



## Participant Profile Information

All Units and organizations are requested to please provide a brief description of your organization, for possible use in materials and/or publicity.

We would appreciate if you would please include the following points of interest:

- How long your organization has existed;
- Purpose, goals and objectives;
- Size and demographics of membership; and,
- Other information that may be of interest to event attendees.

**Please do not provide information on individuals within your Unit/organization.**

**Please limit this description to a maximum of 100 words.**

The Canadian Naval Divers Association(CNDA) was founded by a group of Royal Canadian Navy Divers in 1981 at Halifax, Nova Scotia. It embodies a total of 355 Members and Associate Members across Canada, who are members of three Chapters(Atlantic, Ottawa & Pacific). CNDA provides a social forum and fraternal organization for all Naval trained Divers, retired or still serving. As such, it promotes social interaction and Triennial Reunions to bring its members together to enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded people who remember their Service careers in the unparalleled world of the Naval Diver. The Association publishes a Quarterly Newsletter, the DIPPERS DIGEST to communicate to its members.



FOUNDED  
HALIFAX, N.S.  
1981

**FOUNDING MEMBERS**

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

First President  
Stanley F. Watts

MINUTES OF THE 8TH CNDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

15 SEPTEMBER 2006

1. The meeting was called to order at 0915 hrs by the National Chairman, Norm Herd at the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Building on Victoria Island, Ottawa, Ontario. Attending were:

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| Norm Herd (CNDA National Chairman)     | Wally Green (Ottawa Chapter)       |
| Chuck Rolfe (CNDA Secretary/Treasurer) | John Cole (Ottawa Chapter)         |
| Don Deane (Western Chapter)            | André Desrochers (Eastern Chapter) |

2. The Minutes of the 7th Board of Directors Meeting held on 20 September 2003 at FDU(A), Shearwater, Nova Scotia was motioned for acceptance by Wally Green, seconded by Don Deane -CARRIED.
3. All correspondence was handled by the Secretary with any requisite copies being sent to the appropriate Directors/Chapters.
4. REPORTS:- The National Chairman, Norm Herd stated that I have had a busy 3 years starting with the break and enter of my then new Van and the theft of a new Pentax Camera. The B&E was \$300.00 deduction on my auto insurance for the Van repair and another \$300.00 deduction on my home owners policy to replace the camera & kit. I only paid \$600.00 for the camera. 2003 was the year that my wife was diagnosed with cancer and the same year and month I hurt my back doing yard clean up getting ready for spring planting. After 18 weeks of chiropractor treatment vice back surgery I was mobile again. But the Doctor never said 'Fit for Work'. My wife had been taking cancer treatment medication(pills)for 3 months now and pills can be taken anywhere so we did our East Coast Divers Reunion and family and friends tour for 2 months seeing as many of them as possible. With the pace we were keeping, Wendy had a reaction to her cancer medication, one that we knew might occur. The solution was reduce the dosage which we did to complete our trip. Back to the Cancer Center in October, told the Doctor what happened, he changed the treatment to IV and pump with another new chemical. After 13 months of war against THE BIG "C" we lost. Wendy passed away 6 July 2004. We had two Memorials, one at Ayr, Ontario the second in her old Church at Joffrey Street, Dartmouth Nova Scotia. Since that time I have devoted more time to CNDA, reading all the information that comes to me from sources like (1) Veterans Affairs, (2) National Council of Veterans Associations, (3) War Amps, (4) Armed Forces Pensioners Association, (5) Federal Superannuates National Association(FSNA), and (6) Legion to name some of them. I look through this material to see WHAT FITS A DIVER??. When I find something that may help and I know who can use that information, I may deal with that individual one-on-one by phone first, and mail second. When I don't have a name to contact, I then do an article for DIPPERS DIGEST. An example was Agent Orange in CFB GAGETOWN and SUFFIELD, Alberta. I do believe we still have Combat Divers in the ARMY still serving or retired who have served there during defoliant testing years. I also have sent/send information packages to people who are burn victims or who are facing amputation due to gangrene. There is a need to spread the word about HYPERBARIC OXYGEN TREATMENT. Toronto General Hospital published an excellent book on these treatments. I reproduce this information at my cost and mail it out because I think I can help by doing this. I do not always have a success story. Paul Franklin, the ARMY M/Cpl Medic still had both legs amputated as a result of injuries from Afghanistan. Chuck Rolfe and I attend the annual Fall Meeting in Toronto of the National Council of Veterans Associations

(NCVA). We are one of 56 Member Organizations under the umbrella of NCVA, who speaks with a voice representing over 500,000 Canadian voters, Veterans and still serving members. When the NCVA Chairman, Cliff Chadderton speaks for us, the Politicians & media listen!! I will continue to do what I do as long as YOU, our members, want me to, or until health does not allow me to continue. My goal, or the light at the end of the tunnel, is the 2010 Centennial of the Navy in Halifax - I'm already saving my coin to do so!

The Secretary/Treasurer, Chuck Rolfe stated that he took over from the previous Sec/Treas. after the last Board of Directors Meeting, 20 September 2003. He has carried on the normal secretarial tasks (telephone calls, letters, information, recruiting new members, etc.) over this period of time, and requested 'YEAR OF THE VETERAN' lapel pins from Veterans Affairs to be disseminated to each Chapter. Chuck prepared a master CNDA INFORMATION STATEMENT which can be utilized by each Chapter to spread the good word of CNDA to anyone requesting same. As of this date, the CNDA National Account #9055946 with ALTERNA SAVINGS CO-OP in Ottawa, Ontario has a sum of \$2279.26 (after the 2006 Reunion it now holds the sum of \$2913.47 from selling CNDA goods), which is well above the proposed minimum of \$1500.00 after which low sum would trigger a request to each Chapter to contribute an assessment per member to top up this Account. CNDA National saleable goods provides an income to the Account, while funds are expended to the DIPPERS DIGEST Editor to prepare the Master Copy (usually in the range of \$80.00 per annum) sent to each Chapter.

5. OLD BUSINESS:-(A) The Membership Fees and Dues section of the CNDA Constitution as put forth by the Secretary/Treasurer in accordance with the decision taken at the 7th Board of Directors Meeting, Article 7, Item (D) to change the CNDA CONSTITUTION; delete Items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of ARTICLE IV, FINANCIAL, Section 3 Membership Fees and Dues. Substitute the following:

Section 3.1 When the National Account falls below the sum of \$1500.00, the National Treasurer shall so inform all National Board of Directors. The Treasurer will then request each Chapter to forward funds assessed per Chapter Member to top up the National Account. In no case should the National Account exceed the sum of \$3000.00.

Section 3.2 Chapters may require their membership to pay Chapter Dues, the amount to be levied is the responsibility of each individual Chapter.

(B) The CNDA CONSTITUTION Articles, as follows, were reviewed and retained as is, or changed as follows:

- (i) Article III, Sec. 4.1 Associate Members. The wording here covers anyone not qualifying as a Regular Member, which would include widows or other family members of a deceased Diver. This is exactly why the Associate Member was included in the Constitution. *DECISION-to remain as is.*
- (ii) Article III, Sec. 9.1 Membership Duration. Chapters are allowed to review and/or cancel membership as stated. *DECISION-to remain as is.*
- (iii) Article IV, Sec. 3.1 National Board of Directors. Since Chapters could change their own Directors every year, it would be up to the Chapter to reappoint people to the National Board of Directors on an annual basis, as stated. Change the word SHALL (meaning mandatory) to SHOULD (meaning permissive) is appropriate. *DECISION-change the word from SHALL to SHOULD in this section.*
- (iv) Article IV, Sec. 4.1 Local Chapters. After a lengthy discussion in which it was stated that both Ottawa and Western Chapters were founded by only a few Charter Members (5 in each Chapter), followed by these five going out to recruit new members from the retired Divers they could locate, the Eastern Chapter stated they firmly believed that any Chapter should only form up when there is a minimum of twenty-five(25) members. Andy Desrochers moved that Article IV, Section 4, Item 4.1 read "Local Chapters may be organized in any area and shall consist of not less than twenty five(25) members. Seconded by John Cole - Carried. *DECISION-change this part as stated.*

- (v) Article V, Sec. 1.1 Chapter Directors. *DECISION-change to read 'The Directors of a Chapter should include a minimum of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (or alternatively a Secretary/Treasurer), Membership Director and may include a Public Relations Director.*
- (vi) Article V, Sec. 3.1 Board of Directors. Since Chapters could change their own Directors every year, it would be up to the Chapter to reappoint people to the National Board of Directors on an annual basis, as stated. Also change the word SHALL(mandatory)to SHOULD(permissive). *DECISION-change SHALL to SHOULD.*
- (vii) Article V, Sec. 4.3 Meetings. Note the word SHOULD(permissive) which means they dont have to hold Quarterly Meetings. *DECISION-leave as is.*
- (viii) Article VI, Sec. 1.3 CNDA National Account. Absolutely stay as is! All National Membership Fees and other monies go only into the National Account. *DECISION-stay as is.*

*NOTE!! A new amended CNDA CONSTITUTION will be set up on a computer disc, with a paper copy sent to each Chapter after each signature is appended. Master disc to be retained by the National Secretary/Treasurer.*

(C) An Important Document Package was prepared by the Chairman, Norm Herd and given to each Chapter President, National Secretary/Treasurer and himself to ensure we are all operating with the same information when we are looking at the overall policy and procedures of the Association. It is requested that this package be turned over to each succeeding President when they take office.

(D) The 2009 CNDA REUNION date rotation to remain as is and will not be changed to coincide with the RCN Centennial in 2010.

(E) The National Membership Numbers for each Chapter are as follows:

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|-----------------|------------|--------|--------------|
| Ottawa Chapter: | 35 Regular | 1 Life |              |
| Eastern Chapter | 99 Regular | 5 Life | 4 Associates |
| Western Chapter | 76 Regular |        |              |

(F) It was resolved that CNDA REUNIONS will be continued Triennially(every 3 years - not Triannually which is 3 times per year!), but will now be held only at each Coast, as put forth by the Eastern Chapter. The reasoning behind this is that if it went East-inland-West, it would be a long 9 years to get it back from what we presently hold, which is too long for people.

6. NEW BUSINESS:-(A) Don Deane to feel out Ross Brand to become the new DIPPERS DIGEST Editor, followed by the CNDA Chairman requesting Ross to officially do so. If Ross is not interested, then each Chapter President and CNDA Chairman to attempt to find a volunteer to become the new Editor.

(B) A permanent NCVA REPRESENTATIVE for contact with NCVA will be Norm Herd, CNDA Chairman for all future dealings with the NCVA President - Cliff Chadderton.

(C) The 2006 Reunion Attendees totaled 88 people, of which 48 were Naval Divers. A list of names will be published in the DIPPERS DIGEST in order for those who purchased the photo to show who was where in the picture.

(D) 2006 Reunion Photographs, one of just the Naval Divers, and one of all participants who were there on Friday's Meet & Greet were taken by our Photographer, John Perrins, 5 Roche Place, Nepean, Ontario K2H 5P8 Phone(613)820-8812. He charged only \$12.00 per photograph, each of which was endorsed with an excellent gold logo. A copy of the Naval Divers photo together with the identity of each Naval Diver will be published in the DIPPERS DIGEST.

(E) The Elections and Appointments of Norm Herd as CNDA President and Chuck Rolfe as the National Secretary/Treasurer were unanimously approved.

(F) A blank Standard Computer Communication List Format with suggested headings being: Names, Spouses Name, Chapter Number, Address, City & Province, Postal Code, Home Phone, and E-mail address was requested by the National Chairman, based on Andy Desrochers set up, so that all Chapters work with the same format to fill in the data for their members. As per the 2003 Board of Directors Meeting, Item 5(C) of the Minutes, the completed Chapters Membership Lists should be forwarded to the CNDA National Office - Chuck Rolfe, for retention. Andy Desrochers agreed to prepare this Standard Format in conjunction with Norm Herd.

7. The 2009 CNDA Reunion will be held by the Western Chapter with an approximate date being September 2009, at which time the next Board of Directors will convene.
8. There being no further business, it was motioned by Don Deane, seconded by John Cole that the meeting be adjourned at 1110 hrs. - Carried.

Chuck Rolfe

Secretary

Norman Herd

Chairman