

**SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
CENTRAL BRANCH**

Minutes of October 21, 2008 Meeting

1. The President, Bob Wallace brought the meeting to order at 19:30 and welcomed the members attending. It was noted several of the members were from out of town and he thanked them for taking the time to attend.

The following members were in attendance:

Don Courcy	Steve Smyth	Bob Davidson	Brian Cooper
Fred Schatz	Bob Wallace	Brian Millar	Alvin Carrier
Dave Ashling	George Sullivan	Ted Stiles	Rob Quaia
Norm Beauvais	Butch Thompson	Peter Heppleston	Gord Burns
Jim Pfaff	Tom Reid		

2. There was one application for membership with SAOC Central – Denis Dagenais Application approved.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting (August AGM) meeting were read. It was noted that two attendee's names had not been included, this was noted and the minutes were accepted as read. Moved by Fred Schatz, seconded by Ted Stiles. Carried.
4. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's Report: Rob Quaia indicated our current bank account balance is \$4,540. 27. In accordance with discussions at the last AGM he invested \$2000.00 in a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (TD Canada Trust). We are operating well within our operating budget. Moved by Norm Beauvais, seconded by Alvin Carrier to accept report as read. Carried.
 - b. Membership: We currently have 143 members paid up to 2009 or beyond and 59 in arrears. Moved by Fred Schatz to accept report as read. Seconded by Dave Ashling. Carried.
 - c. Entertainment: All comments on the BBQ were favourable, the weather was great, the food was excellent and a good time was had by all. There was some disappointment in that the numbers were down from previous years, particularly those of local members. A short discussion followed, the most notable point being the executive is at a loss in figuring out why this is. The food is always great, a lot of people come in from out of town to get together with old "messmates" and a lot of our local members just don't show.
 - d. Slops: Sales during the BBQ were \$600.00. Progress on jackets is ongoing, albeit slow, we have found a supplier in Halifax who is willing to sell jackets in small numbers, i.e. individual sales where required. The hold-up in this is getting someone to go in to the supplier for a jacket fitting to ensure the sizes are "Canadian" sizes as a lot of these items are manufactured off shore and we have had problems with this in the past. Brian Cooper

who lives in the Halifax area indicated he would go in and help get this issue resolved. As soon as this is straightened out SAOC will ensure all members are advised and jackets can be then ordered direct from the supplier.

Moved by Peter Heppleston, seconded by Butch Thompson to accept report as read. Carried.

- e. NCVA/Services Report – Nil Peter Wilkins not present due to previous commitments.

5. Correspondence:

- a. An email was received from Annemarie Bourassa (Point-au-pare Maritime Museum) thanking the Association for the nomination and approval of Annemarie and Serge Guay as Honourary Submariner's for their tireless efforts in the ONONDAGA to Rimouski project. She indicated they were both very proud and honoured to be Honourary submariners.
- b. Mark Hannington sent an email enquiring if it was possible to conduct meetings on-line. A good idea as in particular members from out of town could participate, however, not feasible at this time because none of the facilities available to us are fitted with on-line services.

6. Old Business:

- a. BBQ/Re-union Rimouski. A lengthy discussion on the unforeseen problems that Onondaga has run into to date and the possibility of further problems prior to the opening to public and the forecast from the Museum they were going to try their best to have ONONDAGA open by July, at the earliest, it was felt it would not be prudent to commit anything on a reunion in Rimouski in 2009. A substantial amount of work would be required including financial commitments quite early in the process only to find ourselves locked into a commitment in Rimouski and ONONDAGA not being quite ready. Moved by Fred Schatz, seconded by Dave Ashling we hold the 2009 AGM/BBQ in the Ottawa area (Location to be determined). Carried.

7. New Business:

- a. Brian Cooper motioned we touch base with SAOC East and West Branches in considering combining our efforts in a combined reunion in Rimouski in 2010. ONONDAGA would be in place by then, teething problems resolved and it would coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Navy and provide substantial lead time in setting this up. President to touch base with respective East and West branches. It was further suggested that being the 100th anniversary of the Navy it may be possible to request for some funds from the government/DND to hold this "Submarine Old Comrades Reunion". This gave everyone food for thought for future discussion. Seconded by George Sullivan. Carried.
- b. Christmas Luncheon: Christmas Luncheon to held Wednesday, Dec 10, 11:30 at the Lone Star Café on St. Laurent Blvd.
- c. Meeting Incentive: Peter Heppleston made a motion to introduce a "free beverage" policy to be provided to each member who attends a monthly meeting subject to a quorum being

formed. This expenditure is not to exceed \$50.00 for any one meeting and would come from the entertainment fund. This would provide a minor incentive for those who attend and the ability to “raise a glass” to those not in attendance. This does not include the AGM as a tot of rum is provided free to all members. Seconded by Gord Burns. Carried.

8. 50/50 draw: Sylvain Pleau name was drawn. Member not present. \$11.50

9. Moved by Dave Ashling, seconded by Norm Beauvais to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Next meeting November 18, 2008

Original signed by:

Bob Wallace
President

George Sullivan
Secretary