

# The Submariner



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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9964213402?pwd=Mi9yV3FrMU54ZUMxY0hNSnVURDh5Zz09>



HMCS Victoria going to Sea Feb 2021



Oberon class Jetty 8 Halifax, NS unk date

### Editors Corner

This is the third Newsletter for the current physical year. It has been a sad year as many of our comrades have crossed the bar and a few not from natural causes, also the loss of the Indonesian submarine. Membership has been down this year just 118 paid up members, for current year of 2021. It is very difficult to get members to send their dues in no matter how hard my reminders go out. I will try one more time in the next day or too to get members to send their dues in either by mail or electronically paid through our treasurer.,yet our dues remain the same and membership is dropping. Most of our members are getting in advanced age and it is very difficult to recruit submariners that serve the current Victoria class submarine. If anyone knows of a submariner that has or had served and might be interested drop me a line. The same goes for material for the Newsletter, as always still struggling for materiel from members.

The amount is \$20.00 and you can pay up to 5 years if convenient. The amount is payable by cheque to the association address or to our Treasurer by e-transfer contact Pete Bouchard for details [treasurer@saoc-central.ca](mailto:treasurer@saoc-central.ca)

As of now the membership stands at 118 (2021), 67 (2022), 43 (2023); 24 for (2024) and 15 for (2025) We also have one member for 2030. Check the front of your envelope to see if you are due. Also I encourage articles from members, no mater how lengthy (I'll edit) or how small.

The opinion in the Newsletter is that of the Editor and does not reflect the opinion of the Association. Comments and articles are encouraged. Use the Association mailing address for correspondence

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### Presidents Report – May 2021

Fellow submariners, I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well. Most of us have probably had at least one jab so far, so we're doing our part to combat Covid. With any luck, by the end of the Summer we'll be back to a semblance of normal.

Our online monthly meetings are seeing about the same numbers as our in-person meetings used to. Unfortunately, we don't have the pleasure of one another's company face-to-face, and I'm missing the fish and chips, and pint(s). We do, however, see folks online that wouldn't be able to make it to in-person meetings, so it's a particularly good compromise.

At the last meeting the discussion focused on the likelihood that this year's AGM will be held online. Although we were going to make a go/no go decision in July, we will probably make it at the next meeting in June. If you have a strong opinion, please be at the meeting. If conditions permit, we may be able to do a BBQ later in the year, so we'll wait and see.

In the attached minutes from the last meeting, you will see that last year's financials and this year's budget are up for vote, as well as proposed changes to the Bylaws to formalize online business conducted during meetings. Voting is online, and the minutes provide the link. Report of results of the online vote, and formal acceptance of the results, will occur at the next online meeting. A bit of a cumbersome process, but it will enable us to continue to do business while we're reliant on online meetings.

The call-out from Jerry Brown for volunteers to help with a Spring work party for OJIBWA has met with some success, but he can use more help – please consider it if you are able. Also, as always, I ask for volunteers for the nomination committee for this year's AGM, and for volunteers to fill Executive positions. I am not adverse to assigning a committee if need be, but would prefer not to "press" anyone into service.

The "jungle drums" are speaking of a new submarine program – nothing official, but the word has been out in some public/industry fora. With any luck, the Submarine Capability Life Extension (the project that acquired the Victoria class), will live up to its name and keep the capability alive until a new platform is delivered.

I hope to see you at the regular Zoom meetings.

Stay safe, DBF

Bob Bush



**Ships en-route to France on D-Day**



**U-190 at St Johns NFLD May 1945**

### **HMS Affray memorial held in Alderney on 70th anniversary of sinking**

A memorial ceremony has been held in Alderney to remember the crew of a Royal Navy submarine that sank 70 years ago. Friends and family of some of the 75 crew who died when HMS Affray sank in April 1951 have marked the 60th Anniversary of the disaster.

People gathered and wreathes were laid at a memorial in Braye Harbour to honour the 75 sailors who died aboard HMS Affray near the Hurd Deep in 1951.

The submarine was lost in a training exercise and not found for two months.

States of Alderney Member and former submariner Kevin Gentle read a poem in tribute at the ceremony.



HMS Affray left Portsmouth on 16 April 1951 and submerged about 30 miles south of the Isle of Wight at 21:15 BST, but failed to resurface when it was due to at 08:30 BST.

A search and rescue operation involving 26 ships and submarines and every available aircraft was launched, but the submarine remained missing for two months. It was found 7.5 miles north west of Alderney.

An official inquiry by the Royal Navy concluded HMS Affray sank because the snort mast, the tube through which the diesel engine "breathed" while the submarine was at periscope depth, snapped because of metal fatigue.

A memorial with the names of those who died was unveiled in a 2012 ceremony attended by more than 200 people, including relatives and friends of the victims.

This was not possible this year because of coronavirus travel restrictions.

### **HMS Urge: Missing WW2 submarine found off Malta**

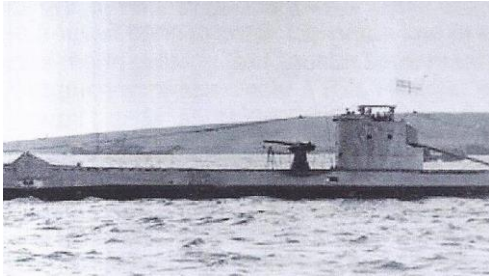
A submarine that has been missing for almost 80 years has been found.

HMS Urge left Malta for the north coast of Egypt on 27 April 1942 and was never seen again.

The vessel, which was adopted by the people of Bridgend during World War Two, was officially reported missing in the Mediterranean on 29 April 1942.

A marine archaeology survey team from the University of Malta made the discovery.

Professor Timmy Gambin said the wreck was "in absolutely fantastic condition".



**HMS Urge Malta 27 April 1942**

"It's sitting upright on the seabed, very proud, in the direction it was ordered to take on its way to Alexandria," he told BBC Breakfast.

The university said its search results had "established beyond doubt that on 27 April 1942 HMS Urge struck a German mine when leaving the British submarine base at the height of the siege of Malta by German and Italian forces in WW2". There were no survivors.

The university added that the wreck was "at a depth of 427ft (130m) on the sea bed, her deck gun facing forward".

The Ministry of Defence said it recognised the wreck site "as the last resting place of HMS Urge and those who lost their lives in service of their country".

It said it was "grateful" to the team that found it and requested that "the vessel is undisturbed and in situ".

In 2015, it was mistakenly thought the submarine had been found off the Libyan coast.

### **Deepsea Challenger**

*Deepsea Challenger* (DCV 1) is a 7.3-metre (24 ft) deep-diving submersible designed to reach the bottom of Challenger Deep, the deepest-known point on Earth. On 26 March 2012, Canadian film director James Cameron piloted the craft to accomplish this goal in the second manned dive reaching the Challenger Deep. Built in Sydney, Australia by the research and design company Acheron Project Pty Ltd, *Deepsea Challenger* includes scientific sampling equipment and high-definition 3-D cameras; it reached the ocean's deepest point after two hours and 36 minutes of descent from the surface.

#### **Early dives**

In late January 2012, to test systems, Cameron spent three hours in the submersible while submerged just below the surface in Australia's Sydney Naval Yard. On 21 February 2012, a test dive intended to

reach a depth of over 1,000 m (3,300 ft) was aborted after only an hour because of problems with cameras and life support systems.<sup>[29]</sup> On 23 February 2012, just off New Britain Island, Cameron successfully took the submersible to the ocean floor at 991 m (3,251 ft), where it made a rendezvous with a yellow remote operated vehicle operated from a ship above. On 28 February 2012, during a seven-hour dive, Cameron spent six hours in the submersible at a depth of 3,700 m (12,100 ft). Power system fluctuations and unforeseen currents presented unexpected challenges.



**Deepsea Challenger**

On 4 March 2012, a record-setting dive to more than 7,260 m (23,820 ft) stopped short of the bottom of the New Britain Trench when problems with the vertical thrusters led Cameron to return to the surface. Days later, with the technical problem solved, Cameron successfully took the submersible to the bottom of the New Britain Trench, reaching a maximum depth of 8,221 m (26,972 ft). There, he found a wide plain of loose sediment, anemones, jellyfish and varying habitats where the plain met the walls of the canyon.<sup>[33]</sup>

#### **Challenger Deep**

On 18 March 2012, after leaving the testing area in the relatively calm Solomon Sea, the submersible was aboard the surface vessel *Mermaid Sapphire*, docked in Apra Harbor, Guam, undergoing repairs and upgrades, and waiting for a calm enough ocean to carry out the dive. By 24 March 2012, having left port in Guam days earlier, the submersible was aboard one of two surface vessels that had departed the Ulithi atoll for the Challenger Deep.

On 26 March 2012 it was reported that it had reached the bottom of the Mariana Trench. Descent, from the beginning of the dive to arrival at the seafloor, took two hours and 37 minutes, almost

twice as fast as the descent of *Trieste*. A Rolex watch, "worn" on the sub's robotic arm, continued to function normally throughout the dive. Not all systems functioned as planned on the dive: bait-carrying landers were not dropped in advance of the dive because the sonar needed to find them on the ocean floor was not working, and hydraulic system problems hampered the use of sampling equipment. Nevertheless, after roughly three hours on the seafloor and a successful ascent, further exploration of the Challenger Deep with the unique sub was planned for later in the Spring of 2012.

#### Records

On 26 March 2012, Cameron reached the bottom of the Challenger Deep, the deepest part of the Mariana Trench. The maximum depth recorded during this record-setting dive was 10,908 metres (35,787 ft). Measured by Cameron, at the moment of touchdown, the depth was 10,898 m (35,756 ft). It was the fourth-ever dive to the Challenger Deep and the second manned dive (with a maximum recorded depth slightly less than that of *Trieste*'s 1960 dive). It was the first solo dive and the first to spend a significant amount of time (three hours) exploring the bottom.

#### **H.M.C.S. Swansea Takes Nazi Prisoners In Second Encounter With Submarine**

Source: Crossnest Vol 3 #1 July 1944

Editors Note: When HMCS Swansea, a Royal Canadian Navy frigate, accounted for the second U-boat which she has helped send to the bottom in this war, the First Lieutenant, Lieut. Ian Macdonald, of Victoria, B. C., was in command of the whaler which was lowered from "Swansea" to pick up German survivors. The following account was written by Lieut. Macdonald and describes the rescue in which a number of the U-boat's crew were picked up by "Swansea" and HMS Pelican, a Royal Navy sloop, which was in the action. By Lieutenant Ian MacDonald A United Kingdom Port: When we were called into Action Stations | most of us thought it was another "dud. " We were agreeably surprised to be informed by the bridge that this time we really had something. A couple of patterns of depth charges were dropped with no apparent effect, and just about then a Royal Navy sloop, HM S Pelican, bustled up to help us. We let go with some more charges, this time with a fervent prayer that the war bonds which we were so freely chucking away would pay the kind of dividends we would like to see. Prayers answered. Our prayers were answered.' Fifty pairs of eyes spotted the U-boat as

she came to the surface and 50 voices yelled "There she is!" The order from the bridge was given to open fire and the boys started throwing them out in great style. Several hits were scored on the conning tower and the U-boat started to sink stern first. Then came the order "Way sea boats to pick prisoners." It was rather hard to see the Germans in the water, but we were told from the ship in which direction to head and away we went. The first German we saw was an officer in a little inflatable rubber raft. He appeared quite unconcerned about his predicament and was giving every impression of the casual yachting man as he leaned back in his little craft with his hands clasped behind his head and his legs crossed. Now and then he would wave to us in a friendly manner as we rowed over to him. We motioned to him to paddle over to us, but he refused to co-operate. Since we hadn't collected his fare and there was lots more business around, one customer more or less

didn't bother us. We pretended we were going to shove off and leave him. That worked. Suddenly he became most co-operative. In fact, he gave a very good imitation of a paddle wheel steamer as he made his way to us. Good Vocabulary In a minute he was sitting in the boat, shivering in the cool wind, and we made off to collect more of his companions, some of whom were just ahead of us. Our friend was apparently a trifle annoyed at the whole affair, for every once in a while he would pound his knee and come out with some very nasty sounding German phrases which excited the admiration of the whole boat's crew. They have a great language for expressing feelings. The other Germans in the water were most anxious to be picked up and did a great deal of shouting and blowing of whistles until the whole rescue took on the air of a football game with about 20 referees working overtime. In the meantime, our first customer was digging in his pocket. The first I knew of what he was doing was when I heard L/Sea . Hurtubise, of 258 St. Patrick St., Ottawa, yell. I looked up in time to see Hurtubise twist a revolver out of the German's hand. There was a black glint in the sun as the revolver went over the side. We still don't know whether the officer had any intention of shooting or not. Perhaps he was just going to throw the gun over the side. Just the same, a quick-thinking lad like Hurtubise is a good man to have around in a pinch. In a few minutes we had picked up some more drenched shivering cargo. I think the Germans were badly shaken by our depth charges, for they yelled and screamed in the water and even

after we had them safely in the boat, they kept yelling. Full House By this time the whaler was filled up, so we headed back for the ship. On the way, we spotted more of the U - boat's crew clinging to yellow rafts and we made our way to them, threw them a line and started to tow them back. One or two of them tried to get into the boat which was already threatening to capsize, and it was only with difficulty that we were able to persuade them to return to the raft. When we arrived back at the ship, one officer didn't wait for his men to get safely aboard, but went up the scramble net in a hurry to the ship. The others managed to get up without much assistance, but those in the rafts proved difficult. They paid no attention to lines thrown to them from the ship, but tried to scramble across the sea boat. That meant that we would swamp. So we had to struggle with them and persuade them it would be safer for all of us if they went up the lines. The men in the water were so anxious to get aboard that one poor devil was drowned. In their mad scramble to get onto the ship, his friends kept pushing him around and dunking his head under the water. After a while, he could hold no more Atlantic and bowed out of the picture. There was little we could do but watch, horrified. He was right in the middle of his scrambling friends and though we yelled to them and tried to tell them what they were doing, none of them could understand us. It was almost two hours before we had all the Germans on board.

#### SHIP LOSSES

June 29, 1940—HMCS FRASER—Destroyer Cut in two in collision off Bordeaux, France.  
 Oct. 28, 1940—HMCS MARGAREE—Destroyer Cut in two by bow of merchant ship in North Atlantic convoy collision  
 Oct. 30, 1940—HMCS BRAS D'OR—Minesweeper Believed foundered in storms.  
 Mar. 27, 1941—HMCS OTTER—Patrol Ship Lost off Sambro Light, Halifax Harbour, by fire.  
 Sept. 29, 1941—HMCS LEVIS—Corvette Torpedoed in North Atlantic. Attempted tow by another corvette failed.  
 Dec. 10, 1941—HMCS WINDFLOWER—Corvette Sunk in North Atlantic when boilers blew up after her stern had been ripped off by merchant ship she was convoying.  
 Feb. 19, 1942—HMCS SPIKENARD—Corvette Torpedoed and sunk in submarine attack on convoy in North Atlantic, Sank in three minutes.

Sept. 14, 1942 HMCS RACoon—Patrol Ship Presumed lost through enemy action while guarding convoy of merchant ships. All hands lost with her. Attack by U-boat in fog.  
 Sept. 18, 1942—HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN —Corvette Torpedoed and sunk in heavy fog on escort duties in Atlantic.  
 Sept. 21, 1942—HMCS OTTAWA—Destroyer Torpedoed while on escort duty with a convoy in the Atlantic.  
 Feb. 16, 1943—HMCS LOUISBURG—Corvette Went down under attacks from enemy dive bombers and torpedo plane while on convoy duty in the Mediterranean.  
 March, 9, 1943—HMCS WEYBURN—Corvette Destroyed in Mediterranean by an explosion, presumably a torpedo since submarine was reported in the vicinity.  
 Oct. 1, 1943—HMCS ST. CROIX—Destroyer Torpedoed and sunk by U-boat while on convoy duty in the North Atlantic. All but one, of 81 crew members who survived were lost when rescue ship HMS Itchin was torpedoed.  
 Feb. 7, 1944—HMCS CHEDABUCTO—Bangor Minesweeper Beached after collision in the St. Lawrence.  
 Apr. 29, 1944—HMCS ATHABASKAN—Tribal Class destroyer Split in two by enemy torpedo in the English Channel off the French coast.  
 May 15, 1944—HMCS VALLEYFIELD—Frigate Torpedoed and sunk while on convoy escort duty in the North Atlantic  
 Aug. 18, 1944—HMCS REGINA—Corvette Lost by undersea explosion while going to the assistance of a merchant vessel in difficulty in invasion waters.  
 Sept. 1, 1944—HMCS ALBERNI—Corvette Sunk while on invasion duties.  
 Dec. 8, 1944—HMCS SHAWINIGAN—Corvette Lost while on invasion duty in the North Atlantic.  
 Jan. 31, 1945—HMCS CLAYOQUOT—Bangor Minesweeper Torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic.  
 March 25, 1945—HMCS TRENTONIAN—Corvette Recently sunk by torpedo from German U-boat while on escort duty in North Atlantic.  
 April 25, 1945—HMCS GUYSBOROUGH—Minesweeper. Torpedoed in North Atlantic. Fifty-three lost.  
 May 11, 1945—HMC MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT 463. Sunk in an explosion off LeHavre. Five wounded, no lives lost.

May 11, 1945—HMCS ESQUIMALT—Bangor Minesweeper Torpedoed in North Atlantic. Forty-four dead or missing.

May 16, 1945—HMCS SKEENA—River Class Destroyer. Driven against rocky coast of Iceland in 60-knot gale. Fifteen ratings lost lives due to exposure

### **Battery Charger Success at FMCS** Courtesy Trident 21 Apr 2020

FMF Cape Scott D195 battery charger success It is critical to charge the submarine batteries at proper intervals to preserve the health of the battery and its longevity. With a doorway measuring 1780mm (70”) tall and room for two people to stand inside, the battery chargers at Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott (FMFCS) are not your typical battery charger. Operating up to 750V FMCS has two chargers capable of generating 1650A and 2550A respectively for use in charging these batteries.



**HMCS Windsor Apr 2020**

The 2550A charger in D165 had failed some time ago and is currently unserviceable. Early in November, HMCS *Windsor* began experiencing issues in utilizing the 1650A D195 battery charger and the way ahead was unclear. Unfortunately, the OEM for the charger had gone out of business and there was no contractor support available to troubleshoot the system. A meeting was held with stakeholders and it was determined that FMFCS would take lead to address issues with the charger. With no obvious moving parts the charger was viewed as a large piece of electrical infrastructure requiring no maintenance until it failed. The team quickly identified several possible problem areas. The build-up of dust and grime on the interior of the unit created the potential for multiple lowered resistance paths to ground that interfered with the sensitive electronics on board the submarine when a charge was conducted. Despite the saying that water and electricity do not mix, the charger uses a liquid

filled coolant system where water is in direct contact with energized electrical components. In this case the water is pure de-ionized water that does not conduct like typical tap water. Flushing the system and refilling with de-ionized water brought the system back into tolerance. After investing several hundred hours of labour, general cleaning, coolant flush and repairs, the charger was subject to a full load test using a test load bank before being re-certified for use. FMFCS was successful in providing a fully functional battery charger and the *Windsor* D4 was completed successfully. It has been very encouraging and a positive experience internally here at FMF, demonstrating the impressive capabilities and range of expertise that this unit possesses. Personnel were engaged from various levels across the yard with many levels of involvement including PM2 staff, FTA, Plant Maintenance, Battery Shop, Industrial Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Pipe Shop, Antenna Shop, Shipwrights, and others. There was an impressive willingness from each group to offer whatever support was required of them and as quickly as possible.

### **Obituary**

**Roger Alexander (Cd, RCN, Submariner) Dube**



On April 26, 2021, Roger (83) quietly passed away in Perley Rideau Veterans' Health Centre in Ottawa, Ont. He is survived by children of first marriage, Diane (Gary), Raymond (Marlene), Phillip (Cheryl), Michelle, Steven (Christine) and Elaine (Ed); as well as his sister, Diane; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Roger was predeceased by his parents, Jean (Campbell) and Sylvio (Windsor, Ont.); his daughter, Catherine (Richard); granddaughter, Ashley; son-in-law, Elmer (Michelle); and by his wives, Shirley (Harding, P.E.I.) and Heather (Milne, Ont.). Many thanks to the entire staff and volunteers of the Perley, with special gratitude to Rideau 1 South. Private interment to take place in Windsor, Ont. at a later date.



**SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**  
**CENTRAL BRANCH**

Minutes of the meeting held 18 May over ZOOM

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

Jerry Brown	Peter Heppleston	Pierre Bouchard	Gord Burns	George Roach
Bob Bush	Moe Allard	Chris	Dave Robinson	Gord Hunter
David	Derrick Hughes	Fred Schatz	Dave Anderson	Rob Quaia
Andy	Lloyd Barnes	Ted Stiles	Valerie	John Currie
Bill Irvine	Chris Robinson	Max Wood		

As the President missed hands fall in, the meeting was opened at 1915 by the Secretary with a rousing rendition of the Dolphin March and went straight into the agenda items.

**2. Previous Minutes:** Pierre Bouchard made a motion to accept the previous minutes as presented, seconded by Derrick Hughes and without opposition the motion was carried

**3. Reports:**

- a. Treasurers Report – Pierre Bouchard presented the treasurers report, and stated that the only difference between now and the 13<sup>th</sup> of May report was an advance for the Spring Work Party of \$2,000 to Jerry Brown. Peter Heppleston made a motion to accept the report as presented, Dave Anderson seconded, and without opposition the motion was carried.
- b. Membership – Fred Schatz reported that we probably would not get any more renewals this year. Membership stands at 118 (2021), 67 (2022), 43 (2023) and 1 (2025). Fred made a motion to accept the report as presented, George Roach seconded and without opposition and the motion was carried.
- c. Entertainment – Jerry Brown deferred his report to new business
- d. Services – Nil Report
- e. Slops – Nil Report

**4. Old Business:**

- a. 2021 Budget – The budget was presented by the Treasurer and recommended that the budgets be set at:
  - \$2,000 AGM
  - \$500 Entertainment
  - \$300 Incidentals
  - \$300 Mail
  - 850 Web Page

The treasurer went on to say the cost of the web page would be reduced to \$160 this year. Peter Heppleston asked if the web page cost is going down why we still want an \$850 budget. Pierre indicated that he was using the historical numbers for the budget recommendation and agreed the budget could be reduced to \$200 plus the amount already spent of 423.42 totalling 623.42. Fred Schatz asked why we are budgeting more money than we are taking in. The secretary indicated the budgets are set to allow spending on those line items. We can't spend anything that is not in budget and the budget needs to be voted on. If we set our budgets too low we need to vote to



increase them. Budgets need to be set at realistic levels. Sherm Embree pointed out that we should have another line in the accounting system for projected revenues. This was discussed without resolution. The Secretary went on to say that we can't carry over budgets i.e. the previous FY finances need to be reconciled (any overages need to be discussed/approved) and then closed. The new budgets need to be set at the AGM. The treasurer indicated that he never had a clear starting point as the AGM still has not happened, the previous budgets were not closed, and he had to carry them over. This makes it very clear that we need to hold the AGM whether or not do it with an annual BBQ. Additionally we must be able to conduct business over electronic media such as Zoom. Sherm Embree made a motion to accept the budget as presented, it was seconded by George Roach and without opposition it was carried. Note: See New Business - The Budget is an AGM item and requires the attention of all regular members. This motion will be completed by a Special Vote in accordance with the paragraph 7 of the bylaws.

- b. 2020 Financial Report – The treasurer indicated that the discrepancy with regard to the number of paid up members has been corrected and is currently reflected in the 2020 Financial Report. Gord Hunter made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Max Wood and without opposition it was carried. Note: See New Business - The 2020 Financial Report is an AGM item and requires the attention of all regular members. This motion will be completed by a Special Vote in accordance with the paragraph 7 of the bylaws.
- c. New Webmaster - Bill Irvine volunteered to manage the SAOC(C) webpage on behalf of the association. He indicated that he would revamp the webpage in the fullness of time, however for the time being it would remain the same.
- d. Update on Ojibwa Spring Work Party – Gerry Brown indicated that the spring work party was postponed until 5 June. There will be a Zoom meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May for the volunteer. Jerry indicated that at this time he only had 4-10 volunteers a day to conduct the work, therefore he is still looking for some help. Jerry indicated that all meals would be covered by donations and he needs to get the final numbers to order the food etc. Peter Heppleston stated that he probably shouldn't call it the spring work party because people donated funds to the Evict Walter Pidgeon Project and funds from that are being used for the Spring Work Party. Gerry indicated he has no issues as to calling it Evict Water Pidgeon Phase to or anything else.
- e. Peter Heppleston briefed the status of the letter of appreciation for the Ojibwa Paintex. He is targeting the end of May to complete the work. There was some discussion as to who would be doing the work and the treasurer agreed to print the envelopes. Pierre asked as to whether there should be cardboard stiffeners in the envelopes to preserve their condition during shipping. As the costs started to rise the secretary the Secretary asked that Rick Duff, who volunteered to pay for the shipping of the letters of appreciation be consulted as to how much he is prepared to spend on the shipping. Pierre stated he would estimate the final costs and discuss with Rick as to the acceptability of that amount. Any additional funding would be supported by the donations. A discussion ensued around maybe not sending out the certificates of appreciation and presenting in person, however it was agreed that the logistics would be complicated, its long over due and we need to get it done by mail.

5. **New Business:**

- a. Vote for Bylaw Changes – The president arrived just in time to discuss the proposed changes to the bylaws. The changes are required to ensure that the Association can conduct business over electronic media such as Zoom. The changes were discussed and Derrick Hughes suggested that

some wording related to postal and/or mail be changed to mail/email. Other changes related to dates etc. were suggested as well. Once updated the proposed changes will be presented to the members for a vote. The vote will be completed by a Special Vote in accordance with the paragraph 7 of the bylaws. Members are requested to cast their vote on or before 30 May 21. Link to cast your vote is <https://saocentral.wixsite.com/public/meetings> **Vote 2020 Financial Report** – The Secretary brought up the requirement for the auditors report to be presented for a vote on the 2020 report. The treasurer indicated he would provide the auditors report for distribution to the members with the minutes. The vote will be completed by a Special Vote in accordance with the paragraph 7 of the bylaws. Members are requested to cast their vote on or before 30 May 21. Link to cast your vote is <https://saocentral.wixsite.com/public/meetings>

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- c. **Stand-Up nomination Committee** – No Volunteers have come forward for this committee. The president indicated that he would give it one more try for volunteers (Qty 3 Required), however he indicated that he was not adverse in appointing a committee in accordance with para 5.7 of the bylaws. Nomination forms will be attached with the minutes feel free to nominate someone for an executive position. e. **AGM 2021**- The Entertainment Chairman indicated that in all likelihood there would not be an AGM this year. However the final determination will come at the next regular meeting. The president stated that there will be a virtual AGM and we need to consider the dates should the AGM weekend in Port Burwell not come to fruition. Andy suggested that we hold the AGM in Bermuda at the White Horse. All were in agreement but the logistics didn't look good..

**6. Any Other Business**

- a. Peter Heppleston stated that we needed to finalize the text on the various Certificates of Appreciation. The president agreed to finalize that text and provide it to Pierre so he can attribute the correct people to the right certificate. After a long discussion as to how important it is for people to receive appreciation for their volunteer work, Jerry Brown suggested that the big contributors should receive a plaque. Peter Heppleston stated that all of the plaques were already distributed and we need to procure more. However the shop that we procured the plaques from are no longer in business. Peter and the President agreed to investigate the procurement of new plaques.
- b. The President wanted to ensure the Association membership are aware of the Unseen Warrior Society's mandate and have an opportunity to join their Society. The secretary agreed to send this information out with the minutes of the meeting.

**7. Round Table**

- a. Nil

**7. Adjournment:**

- a. There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at way too late. The next regular meeting will occur on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Jun 2021 @1900 over Zoom.  
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24 May 21