



SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

CENTRAL BRANCH

Minutes of the meeting held 22 June 21 over Zoom

1. **Opening Remarks:** The following members were present:

Jerry Brown	Bob Bush	Pierre Bouchard	Fred Schatz	George Roach
Gene Joelson	Moe Allard	Sylvain Roulliard	Alf Smith	Dave Robinson
Bill Irvine	David Soule	Rob Quaia	Max Wood	

The meeting was opened at 1900 by the President with a rendition of the Dolphin March then went into the agenda items.

2. **Previous Minutes:** Fred Schatz noted the mix up on the dates for the minutes and stated the meetings should be conducted on Tuesdays not Thursdays. This was noted and Moe Allard motioned to accept the previous minutes. It was seconded by George Roach and without opposition carried.

3. **Reports:**

- a. **Treasurers Report** – The treasurer’s report was moved to old business.
- b. **Membership** – Fred Schatz reported that we probably would not get any more renewals this year. Membership stands at 118 (2021), 67 (2022), 44 (2023) and 1 (2030). 1 new member.
- c. **Entertainment** – Entertainment Report was moved to new Business
- d. **Services** – Nil Report
- e. **Slops** – Nil Report

4. **Old Business:**

- a. Votes on the Bylaw Changes, 2020 Budget and 2021 Financial Report all passed with no negative votes. The president inquired as to the usability and usefulness of the voting buttons on the web site and all agreed it was an effective way to hold association votes. Only 1 vote was received by email. It was decided to continue voting the same way until a better method is found.
- b. A discussion was held on whether to postpone or cancel the annual BBQ. It was decided to cancel the BBQ and it was noted that this was now 2

successive years. Fred Schatz stated that the AGM needed to be conducted virtually. The president said that this would be discussed further along in the agenda.

- c. Jerry Brown briefed the Ojibwa work party efforts and indicated \$1,700 remains of the \$11,966.51 donated over the past year. Jerry described in detail all of the work accomplished over the past 2 weeks and all were impressed. The president mentioned that it looks like the Ojibwa work party will be a continuing effort, Jerry Brown agreed and indicated that work is ongoing and volunteers would be required yearly. A new work Party will be required in the fall. Without disparaging the museum tour guides Gene Joelson and George Roach indicated that some of the tour guides were making some mistakes in their scripts. Gene suggested that we could update their scripts. Jerry indicated that he was looking for a naval ensign and SAOC Flag. Pierre Bouchard asked Sylvain Roulliard to send him some contact information and he would look into sourcing a SAOC Flag.

5. New Business:

- a. The new dates for the for the AGM weekend were selected to be Friday 19 Aug thru Sunday 21 Aug 2022 in Port Burwell. Jerry Brown suggested that the meet and greet be held at the Commando's MC Club House and the AGM and BBQ be held at the Legion. This was opposed by Dave Robinson and George Roach. The president indicated that the details could be sorted out over the next year and that we didn't need to decide on the venue(s) at this meeting.
- b. The president discussed the appointment of a nominating committee. He had hoped that he wouldn't have to but he will if no volunteers are received soon he will throw the darts at the board. As the secretary was absent, the president stated he was not sure if any nominations had been received to date. It was noted by Bill Irvine that if the meetings were to be conducted over Zoom then there was no need for the executive to be located in the NCR. The president indicated the executive will get together get together over the next few days to discuss this issue (nominating committee)

Post meeting additions:

1. To date one nomination for each executive position was received from Peter Heppleston. The nominees have not agreed to run for a position.
2. The desire for the executive to be located in the NCR for attendance of meeting no longer exists with advent of Zoom Meetings and with the acceptance of our new bylaw changes. Any such verbiage was removed from the nomination forms last year.

6. Any Other Business

- a. George Roach brought up a suggestion for a member of the year award to recognize outstanding service to the association. Pierre Bouchard went on to say that the first award go to Pete Heppleston posthumously and be named for him. It was well received by all. Pierre Bouchard and George Roach are to work out the details for nomination and selection criteria. David Soule will provide some wording from the Naval Association who has something similar.
- b. Gene Joelson wanted the coordinates to attend other meetings and gatherings. The secretary will email the links to all members as he receives them.
- c. Pierre wanted include our meeting notices on the Submariners Past and Present website. The secretary is to make it happen. Sylvain Rouillard stated we could ask for Brian Lapierre for help.

7. **Round Table**

- a. Nil

8. **Adjournment:**

- a. There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at way too late. The next regular meeting will occur on the 20th of July 2021 @1900 over Zoom.

Original signed by:

R.E. Bush

Date 06 July 21

Original signed by:

G.A. Burns

Date 06 July 21

Attachments:

1. Nomination Form 2021 Elections