



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Veterans' Association
PEI Division



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Minutes of the Meeting (November 19th., 2019)

Welcome & Introduction

Following a brief reception, the President called the May Meeting of the RCMPVA (PEI) to order. Members and guests were welcomed. Special mention made to welcome retired member Brent Dooks, who recently relocated to Prince Edward Island.

The Following members were in attendance:

Mike O'Neil, Fred Foster, Lew Robinson, , Dave Corrigan, Peter Sorensen, Ben MacConnell, Damion Dunsford, Reg Campbell, Ed Gillis, Don MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Ernie MacAulay, Gary McLeod, Anne O'Shaughnessy, Phil Pitts, Ian Beer, Ruby Burns, Robert Campbell, Ken Cormier, Stan Ferguson, Scott Ferris, Paul MacDougald, Don MacGregor, Randy Robar, Wayne Schleyer, Derek Smith, Bryon Sutcliffe.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda as circulated was adopted.

Last Post

The membership offered a moment of silence for those who had passed since our November Meeting, in particular former "L" Division members: Regimental #25933, Cal Davis, Regimental #28326, Dave Anthony, Regimental #27335, Jack Doyle and Regimental #17166, Roy Haines. Retired S/Sgt. Bob McIntee, Claire Dyke and Rita Cox, spouses of deceased members Jim Cox and Clayton Dyke.

Birthdays

Born in October

Bryon Sutcliffe, Llew Robinson, Kevin McNeil, Ben MacConnell, Beverly Fraser-Chisholm, John Potter, Gary McLeod, Bill Gillespie, Jeanette Doucette.

Borne in November

Evan Courtney, Wayne Carver, Stan Ferguson, Wayne Schleyer, Bill Dickie, Don MacGregor, Anne O'Shaughnessy.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 2019-09-17 had been circulated by email and posted on our web site. It was moved and seconded that minutes be adopted as posted, all present were in favour. Minutes adopted and retained on file.



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Financial Statements

Fred Foster gave an update on current state of finances, including; an update on dues and monies collected.

Fred gave an update on the budget proposal for the year 2020 which is the same as last year. It was moved the budget be adopted for 2020, 2nd by Randy Robar. All members present voted in favour, new budget was adopted for 2020.

It was moved that the income statement be accepted, 2nd. By Scott Ferris, all present voted to accept.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Previously, Dene Williamson mentioned having a presentation in the future on the Benefit Trust Fund. As of this meeting, there has been no action to find a speaker on this topic. It was suggested by Ruby Burns to try **Ian Aikens**. Lew Robinson agreed to contact Ian and see what can be arranged.

Correspondence

Most correspondence received was electronic which was all circulated to the membership as it was received.

New Business

Reports from County Representatives:

Kings County

Richard MacAulay indicated nothing new to report.

Queens County

Wayne Schleyer indicated nothing new to report. Phil Pitts advised that Kay Lidstone, a former member of "L" Division suffered a severe stroke and is in hospital in Halifax.

Prince County

Ron Allan will step down as county representative, being replaced by Scott Lundrigan.



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Entertainment Committee

Phil Pitts advised the Christmas Social will be on Dec. 10th. At the North River Fire Hall, cost \$25.00 a person. Further information will be disseminated electronically to all membership.

Membership & Credentials Committee

Ernie MacAulay advised two new members to the association, former A/Cst. John Potter and retired member George Wright

Advocacy Committee

Ruby Burns recently attended a session with all Division Advocates in Regina. The process is in effect and functioning well. Advocacy groups are becoming active. If anyone needs or knows of members who need support or help, **contact Division Advocate, Scott Ferris.**

Break for Lunch During lunch break, Fred Foster won the 50/50 draw

Presentation

Major Ian Sweet, Ret'd, the new CEO for The Corps of Commissionaires Atlantic Region, made a presentation on the new structure, and expanded scope of tasks now performed by the Corps of Commissionaires. Employment opportunities available if desired. Two days after the meeting, Major Sweet provided a copy of this presentation which was disseminated to our membership electronically.

Gravesite Inspection Committee

Annual report submitted to "L" Division Administration. Payment in process.

The Ted Whelan Annual Award

The award committee, Lew Robinson, Ian Beer and Walter Charlesworth, have forwarded their recommendation to the president. The award will be announced at the upcoming Christmas Dinner, December 10th..



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Military Family Resource Centre

Information was presented to those present regarding the invitation made by The Military Family Resource Center for complimentary tickets to the upcoming Johnny Reid Christmas Concert. Randy Robar took this opportunity to comment on the value of the MRFC and the great work they do for military and RCMP families.

Annual Police/Peace Officers Memorial Service:

Mike O'Neil thanked the members of our association for their support this year and advised this year's service was a tremendous success, well supported by all police services in the province and by members of our association. Regarding finances, we have a surplus balance of \$2,778.11 which is identified for this function and held in reserve for future events.

Association Strategic Initiatives

Mike O'Neill gave an overview of the Veterans Association Strategic Initiatives, some highlights are; new focus on membership growth and types of memberships available, increased advocacy, new governance manual, clarification of responsibilities, general meeting format review, ombudsman established and focus on keeping organization healthy and relevant

Nomination Committee

Peter Sorenson gave a report, Lew Robinson will stand for secretary, and 2nd. Vice President, **Scott Ferris**. **Scott Lundrigan will stand for Prince County representative**, . Peter moved the nominations for the positions, 2nd. By Phil Pitts, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Food Bank

Robert Campbell made a short plea on behalf of the Food Bank for volunteers. Volunteers needed to help Monday to Friday, 9:00am to noon. Belmont St., Charlottetown. Contact 902-892-7092 (Mike Macdonald)

Damion Dunsford moved adjournment. Meeting adjourned.

Adjournment to Next Regular Meeting (January 21st, 2020)