretary

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