



Veterans' Association
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Prince Edward Island Division



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MINUTES – September 18, 2018

Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Adoption of Agenda

The chair called for additions to or deletions from the agenda and none were received from the floor so the agenda was adopted as circulated.

Last Post

Attendees paid respect to the former members of the Force who died since our last meeting whose details were provided to the membership in advance of the meeting with special recognition being accorded to Reg. No. 23834 Sgt. Granville Ronald MacLellan, Reg. No. 14428 Cst. Charles Garry Ockenden, Reg. No. 36280 Cpl. Donald P.S. Dingnan, and Reg. No. 21487 S/Sgt. Ian William Oland who served in "L" Division and Reg. No. 27900 Lloyd W.J. Osborne who was engaged in Souris, PEI. The president also noted the recent passing of MWO Steve Dornan, CD, son of life member Ed Dornan.

Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Ron Allan, Robert Campbell, Wayne Carver, Walter Charlesworth, Brad Chugg, Dave Corrigan, Damien Dunsford, Stan Ferguson, Fred Foster, Ian Gemmell, Royce Greene, Scott Lundrigan, Fred Lynch, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Don MacGregor, Lorne MacKinnon, Gary McLeod, Bob Moffatt, Mike Murphy, Bob Nahrgang, Mike O'Neil, Phil Pitts, Tom Ralph, Randy Robar, Llew Robinson, Paul Saulnier, Wayne Schleyer, Peter Sorensen, Paul Stetson, Richard Thibault, Geoff Tucker, and Brian Weldon. Regrets were received from: Ian Beer, Ruby Burns, Ken Cormier, George Cumming, Frank Dolan, John Dunne, Jennifer Ebert, Scott Ferris, Fraser Inman, Jack Jans, Paul MacDougald, Bob McCann, and Hank Pollard.

Birthdays for April and May

Birthdays for July: John Dunne, Kim Hendricken, Dave MacAdam, Bill Monteith, Ed Pretty, Richard Thibault, and Dene Williamson. August: Aletha MacDonald, Lorne MacKinnon, Ray McCormack, Bob Moffatt, Hugh Rankin, Chuck Snow, and Jerry Woolfrey. September: Ken Cormier, Colin Craig, Damien Dunsford, Basil MacKay, Wendell Murchison, Hank Pollard, and Geoff Tucker.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The secretary moved, seconded by Llew Robinson, that the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

Financial Statements

The treasurer circulated a copy of the Division's income statement for the current fiscal year which shows revenues of \$6,613.35 and expenses of \$4,185.97 which generated an operating surplus of \$2,427.38 to date. The treasurer also provided a summary of the sources and uses of funds and reported a current balance of \$11,697.52. The treasurer moved, seconded by Bob Moffatt, that the statement be approved as circulated. CARRIED

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

Survey on Executive Succession Planning: Past President Peter Sorensen reported that four executive positions and two county directors' positions expire in November 2018 and most of the incumbents are willing to serve another term and he has potential candidates for the other vacancies.

Correspondence

The following non-routine correspondence has been sent to the membership:

- PEI MFRC golf tournament information forwarded on behalf of S/S/M Pollard on June 8, 2018
- Information on hearing loss eligibility requirements forwarded at request of Sgt. Hendricken on July 9, 2018
- Information on retired member ID cards sent at request of Catherine Nicholson on July 9, 2018
- Military Family Resource Centre monthly news forwarded July 26, 2018
- Poster for Anderson House variety concert forwarded at request of George Cumming on July 31, 2018
- Commissioner's message on internment of Italian Canadians forwarded on behalf of CO of "L" Division on August 3, 2018
- Manitoba Division position on volunteering for tasks forwarded at request of president on August 3, 2018
- Information on Public Service Field Security Investigators forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on August 9, 2018.
- Regimental funeral details for Fredericton Police forwarded on behalf of Supt. Mac Richards on August 15, 2018
- Poster for 10th Annual Mi'kmaq Golf Tournament forwarded on behalf of the CO on August 27, 2018

- Message and attachments about “L” Division ERT forwarded on behalf of the CO on August 28, 2018
- Message about VAC LifeSpeak forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on August 31, 2018
- Support & Advocacy Workshop poster forwarded on behalf of Nova Scotia Division on September 5, 2018

New Business

County Reports: Kings County Director Richard MacAulay reported that there are no issues in Kings County. Queens County Director Wayne Schleyer reported that there are no issues in Queens County but took the opportunity to commend the members for the great attendance at Ian Oland’s funeral and extended special thanks to Llew Robinson and Fred Foster for their care for Ian during the latter years of his illness. Ron Allan reported that there were no issues on Prince County and informed the membership of the lunch that is scheduled for noon on October 16, 2018 at the Silver Fox Club in Summerside. The venue will provide a special menu for the event and the secretary will distribute it to the membership when it becomes available.

Police and Peace Officers Memorial Service: The president reported that he was initially very disappointed with the response to his message requesting attendees for the event but he now has commitments from 29 RCMP veterans, 12 from the Atlantic Police Academy, 12 from Summerside PD, 2 from Kensington PD, 1 each from Parks Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and 6 from “L” Division. He has not yet heard from Charlottetown PD. The Lieutenant Governor, the local MLA, the Minister of Justice, and the Mayor of Summerside are also attending. Most of the roles have been assigned and the order of service is the same as past services. We are having some wreath hangers manufactured and they will be paid for by the police forces. Indications are that the available revenues will cover anticipated expenses with a small surplus.

Record of Service Cards: There is a national initiative to issue record of service cards to those interested in having a card to identify themselves as veterans. The intent is to use file copies of digital photographs of those former members who have been photographed for building passes and to have only a “V” in the space for photos on the cards for persons who do not have such a photo on file. Catherine Nicholson of “L” Division, with the support of the CO of “L” Division, offered to take suitable photos for inclusion on the cards requested by former members now residing on PEI but received a negative response from RCMP Headquarters. The initial decision was made by the former Chief Human Resources Officer and the current CHRO declined to alter the decision. Ruby Burns recently discussed the issue with Commissioner Lucki personally who declined to make an exception for PEI in what is a national initiative.

Volunteers for DRE Course: The Director of the Atlantic Police Academy requested volunteer drinkers for a Drug Recognition Expert course for “H” Division personnel on September 21 and 26. Anyone interested in assisting is asked to respond directly to the

persons identified in the e-mail on the subject sent to the membership on September 18, 2018.

Entertainment Committee: Phil Pitts reported that there was a great turnout to the lobster dinner and it almost broke even financially. The turnout for the golf tournament was disappointing and consideration is being given to combining it with the "L" Division golf tournament next year.

Gravesite Inspection Committee: Damien Dunsford reported that the 2018 inspections have been completed by five inspectors with 123 grave sites in 54 graveyards being inspected. Four new grave sites were photographed and the GPS coordinates logged on the Division website. Five headstones in Queens County were identified as being in need of cleaning with all the other headstones being in good condition in well-maintained grounds.

Military Family Resource Centre: Richard Thibault reported that services, such as bridge passes and gas cards, are available to RCMP families who require off-Island medical treatment. The MFRC might not be able to assist in some cases but they will assist in locating an entity that can help. If you think you qualify for such assistance, call or visit the MFRC at HMCS Queen Charlotte.

Ted Whelan Memorial Award: The president asked that all nominations for the 2018 edition of the award be forwarded to the chair of the selection committee, Randy Robar, by October 31, 2018.

North Shore Community Centre Fundraiser: Llew Robinson reported that former 'Singing Mountie' and lead singer for the Blue Crystals, Andy Arsenault, has volunteered his talents to a fundraiser in aid of North Shore youth at the North Shore Community Centre on West Covehead Road, York, on October 20, 2018. Tickets are only \$10.00 per person and can be reserved by contacting Llew at: 902-368-2074, or lew.val@eastlink.ca.

Chaplains Relocating: Brad Chugg reported that he and Cynthia have purchased a home in New Brunswick and have their home in Stratford, PEI for sale. The president thanked Brad and Cynthia for their service to the PEI Division as chaplains.

50/50 Draw: Mike O'Neil won \$47.00.

Adjournment

At 8:05 PM Brian Weldon moved, seconded by Damien Dunsford, that the meeting be adjourned until November 20, 2018.

Ernie MacAulay – Secretary