

**SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA  
CENTRAL BRANCH**

Minutes of Nov 17, 2009

1. The President, Bob Wallace brought the meeting to order at 19:30 and welcomed the members attending.

The following members were in attendance:

Bob Wallace	Gord Burns	Terry Wyss
Fred Schatz	Gerry Rutherford	Rob Quaia
George Sullivan	Jim Pfaff	Norm Beauvais
Peter Wilkins	Peter Heppleston	

2. There were no applications for membership with SAOC Central this month:
  3. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. No omissions or errors were noted, minutes were accepted as read. Moved by Peter Wilkins, seconded by Gord Burns . Carried.
  4. Reports:
    - a. Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$11,731.72 Moved by Norm Beauvais, seconded by Gerry Rutherford the report be accepted as read. Carried.
    - b. Membership: We currently have 200 members paid up to 2009 and 144 paid for 2010 or beyond. Moved by Fred Schatz to accept report as read, seconded by George Sullivan Carried.
- \*\* There are still 66 members who are not up to date on their dues. Dues were due 01 Aug 09 folks!
- c. Entertainment: Entertainment chairman indicated we had one of our best turnouts ever for the luncheon in October approx 20 people attended. We are having a post holiday "PD All round look" luncheon Friday, 29 Jan 2010, 1130 for 1200 at the Clock Tower on Bank St & the Queensway. This is to ensure we are all over the post Christmas blahs!
    - d. Slops: Nothing to report.
    - e. NCVA/Services Report: No new info.
  5. Correspondence: Nil.
  6. Old Business:
    - a. Naval Centennial Rep: Mike Young was not present. Peter Wilkins noted there is a great deal of information on the Naval Centennial web site. <http://www.navy.forces.gc.ca/centennial/>

7. New Business:

- a. Bill Black has made an inquiry on making General Belzile a honorary member of the Association based upon the fact he went to sea on a boat in the 60's for a day. There was much discussion on why this should occur as we have had literally thousands of people who have gone to sea on a boat for a day over the years under many occasions, dependants day cruises, local dignitary day trips, politicians etc. They all received a "Honourary Submariner" card on completion from the boat concerned. The general feeling is that the fact General Belzile went to sea on a boat for a day does not warrant a honorary Membership of an Association. It was decided to defer the item until the next AGM.
- b. There is some concern that our net value is becoming too high as we are a non profit organization. There was much discussion in lowering our net worth in a prudent manner. We do not want exhaust our funds completely, however, it was agreed whatever we might consider must benefit ALL members. i.e. the annual BBQ is for all members but a lot of people can not attend as they are too far away so not everyone benefits from the expenditure. It was decided to defer this item for the time being and have a long hard look at what we might be able to do. The executive is certainly open to suggestions by the membership so please do not hesitate to send in any ideas you may have.

8. 50/50 draw: Bruce Ball was drawn. Member not present. Pot = \$10.50

9. Moved by Rob Quaia, seconded by George Sullivan to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Future meetings: 19 Jan, 2010; 23 Mar, 2010; 18 May 2010; 22 Jun 2010

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