



SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

CENTRAL BRANCH

Minutes of the meeting held 20 July 21 over Zoom

The following members were present

Jerry Brown	Bob Bush	Pierre Bouchard	Chas	Doc Mossman
Mike Young	Moe Allard	Ted Stiles	Sherm Embree	Dave Robinson
Bill Irvine	David Soule	Rob Quaia		

1. **Opening Remarks:** The meeting was opened at 1905 by the President with a rendition of the Dolphin March. The president indicated that this meeting was specifically to address the upcoming AGM in August.
2. **Previous Minutes:** A motion was made by Bill Irvine to accept the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Pierre Bouchard and without opposition carried.
3. **Action Log:** The Action Log (attached) was presented by the secretary. Items 20 and 25 were completed this month. The president provided an update on item 2 the West Coast proposal for a National Organization. Item 2 and 17 are now considered overtaken by events (OBE).
3. **AGM Preparations:**
 - a. **Time and Date** - A short discussion was held regarding the date and time of the AGM. The Bylaws state that the AGM will be held on the second last weekend of August. It was decided that the AGM would be held on Friday 20 August @ 1900.
 - b. **Agenda** – The secretary presented an agenda topics from a past AGM. All agreed that that would be a good agenda to use for this AGM. A draft agenda for this years AGM is attached to the minutes.
 - c. **Conduct** – A short discussion was held to determine how the AGM would be held (in person, over Zoom or a combination of both). It was decided conduct the entire AGM over Zoom. The president indicated that we would try a combined zoom and in-person regular meeting some time in the future to see how it would work.
 - d. **Executive Meeting/Nominating Committee Update** – Due to the lack of volunteers the executive took on the duties of the nominating committee. To date 6 out of 28 nominees have either accepted the nomination or have not

- replied to their nomination. A reminder will be sent out to those that have not replied, requesting confirmation of their acceptance to run for a position.
- e. Member of the Year Award – The president and the treasurer presented the concept of an awards program to recognize the extraordinary initiatives, contributions, or services that individuals or groups from either within or outside the Association often provide to SAOC Central. A draft Annex to the Bylaws is attached to these minutes.

4. Any Other Business – The president presented the concept of electing members to the executive rather than electing members for a position on the executive. The executive then decides how the work that executive does gets accomplished. The bylaws are not explicit in this regard, however some proposed changes to our bylaws are attached to the minutes.

5. Round Table:

- a. Jerry Brown indicated that the Fall “Chip and Paint” was scheduled for 17-26 Sept. Details will be forthcoming and will be posted on the Submariners Past and Present Web site.
- b. Sherm Embree queried how many people watched the live streaming of Buster Brown’s funeral and hoped the numbers were high. No one knew the exact numbers but it was suggested that the funeral home could provide numbers.

6. Adjournment - There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 2000. The next meeting will be the AGM 20th of August 2021 @1900 over Zoom.

Original signed by:

R.E. Bush

Date 26 July 21

Original signed by:

G.A. Burns

Date 22 July 21

Attachments:

1. Draft AGM Agenda
2. Proposed Bylaw Changes
3. Draft Awards Program (Annex to the Bylaws)
4. Action Log