

Veterans' Association
PEI Division



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## Minutes of the Virtual Meeting (May 19<sup>th</sup>., 2020)

#### Welcome & Introduction

Due to Covid-19, the regular March meeting of the "L" Division Veterans Association was cancelled. A virtual meeting facilitated by ZOOM was scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>. 2020. Following members log-in on line, the President called the May meeting of the RCMPVA (PEI) to order. Members and guests were welcomed.

There were 19 members/associate members present; Mike O'Neil, Scott Ferris, Lew Robinson, Fred Foster, Richard MacAulay, Ernie MacAulay, Richard Thibault, Peter Sorensen, Gord Coffin, Don MacAulay, Ian Gemmell, Jerry Woolfrey, Mike Murphy, Bob Vokey, Lorne MacKinnon, Paul Stetson, Stan Ferguson, Geoff Tucker and Bill Gillespie.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda as circulated was accepted by those in attendance.

#### **Last Post**

The membership offered a moment of silence for those who had passed since our January Meeting, in particular former "L" Division members and those associated with the Association.

- a. Regimental #29907 / O.1644 Supt. J.C. "Jerry" Gerald Doucette
- b. Regimental #18487 Sgt. William Herbert Smith
- c. Regimental # A/Cst. Paul Edward Batchilder
- d. Pamela Sorensen, spouse of Peter Sorenson
- e. Joan Rankin, spouse of Hugh Rankin
- f. Regimental #24167 / O.1230 A/Com. Lowell Thomas Born in Crapaud
- g. Regimental #45161 Cst. Heidi Stevenson/Burkholder (died on duty Atlantic Canada)

#### **Birthdays**

<u>February</u> One leap year baby, "Richard MacAulay", Mel Anderson, Ian Beer, Peter Sorensen, Paul Stetson, Randy Robar, Mike O'Neil, Addison Coffin, Paul MacDougald, Gordie Coffin and Don MacAulay.



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<u>March</u> Paul Saulnier, Bob Harris, Jim Delaney, Brian Weldon, David Aitken, Ernie Maidment, Ruby burns, Phil Pitts, Al roach, Harold Hodgin, George Wright and Dana Hart.

<u>April</u> Ed Doran, Dave Corrigan, Fred Foster, Ian Gemmill, Robert Campbell, Ed Gillis, Derek Smith.

<u>May</u> Dave Power, Fred Lynch, Heather Oland, Bob Nahrgang, George Cumming, Tom Ralph, Fraser Inman, Bob Thorne, Errol Thompson, Dawna constable, Patsy Mahar, Reg Campbell, Scott Lundrigan and Brent Dooks

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 2020-01-21 had been circulated by email and posted on our web site. It was moved by L. Robinson that minutes be adopted as posted, all present were in favour. Minutes adopted and retained on our web site and association e-file.

#### **Financial Statement**

Fred Foster presented a financial update for the months January 2020 through to May 2020. A copy of the monthly recaps had been distributed with the previous months' minutes to our membership prior to our meeting. Motion for approval by F. Foster, all members present voted in favour of acceptance for the monthly update financial statement.

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Regarding previous discussions of a presentation on the Benefit Trust fund. L. Robinson updated those present. Nothing new was presented, there is little information available and those present agreed that it was not financially worthwhile to spend upwards of \$350.00 to bring a speaker to a meeting regarding this topic.

#### Correspondence

Most correspondence received was electronic which was all circulated to the membership as it was received. There was no further correspondence received to be disclosed.



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## **New Business:**

## **Reports from County Representatives**

## **Kings County**

Nothing to report new to report.

## **Queens County**

Fred Lynch is in the Beach Grove nursing home regularly visited by Ian Beer. Luncheon hosted by Wayne at the Top of the Park restaurant February 19<sup>th</sup>., was well attended and appreciated by those present.

## **Prince County**

Nothing to report

## **Entertainment Committee**

Due to COVID-19, all events will be suspended pending Provincial guidelines provided by Dr. Morrison.

## **Gravesite Inspection Committee**

Nothing new to report

## **Membership & Credentials Committee**

Ernie MacAulay advised one new member to the association, retired member Brent Dooks.

## **Advocacy Committee**

Scott Ferris, nothing new to report.



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## Military Family Resource Center

Nothing new to report. All correspondence regarding The MFRC was forwarded electronically as received.

## Life Membership

President Mike O'Neil gave an overview of the ceremony at the Silverwood Villa for Bob Nahrgang. There was a substantial representation of members present and President Mike presented Bob a Life Membership Certificate to the Veterans Association. Bob's family were present. Coffee and baked goods were served compliments of the Villa staff. Photographs taken have been forwarded electronically to all.





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#### **Request for Funding**

Recently the RCMP Veterans Association in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, made a challenge, "The Golden Horseshoe Challenge" to the various RCMP Division Veteran's Associations to contribute to local food banks. Lew Robinson had made a request for a \$3,000.00 donation from our association be made to support local food banks. After discussion, the amount was amended to \$4,000.00. A vote was taken and all 18 voting members present voted in favour of the donation. A cheque for \$4,000.00 will be presented to The Upper Room Food Bank.

#### **Associate Membership**

Lew Robinson will prepare a welcoming memo to be provided to all new association members and associate members to facilitate knowledge of the association and the local processes.

#### **Association Financial Assets**

No information at this time regarding Randy Robar's suggestion to have a committee to review our financial assets in relation to some worthwhile disbursement of some of the funds. Disbursements should be; of benefit to members of our organization. This matter to be followed up on going forward.

#### **Service Bars Presented**

February 19<sup>th</sup>., at the Top of the Park Luncheon, Paul Saulnier – 25 years, luncheon February 29<sup>th</sup>., at Silverwood Villa, Robert Nahrgang - 20 years and Life Membership

#### **New Member Induction**

Nil

Zoom Meeting ended abruptly, therefore meeting was prematurely adjourned.

<u>Adjournment, (Next meeting to be determined pending pandemic guidelines. 2020)</u>