

SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
CENTRAL BRANCH

Minutes of the AGM Meeting

22 August 2009

1. The President, Bob Wallace, brought the meeting to order at 12:00hrs and welcomed the members present.

The following members were present:

John McCracken	Rob Quaia	Chris Tingle	Bob Davidson
Peter Wilkins	Jerry Brown	George Sullivan	Ray Middleton
Fred Schatz	George Roach	Bob Wallace	Alan Murphy
Tom Reid	Ken King	Terry Wyss	Dave Ashling
Tony O'Hara	Gerry Rutherford	Rob Arbour	
Peter Heppleston	Verrall Clark	Roland Lanouette	
Gord Burns	Dickie Lake	Bill Bradshaw	

Two minutes silence was observed for submariners and our soldiers who crossed the bar during the past year.

2. The Previous minutes were accepted as read. Motioned by John McCracken and seconded by Peter Wilkens. Motion Carried.
3. There were 2 applications for membership in SAOC (Central) this month: Rob Wilson and Rob Arbour. Both were accepted for membership.
4. Correspondence: Nil correspondence.
5. Auditors Report: The auditor Gord Burns presented his report and it was accepted as read. Motioned by Bill Bradshaw and seconded by George Roach. Motion Carried.
6. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Rob Quaia presented the financial report. Our current balance is \$12,716.38 It was moved by Rob Quaia to accept the report as read, seconded by Gord Burns. Motion Carried.
7. Membership: Fred Schatz reported we have 196 paid members for 2009, 104 for 2010. Motioned by Fred Schatz to accept report, seconded by George Sullivan. Carried
8. Entertainment: Peter Heppleston reported the luncheons held over the year were great successes. He expressed some concern that the numbers are down substantially for this year's BBQ. There was some discussion on reducing our fare to burgers and hot dogs as was done originally; in general, most felt we should stay with the same types of food, however, next year reduce the quantities substantially as each year we have a large amount of food left over. This will be reviewed at a later date by the BBQ committee.

9. Slops: A general discussion was held on where do we go with future purchases and items for sale. There was a general consensus we should purchase more items for sale. Golf shirts, ties and T shirts were some of the items mentioned.
10. NCVA/Service Report: Peter Wilkins provided an update on what is occurring with DVA and NCVA. It was noted any members who have applied for DVA pensions and were denied in the past should reapply as DVA has "relaxed" requirements to a great degree.
11. Centennial Report: Nil Rep. No one offered to volunteer.
12. Old Business:

Rimouski: The idea of holding an AGM/BBQ in Rimouski was revisited. The problems encountered were discussed WRT lack of volunteers, distances involved in administration and co-ordination, financial commitments and so on . Although a good idea it was fraught with potential for a PR and financial disaster. This was why SAOC Central decided to not go forward with the idea. It was pointed out that in the future there is no reason why a group of people could not go to Rimouski for a weekend sort of thing under the auspices of SAOC Central. This could be looked into in the future.

13. New Business:

- a. Elections: Gord Burns declared elected as Treasurer.
No other positions required filling at this time.

b. Fiscal Year 2010 Budget:	Mail	\$ 600.00
	Web Page	\$ 240.00
	Entertainment	\$ 300.00
	Incidentals	\$ 500.00
	BBQ	\$2000.00
	TOTAL:	\$3640.00

Moved by Rob Quaia the budget be accepted as read, seconded by Gord Burns. Carried.

- c. Lifetime Memberships: There was a suggestion raised that any member who has volunteered to provide a cumulative 5 years of filling various positions in order to keep this organization running should be rewarded with a life membership. After a general discussion it was agreed that any member who meets the criteria should be nominated by a member and by letter as per procedures outlined in our bylaws (para 1.1 (c) Bylaws) as has been done in the past.

- d. C&PO'S Mess HMCS Carleton amalgamation: A proposal has been made by the Mess President of the mess that we consider joining an amalgamation of various Naval Veteran's group and the C&PO's mess which would be of great benefit to all concerned. The end goal would be to form stronger relationship between veterans and serving members, provide a venue where naval veterans have a "home" which we do not have now. This meet with a very favourable reaction from the membership and a motion was made by Dave McCracken to wait until plans are finalized, the mess constitution is

amended and ratified and a final formal proposal is presented to us before making a decision. Seconded by Terry Wyss. Carried.

e. Naval Centennial Rep Mike Young resigned as Naval Centennial Rep due to a conflict of interest. A call for a volunteer was made, however, no one stepped forward. Item deferred.

f. Deceased Members. Currently when a member passes away who has paid dues in advance his estate/family is contacted and asked what they want done with any outstanding balance. In most cases they choose to leave the funds with the association. This presents a problem in that until the funds expire they present an error in book keeping transactions dealing with current members. Treasurer recommended when a members passes away and his estate chooses to leave prepaid dues be identified as "other funds" and accounted for that way. A motion made by George Sullivan, to use this method in the future, seconded by John McCracken. Carried.

g. PR fund, to provide a means to present gifts ie. ball caps, lapel pins etc provide a beverage to guests, during special events our association is invited to. This has been accommodated by increasing the entertainment fund. No motion required.

h. ONONDAGA donation. It was noted by several members who attended the opening ceremonies on what a fabulous job the Pointe-au-Pare Maritime Historic Site have done with the preservation and display of HMCS ONONDAGA. A discussion followed and motion was made by George Sullivan that we should donate \$1000.00 towards the upkeep and operation of the only "living" museum of the Canadian Submarine Service. Seconded by Rob Quaia. Carried.

i. Web page domain payment. A motion was made by George Sullivan to allow an overpayment on our web page domain payment paying for three years vice one as the rate is much cheaper. Seconded by George Roach. Carried.

12. 50/50 Draw: Tom Reid , member was present. \$51.50 was won.

13. A vote of thanks and round of applause was given to Rob Quaia for all his hard work and efforts put forth as our treasure for the past two years.

14. It was moved by George Roach, seconded by Gord Burns the meeting adjourned at 14:45. Motion carried.

Next meeting: 22 September 2009

Original signed by:

Bob Wallace
President

Original signed by:

George Sullivan
Secretary