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**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting (Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020)**

**Welcome & Introduction**

Due to Covid-19, the regular face to face September meeting of the "L" Division Veterans Association was cancelled. A virtual meeting facilitated by ZOOM was held on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. 2020. Following members log-in on line, the President called the November meeting of the RCMPVA (PEI) to order. Members and guests were welcomed.

There were 11 members, 0 associate members present; Mike O'Neil, Lew Robinson, Fred Foster, Ernie MacAulay, Stan Ferguson, Richard MacAulay, Scott Ferris, Ruby Burns, Harold Hodgins, Peter Sorensen and Rob MacDougall.

**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 September meeting, in particular former "L" Division members and those associated with the Association.

Regimental #17415 Cst. Basil Earl MacKay  
Regimental #18487 Sgt. William Herbert Smith  
Regimental #24534 Cpl. Dennis Merton Ferguson  
Regimental #24534 Sgt. John Henry Fasquel

**Birthdays**

**September** Basil MacKay, Damien Dunsford, Geoff Tucker, Ken Cormier, Wendell Murchison, Hank Pollard.

**October** Bryon Sutcliffe, Kevin McNeil, Ben MacConnell, Beverly Fraser-Chisholm, Lew Robinson, John Potter, Gary McLeod, Bill Gillespie, Jeannette Gallant

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



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### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting, virtual Zoom held on 2020-09-17 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 September through November 2020. Fred indicated that 100% of 2020 annual dues have been paid. A copy of the monthly recaps had been distributed electronically and discussed. 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**

There was no business arising from the minutes. As of this meeting there has been no update received from Randy Robar regarding a finance plan for possible expenditure of a portion of funds on hand. Regarding future meeting, due to the COVID-19 situation, the venue for future meetings will be decided prior to the meeting date and decisions made will be in accordance with the provincial COVID-19 guidelines and current situation regarding the pandemic.

### **Correspondence**

There was no other correspondence other than what was electronically circulated to the membership when received.

### **New Business:**

### **Reports from County Representatives**

#### **Kings County**

Nothing new to report.

#### **Queens County**

Nothing new to report.



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**Prince County**

Nothing to report. The October luncheon was cancelled due to COVID-91 restrictions.

**Entertainment Committee**

Phil Pitts advised, the annual Christmas Party will proceed. President Mike O'Neil advised that Johnson Insurance. Generously contributed \$150.00 to the Christmas Party initiative.

**Gravesite Inspection Committee**

One grave was reported in need of maintenance, information on this has been forwarded for attention. President Mike O'Neil gave a big thank you to the members serving on the Gravesite Committee for the great work they do in this regard.

**Membership & Credentials Committee**

Ernie MacAulay advised we have two new members, Robert MacDougall and Derek Affleck and two new associate members, Joan Graham and Karen McIntee. The reach out to spouses of deceased members continues. Spouses of deceased members prior to June 2014 are grandfathered for associate membership, those after this date need to apply. Data base has been updated accordingly.

**Advocacy Committee**

Ruby Burns gave brief update, expressed positive aspect of advocacy program.

**Military Family Resource Center**

Nothing new to report. It was confirmed that MFRC support for out of province medical treatments was still operational and if member or any of member's family require out of province care the MFRC would provide them with a Bridge Pass and a \$50.00 gift card. All correspondence regarding The MFRC was forwarded electronically to all when received.

**Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service**

President Mike O'Neil gave update on the Memorial Service which took place on September 27<sup>th</sup>., at the Peace Officers memorial fountain in Charlottetown. Due to COVID-19 the service was by invitation. Although short, the service was appropriate and conducted in an appropriate manner being respectful of those on the Honor Roll.



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**The William “Ted” Whelan Memorial Award**

Lew Robinson advised that the committee had convened, reviewed three nominations and have forwarded information regarding the recommended recipient to the President.

**Election of Officers**

Peter Sorensen advised on the results of the selection of candidates for vacant positions on the executive of the PEI RCMP Veterans association. President Mike O’Neil will step down after 10 years in the position

Position of President - Peter Sorensen nominated Scott Ferris. Seconded by Lew Robinson, all present voted in favour.

Position of Treasurer – Fred Foster will stand for another term.

Position of 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President – No candidates at this time.

President Mike O’Neil recognized Peter Sorensen’s efforts as Past President and his 19 years of commitment to the RCMP Veterans Association.,

**Presentation of Service Pins**

Due to COVID-19, no service bars were presented during this period.

**New Member Induction**

Nil

**Additional Discussion:**

Ruby Burns advised of Sgt. Kim Hendricken’s pending retirement from the Force and her move to the National Police Service on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ruby Burns also gave an update on the Pillars of the Force initiative and Grand Opening on September 20<sup>th</sup>., 2020. Ruby noted that the RCMPVA(PEI) had not purchased a brick for the Pillars of the Force initiative. Ruby indicated that she had enquired with “B”, “H”, “J” and “L” Divisions some time ago as to why they had not purchased same and suggested they consider possibly doing so. Apparently, “J” and “B” Divisions had already complied with her suggestion, but she was not sure if “H” Division had done so. President O’Neil noted that this had already been discussed at a prior



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meeting and the membership decided against purchasing a brick. Stan Ferguson and Peter Sorensen gave comments in support of this proposal. Ruby Burns made a motion for the RCMPVA(PEI) to purchase a brick for \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Peter Sorensen.

Before going to a vote, President Mike O'Neil made an amendment to the motion to Read, "The PEI Division purchase a \$500.00 brick for the Pillars of the Force, following discussion and approval by the Executive and full Membership of the RCMPVA(PEI)." The motion was seconded by Lew Robinson and all present voted in favour.

Several attendees experienced issues with the sound quality. Zoom meeting was adjourned. Zoom issues to be kept in mind for future Zoom meetings.

*Adjournment, (Next meeting for January November 19<sup>th</sup>. , venue to be determined pending pandemic guidelines. 2020)*