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DARTMOUTH N.S.  
1982

FOUNDING MEMBERS

André Desrochers  
Leo Goneau  
Sam Semple  
Michael Walsh  
Stanley F. Watts

André Desrochers

5TH CNDA NATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

August 2, 1997

Ottawa, Ontario

1. Call to Order -        hrs
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
3. Correspondence - In  
                              - Out
4. Reports - President
  - Vice President
  - Public Relations Director
  - Membership Director
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Directors
5. Old Business(A) :        Present Dues Structure
  - (B) :        National Council of Veterans Associations
  - (C) :
  - (D)
  - (E)
  - (F)
  - (G)
  - (H)
6. New Business(A)        DIPPERS DIGEST EDITOR
  - (B)        NATIONAL OFFICE & BANK ACCOUNT
  - (C)        REUNION ATTENDEES LIST - PUBLISH
  - (D)        REUNION PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABILITY
  - (E)        7TH TRIENNIAL REUNION SITE
  - (F)        ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjournment



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HALIFAX, N.S.  
1981

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Glenn Adams P. Eng  
André Desrochers  
Leo Goneau  
Terry Havlik  
Michael Walsh

First President  
Stanley F. Watts

MINUTES OF THE 5TH CNDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2 August 1997

- The meeting was called to order at 0905 Hrs by the National Chairman, Stanley F. Watts at the Ottawa Citadel Hotel & Convention Centre in Ottawa, Ontario. In attendance were:  
André Desrochers(Eastern Chapter)    Norm Herd(Ottawa Chap)    Al McRae(Western Chap)  
Leo Goneau(Eastern Chapter)    Patrick Warner(Ottawa Chap)    Moe Coulombe(Western Chap)  
Stanley F. Watts(Eastern Chapter)    Chuck Rolfe(Ottawa Chap)    Don Deane(Western Chap)  
Gord Weston(Ottawa Chapter)    Wally Green(Ottawa Chap)    Bill Kelly(Western Chap)
- The Minutes of the 4th Board of Directors Meeting held on 10 September 1994 at CFB SHEARWATER Shearwater, Nova Scotia was motioned for acceptance by Al McRae, seconded by Patrick Warner, - Carried.

Correspondence was received from: Kenny Dahms, Moe Coulombe, Freddy Watts, Al McRae, Dave Pilot, Bill Lawrence, National Council of Veterans Associations, Norm Herd, Al Downie, Jim Wallace, US Navy Salvage Divers Reunited, Larry Farr, Bert Drake, US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Association(NEODA), John Ruse, Bob Wigmore, Raymond Stanley, Rick Wood, Tom Sawye and Bill Lukeman.

Correspondence was sent to: Citadel Ottawa Hotel, US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Assn, Dave Pilot, Norm Herd, Bob Wigmore, Larry Farr, US Navy Salvage Divers Reunited, Fred Watts, Stan Stephenson, Shearwater Aviation Museum, Leo Goneau, Al McRae, Moe Coulombe, Paddy Dutton, John Ruse, Scott McDougall, James "Tug" Wilson, George Onley, Jim Wallace, George Thompson and Mickey Hardy.

REPORTS:- The National Chairman, Stanley F. Watts said it was a real pleasure to once again fill this position which he originally held when the Association was formed in 1981, and it was quite interesting to see that CNDA has evolved into a quasi professional fraternal organization - much improved from its early days.

- The Second Vice President, Moe Coulombe stated he receives all correspondence from the National Office in a timely manner, which keeps him informed of current happenings.
- For Public Relations Chuck Rolfe reported that we have ongoing exchanges of Newsletters from/to various Naval Diving related groups and interact with the National Council of Veteran Associations(NCVA), which we are members of.
- Membership, Secretary & Treasurers Report: are all attached. Andy Desrochers motioned for acceptance of the 1997 Financial Report, seconded by Moe Coulombe - Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:(A)The Dues structure and policy to this date are exactly as described in the 3rd Board of Directors meeting of 24 August 1991, Paragraph 4, Item F. The National Secretary/Treasurer, Chuck Rolfe proposed that each Chapter now take over the responsibility of keeping administrative data of their Members, i.e. Name, Address, Phone numbers, issuing membership numbers and plasticized membership cards, to collect Dues and to forward National Dues to the National Office as required. This procedure to come into effect as of this meeting, with Life and Honourary Memberships to be approved by Directors at the CNDA National meetings.

(B)National Council of Veterans Associations: Al McRae stated this is an excellent organization for us to be members of, in that NCVA fights for Veterans Pension benefits as well as social benefits for Veterans and their spouses. Norm Herd and Chuck Rolfe attend NCVA Annual Meetings in Toronto and Norm spoke glowingly of what they accomplish from Department of National Defence as well as the politician in the Federal Government. Al McRae said we should contribute \$100.00 to assist in mailing costs.

- NEW BUSINESS: (A) DIPPERS DIGEST-The Editor, Chuck Rolfe stated that our Newsletter has been the prime method to get information out to our membership, and that it has been universally accepted by all the Divers to be one of the main factors why they belong to CNDA. The Editor has willingly taken on the job of writing, producing and distributing the DIGEST from its inception on 15 April 1990 to the present day. He would now like to change the procedure by sending one master copy to each Chapter, who in turn would reproduce it and send it out to each of their members. This new procedure will commence with the 15 September 1997 issue. Additionally, he is looking to the near future where a volunteer would step forward to become the new Editor of the DIPPERS DIGEST.

(B)The National Office & Bank Account in Ottawa could be taken over in the next few years, when the present Secretary/Treasurer retires after serving for 10 years, therefore other Chapters may look forward to locating a volunteer to fill these positions. The work is minimal and not too time consuming. The present co-signers of the National Bank Account are Patrick Warner & Chuck Rolfe, with only one signature required to draw funds from the Account. This has been found to be the best procedure to cover expenditures that arise from time to time. It should be noted that no funds are ever used to pay any of the Directors costs - they pay their own way! All monies in the Account are used for the members of CNDA.

(C)Reunions Attendees List is attached.

(D)Reunion Photographs were taken on Friday in groupings of WWII Divers, Korean War Divers and all Divers present. The photographer collected \$5.00 per photo requested, and delivered them on Saturday - what a great deal!! Any orders requested after Friday would have to cost \$10.00 since they would be delivered by mail.

(E)The 6th Triennial Reunion will be conducted on the West Coast, hosted by the Western Chapter, who will inform us later of the date its being held. Andy Desrochers & Leo Goneau proposed that future Reunions could be every two years (Biennial), and only held on each Coast, since 9 years between Reunions on each Coast (if one is held between them in Ontario) is considered to be too long. They figure they are losing members without a shorter duration to host Reunions, with travel costs to go to out-of-area Reunions becoming onerous. It was suggested that each Chapter canvas their membership for a solution, but in the meantime, to carry on with Triennial Reunions.

(F)Recruiting New Members MOTION by Patrick Warner, Seconded by Al McRae -  
WHEREAS

The CNDA needs to ensure the future of the Association, and  
Many retired ex-Divers are not members, and  
Most currently serving Divers are not members, and  
CNDA is not strictly for retired Divers, and  
Widows of deceased members should be encouraged to stay in touch, and  
All Naval trained Divers should be encouraged to become, and remain members

BE IT RESOLVED

That 100 new members be recruited and retained by the year 2000 by an Ad Hoc membership recruiting committee, with a mandate of 3 years or on reaching the year 2000 or on reaching the 100 new member target.

A discussion ensued in which each Chapter's Membership Director and the National Chairman should consider forming an Ad Hoc Committee in order to find ways to increase membership - it was considered a figure of 100 per Chapter. Moe Coulombe thought we might draft up a letter to Commanding Officers of ships to recruit their Divers, whereas Tom Kelly believed the best time to recruit members would be at annual BBQ's, Parties, Events, Etc. Al McRae to chair this Committee together with Chapter Directors.

(G)Flash Communication System proposal was put forward by André Desrochers which would allow immediate communication between Chapters of vital news, events, deaths, etc. rather than waiting for this news to become disseminated Quarterly in the DIPPERS DIGEST. There would be one particular person to contact in each Chapter, who would then pass it on verbally to that Chapters' members. Tony Dubois for the Eastern Chapter, Chuck Rolfe for the Ottawa Chapter and Al McRae for the Western Chapter were offered up as the contact person.

(H)Diving Medical Problem Expert. It was thought that should any of our members want to consult a Diving Medical expert for any reason, it might be that one is available through DVA or a Service Officer(in the Legion?). Al McRae thought it could be Dr. Ian Buckingham on the West Coast.

(I)Elections and Appointments. The following were elected or appointed for the next 3 years

Norm Herd - National Chairman	Patrick Warner - Director
André Desrochers - 1st Vice President	Wally Green - Director
Moe Coulombe - 2nd Vice President	Al McRae - Director
Chuck Rolfe - National Secretary/Treasurer	Don Deane - Director
Chuck Rolfe - Editor, DIPPERS DIGEST	Bill Kelly - Director
Fred Watts - Director	Al Downie - Director
	Gord Weston - Director

7. The next meeting will be promulgated at a later date in 2000 by the Western Chapter, who have been allocated to conduct the 6th Reunion in the Victoria, British Columbia area.
8. There being no further business, it was motion by Al McRae, seconded by Patrick Warner that the meeting be adjourned at 1125 hrs - Carried.

Charles V. Rolfe

Secretary

Norman Herd

Chairman

## 1997 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	<u>Total Membership Issued</u>	<u>1996 Members</u>	<u>1997 Members</u>
Eastern Chapter	121 plus 1 Hon. Member	76 plus 5 LM	78 plus 5LM
Western Chapter	124 plus 1 Hon. Member	71 plus 3 HM	58 plus 3HM
Ottawa Chapter	110 plus 1 Life Member	51 plus 1 LM	48 plus 1LM

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The Membership Renewal Form for all whose membership is expiring at the end of year is sent out to the members nationally by the Editor of the DIPPERS DIGEST with the 15 September issue annually. It is imperative that the Chapter Membership Directors forward the up-to-date Membership List to the Editor by the 15th August on an annual basis. Additionally, an up-dated Chapter Membership List must also be received by 15 February in order to add new members and to delete those who have not renewed their membership, and to adjust the DIPPERS DIGEST mailings accordingly.

## 1997 NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

We continue to exchange Newsletters with the USN EOD Association and the USN Salvage Divers Reunited organization. Communications are maintained with all the members of our Association who write to us, as well as those who contact us concerning matters pertaining to the organization. We receive vast amounts of informative material from the National Council of Veterans Associations, being members, and this is forwarded to our National President.

The Secretary edits, prepares and mails over 200 copies of the DIPPERS DIGEST on a Quarterly basis (15 March, 15 June, 15 September & 15 December) to the membership. A small number of each Issue is held at the National Office for anyone requesting a copy of same - the Master Copy is also held there. Unfortunately, we get a few copies of the DIGEST returned in the mail due to people moving, with no information being provided to the National Office of the move. It would be appreciated if our members and/or Chapter Membership Directors would so inform the Secretary of any changes of addresses they know.

## 1997 NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

The Association has been provided with adequate finances from Annual Membership Dues and Saleable Goods to cover the costs of mailing the DIPPERS DIGEST. The costs only entail envelopes and postage stamps. The Directors must now consider the total cost of producing and mailing the DIGEST should the Editor be moving away from the Ottawa area. Three years previously the estimated cost for reproducing 200 copies was approximately \$65.00.

As of December 31, 1996 there was \$2411.47 in our National Account (Plan 24) with the Defence Credit Union. There is now \$2359.74 in this Account to date 31 Jul 97. In our Reunion Chequing/Savings Account there is \$100.60 as of 31 Jul 97.

Over the years we normally have in the range of \$2000.00 in our National Account, which is a healthy situation for the Association.

Last Name	First Name	Spouse	Place	Phone	Reception	Dinner
Baskette	Gerald	Lorna	Eastern Passage, NS	902-465-6817		
Burke	Lloyd	Jean	Fredericton, NB	506-454-6965		
Cole	John	Patricia	Ottawa, ON	613-726-1306		
Coulombe	Moe		Black Creek, BC	250-337-5466		
Cox	Terri		Halifax, NS			
Cubitt	Bill		Victoria, BC	250-478-7961	MRU	MRU
D'Arcy	Darrell		St. Thomas, ON	519-633-3321		MRU
Dahms	Ken		Kitchener, ON	519-742-8698		
Deane	Don		Victoria, BC	250-386-9566		
Desrochers	Andy	Marie	Dartmouth, NS	902-434-5545		
Downie	Bruce		Peterborough, ON	705-741-1034		
Drake	Bert		Thorold, ON	905-227-1934		MRU
Goneau	Leo	Bernice	Halifax, NS	905-443-7081		
Greely	Brian	Pauleen	Oshawa, ON	905-725-1340		
Green	Wally	Roma	Ottawa, ON	613-521-3315		
Hann	Chuck	Doreen	Orleans, ON	613-837-6292		
Haynes	Lou	Jackie	Richmond Hill, ON	905-770-7640		MRU
Herd	Norm	Wendy	Ayr, ON	519-632-8783		
Hill	Peter	Mabel	Smiths Falls, ON	613-283-0821		
Hodgson	John	Mary-Louise	Parksville, BC	250-248-4882		MRU
Hughes	Doug	Vi	Lower Sackville, NS	902-865-3940		
Jean	Charlie	Clare	Stephenville, NF	709-643-4500		
Joys	Tim	Ruth-Ellen Robicheau	North Vancouver, BC	604-241-7815		
Kelly	Tom		Panama City, FL	904-784-0918		
Lariviere	Gilles	Marie-Andree	Vercheres, QC	514-583-6648		
Lawrence	Bill	Elda	Bermuda	441-236-1479		
Matthews	Bill	Pam	Glace Bay, NS	902-842-9114		
McRae	Al		Victoria, BC	250-727-6776		
Melanson	Faye		Sackville, NS	902-865-0470		
Mills	Jim		Beachburg, ON			
Paquin	Joe	Joyce	Wellington, NS	902-861-4395		
Racey	Clem	Bette	White Lake, ON	613-623-3824		
Robinson	George	Charlene Robitaille	North Vancouver, BC	604-980-4666		
Robinson	Bruce		Victoria, BC	250-474-2474		
Rolfe	Charles		Kinburn, ON	613-832-1653		
Ross	Doug	Linda	Sarnia, ON	519-336-4872		
Ruse	John	Miki	Belleville, ON	613-962-8462		
Sawyer	Tom	Laine	Oakville, ON	905-338-8060		
Thompson	Harry	Phyllis	Elliot Lake, ON	705-848-4607		
Warner	Patrick	Naomi	Ottawa, ON	613-725-2981		
Weston	Gordon		Ottawa, ON	613-224-3766		
Wigmore	Robert		Digby, NS	902-245-5696		
Wilkins	Peter	Judith				
Wilson	James	Joyce	North York, ON	416-225-1753		
Zambory	John	Patricia	Calgary, AB	403-252---058		