

**SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
CENTRAL BRANCH**

Minutes of January 20, 2009 Meeting

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

The following members were in attendance:

Ted Stiles	Bob Davidson	Dave Mossman
Fred Schatz	Bob Wallace	Rob Quaia
George Sullivan	Jim Pfaff	Larry Hickey
Peter Heppleston	Peter Wilkins	

2. There were two applications for membership with SAOC Central this month:

Allen Griffiths ~ London, Ont.
Chris Tingle ~ Ottawa, Ont.

Both applications approved.

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. No omissions or errors were noted, minutes were accepted as read. Moved by George Sullivan, seconded by Ted Stiles. Carried.
4. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's Report: The treasurer presented his report, current net bank balance \$6192.58 Moved by Rob Quaia, seconded by Dave Mossman the report be accepted as read. Carried.
 - b. Membership: We currently have 155 members paid up to 2009 or beyond and 48 in arrears. Moved by Fred Schatz to accept report as read. Seconded by Jim Pfaff. Carried.
 - c. Entertainment: The pre Christmas luncheon turnout was low, however, this was expected as we had had a major snowfall the day before.
 - d. Slops: Ordering process for SAOC jackets has been finalized with a supplier in Halifax. The cost of the jackets is \$61.00 including taxes. Postage is extra. If you want your name embroidered on the arm add \$5.00 Jackets can be paid for by cheque, credit card or money order. Payments are made direct to the supplier. This was considered the best workaround in setting up a method for members ordering individual jackets rather than be restricted to bulk orders. The cost is a little more than the old jackets (\$50.00) but within reason considering the flexibility provided.

A sample jacket was exhibited at the meeting and the members present found it suitable. A motion was made by George Sullivan we proceed with the method devised and with the sample jacket, seconded by Peter Wilkins. Carried

All details will be emailed to all members on the net and entered in the newsletter.

- e. NCVA/Services Report – Peter Wilkins discussed several issues dealing with DVA. One area of interest is the resubmission of claims by people who have been denied claims in the past which should be re assessed since the Australian Navy medical report on submarine service has come to light. Several issues are ongoing with NCVA concerning widow's pension after 60, denial of funeral assistance for veterans by DVA.

5. Correspondence: Nil

6. Old Business:

- a. BBQ/Re-union Rimouski. The President reported that there was very positive response from both SAOC East and West WRT a reunion/BBQ to be held during the Naval Centennial year (2010) at the ONONDAGA site in Rimouski Que. Mike Young (Reunion Chairman) is out of town to end month. Commodore Larry Hickey is going to provide a schedule outlining major events which are going to occur during the Centennial year in order to try to avoid a conflict in dates for people who may want to attend more than one event i.e. one in Rimouski and one in Halifax.

Don Courcy sent an email suggesting several areas which need to be addressed ASAP such as dates, committees on both coasts and so on as long lead times are required in organizing such events. Everyone is in agreement we need to get the ball rolling ASAP, however, it was decided to hold off until Mike Young is back and when we have the Naval events schedule from Larry Hickey in hand.

- b. Members in distress. A motion was made by Rob Quaia when a case of a member in difficult times arises such as a member who is experiencing financial distress for reasons beyond his control. i. e. major medical expenses, the situation be brought to the President's attention. The President can review the situation and waive annual dues at his discretion. Seconded by George Sullivan Carried.

7. New Business:

- a. Members are cordially invited by Fred Schatz to attend the Battle of Atlantic Sunday ceremony, (Sunday, 3 May 2009), 10:30 at the Vanier Legion. The guest speaker will be Bruce MacLean (Vice Admiral Rtrd)
- b. Spring Luncheon: A spring luncheon will take place 1130 ~ 1430, 1 Apr 2009 at the Lone Star Texas Grill on St Laurent Blvd. Motion made by Peter Happleston, seconded by Ted Stiles. Carried.
- c. Larry Hickey presented a synopsis of what is occurring with the final disposal of the "O" boat hulls. Some interest has been expressed in preserving sections of the casing for a

“above water” display at various locations such as CWM, CF Staff college, Naval Museum in Calgary. It was pointed out that should anyone be interested in pursuing such a project they would have to drum up support and do this on their own. As it stands now there will be some flexibility in the disposal contract(s) WRT to getting the casing sections required.

- d. SNAME ECS is holding a meeting on “Unique Submarine Support” concerning Platform concerns for ONONDAGA and Submarine Transportation using heavy lift. All members are invited to attend at no charge. (Non members \$10.00) This will take place Thursday, March 5th , 1800 ~ 2030 at the Crowsnest, HMCS Bytown , 98 Lisgar Street, Ottawa. Details of this will be emailed to all members, a notice will be placed on our web page and in the next newsletter.

8. 50/50 draw: Chris Melowsky was drawn. Member not present. Pot = \$22.50

9. Moved by Jim Pfaff, seconded by Peter Heppleston to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Next meeting March 24, 2009

Original signed by:

Bob Wallace
President

George Sullivan
Secretary