

**Attendees** (15): John Ratcliffe, Sandy Sutherland, Barry Edgington, Chris Harnett, Beverly Sawchuk, Luc Lafontaine, Andy Fytche, Moira Hollis, Jeff Porter, Murray Hollis, Allen Beattie, Ron Cowalchuk, Debbie Reinhart, Christopher Holloway, Jules Leduc.

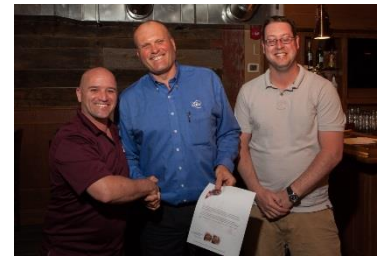
### Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 1905 at our usual space on the lower level of the Clocktower Brew Pub on Bank street and introduced the guest speaker, Terry Irvine.



### Guest Speaker “CPR 694”

Terry delivered an excellent presentation on the discovery of the ill-fated locomotive CPR 694, which hit a rock-slide and vanished into Lake Superior. Terry was part of the team that discovered the engine at a depth of 245 feet.



### Minutes of the previous meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>

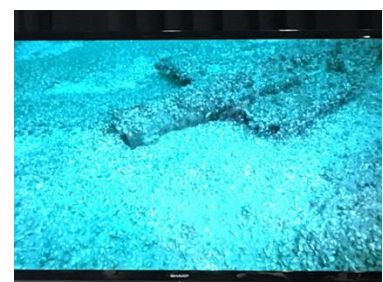
Moved by Barry, seconded by Murray that the minutes be approved. Carried.

### Treasurer’s Report

John reported that our bank account remains healthy with over \$6000.

### Recent events

On 17 April, Nancy Binnie was part of a presentation at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum on search effort and recovery plans for the Avro Arrow test vehicles launched into Lake Ontario around Toronto.



The SOS AGM was held on London Ontario on 21-22 April. Unfortunately, no one from the Ottawa Chapter was able to attend.

## Beyond the Edge ...

Barry kindly brought in a further part of his collection of vintage scuba gear.

Tonight's exhibit included two vintage double hose regulators and a tank valve with a low-pressure "clapper".



## Chapter Elections

John pointed out that the chapter still needs a volunteer to act as Buoy Coordinator. There are lots of volunteers to do the work, but someone has to be the point person. Lots of help is available within the branch from members who have done the job before.

## Buoy Report

John is still looking for another boat to place our buoys this Spring.

In discussion about putting a buoy on the Connie, Luc pointed out that at some time in the past the township had donated \$300 to us for such a buoy.



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## Ottawa Beavers Plaque and Connie Swimline

Greg has poured the base for the plaque. After some discussion on the best way to secure the plaque, it was agreed that we need a report on the state of the radiator plaque to see if the way it was secured is proving durable.

We still need a durable way to protect some metal beams near the wreck from the swimline chain.

## Upcoming Events

- May 19 Seaway Valley Divers Clean-up dive. At the wharf in South Lancaster. See <https://www.seawayvalleydivers.com/schedule>.
- May 25/27 1000 Islands chapter is holding an NAS combined Intro and Part 1 course in Brockville. Contact Tom Scott in Brockville for details.
- Jun 2/3 Doors Open Ottawa will include the Canadian Conservation Institute and the Parks Canada Conservation Centre. See <https://ottawa.ca/en/residents/arts-heritage-and-culture/museums-and-historic-sites/doors-open-ottawa>.

Jun 16      1000 Islands Chapter Cleanup & BBQ.

### **New Business**

Barry reported one of our donation displays had been found minus its donation box and \$5 float. Barry will refurbish.

### **Adjournment**

Moira moved to adjourn at 2100.



