



Veterans' Association
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Prince Edward Island Division



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MINUTES – March 26, 2013

Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Ian Beer, Fred Foster, Spud Gallant, Royce Greene, Fred Lynch, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Aletha MacDonald, Don MacGregor, Bob McCann, Bob Nahrgang, Mike O'Neil, Phil Pitts, Ed Pretty, Tom Ralph, Randy Robar, Lee Sudsbury, Sam Tibbo, Geoff Tucker, and Brian Weldon.

Regrets were received from: Thane Bell, Ruby Burns, Jim Cairns, Bob Campbell, Wayne Carver, Dawna Constable, Ken Cormier, George Cumming, Jim Delaney, Bush Dumville, Damien Dunsford, Ian Gemmill, Harold Hodgins, Kelly MacCallum, Paul MacDougald, Lorne MacKinnon, Dan MacLean, Bob Moffatt, Steve Parsons, Dave Power, Al Roach, Paul Saulnier, Peter Sorensen, Paul Stetson, Bryon Sutcliffe, and Bob Vokey.

Adoption of Agenda

The membership adopted the agenda as circulated prior to the meeting.

Last Post

The members in attendance observed a moment of silence for the former members who died since our last meeting with particular reference to Reg. No. 19643 Rtd. S/Sgt. James Fisher Smith, a member of the PEI Division, who died in Charlottetown on January 31, 2013. The secretary provided a list of those who died since our last meeting electronically prior to the meeting and by hard copy to anyone at the meeting who did not receive an electronic copy.

March Birthdays

The president expressed birthday wishes to the following members whose birthdays occur in March: Dave Aitken, Harold Avery, Wayne Burke, Ruby Burns, Jim Delaney, Harold Hodgins, Dan MacDonald, Phil Pitts, Al Roach, Paul Saulnier, and Brian Weldon.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Fred Foster moved, seconded by Phil Pitts, that the minutes of the November 20, 2012 and January 15, 2013 meetings be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

Financial Statements

The treasurer reviewed a consolidated statement of the 2012 operating results as well as a statement of revenue by category and a statement of expenses by category for 2012 which had been distributed electronically in advance of the meeting. The treasurer reported that a chartered accountant, who is employed as a financial analyst by "L" Division, has reviewed the financial records and has certified that the statements accurately reflect the operating results of the PEI Division and that the records adhere to generally accepted accounting principles. The treasurer also briefly reviewed the current fiscal period but did not provide a written statement. The treasurer moved, seconded by Royce Greene, that the financial statements be adopted as circulated.

Business Arising From the Previous Minutes

- Collection of Outstanding Dues
The president noted the ongoing effort to identify the correct roster of the various categories of membership and pointed out that the National Office is compiling a comprehensive membership list for the entire association which will eventually be used to invoice Divisions for the per capita and the insurance assessments. He also noted that there is a resolution before the 2013 Annual General Meeting that, if passed, would increase the per capita assessment from \$22.00 to \$32.00. The treasurer reported that in recent years we have been averaging approximately 49 dues-paying members per year although we have been somewhat lax in our collection efforts. There was a consensus that the executive develop a policy on the collection of dues and that members who do not positively respond to notifications of dues owing be terminated from the roll of active members. Secretary's note: Since we no longer have monthly business meetings which would provide an opportunity to remit your annual dues, anyone who has not paid their 2013 dues or is in arrears for previous years, please remit payment of \$40.00 per year to our treasurer at; Rice Point, PO Box 545, Cornwall, PEI, C0A 1H0. You can ascertain your status by e-mailing the treasurer at lanjille@bellaliant.net
- Entertainment Committee
Phil Pitts reported that the lobster dinner is scheduled for June 11, 2013 at the Afton Hall in New Dominion. The exact cost is not yet known because the price of lobster has not been set but the caterer estimates the cost will be in the \$30.00 per person range with a choice of steak or lobster. The committee will provide further information when it becomes known. Phil also reported that the golf tournament is tentatively scheduled for July 9, 2013 and will likely be held at Countryview Golf Club in Fairview. Peter Sorensen provided a written report about the Summerside Storm basketball event that was scheduled for February 18 but had to be rescheduled because of a snow storm. There were 46 seats booked for the original date and the committee provided three alternate dates at

the same prices. Six members and guests attended on March 5, two members attended on March 8, and 26 members and guests attended on March 10. The Storm won all three games and the public address announcer acknowledged the attendance of RCMP veterans at all three games. Phil proposed a vote of thanks to Peter Sorensen for his efforts in organizing these events which was unanimously supported by those in attendance.

- 2017 AGM Oversight Committee
No report

- Membership Committee

Phil Pitts reported that he distributed an e-mail asking the membership to identify potential new members of the PEI Division and he continues to encourage the identification of potential members who the committee can contact to invite them to join. He noted that there has been additional information on the benefits of membership added to our Web site. There was one new member present at the meeting and the secretary reported that, as a result of Marshall MacKinnon's efforts, he had mailed two applications to potential members of the Division and one application has been received and accepted but our new member, Colin Craig, was unable to attend the March meeting.

Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received since the November meeting and has been distributed electronically:

- Letter, dated January 1, 2013, from National Secretary regarding the appointment of a Nominating Committee for 2013 National Executive distributed on January 2, 2013
- Correspondence between S/S/M Gary Latour to C/S/M/ Mike Côté with copy of the CO on "H" Division's communique in support of RCMP Veterans' Association membership distributed on January 16, 2013
- Photos of broach and jewel box for the 'Unpaid Second Man' award distributed on January 29, 2013
- RCMP Gender and Respect Action Plan distributed on February 15, 2013
- Preliminary update on the agenda for the 2013 AGM distributed on February 20, 2013
- A guide for the new legislative framework for the Association prepared by the Canada-not-for-Profit Committee was distributed on February 20, 2013
- A letter, dated February 12, 2013, from the President of the 2013 AGM was distributed on March 7, 2013

New Business

1. Reports From County Representatives

Kings County Representative – Richard MacAulay reported that there are no health issues in that area.

Queens County Representative – Geoff Tucker reported that Andy Northcott's health remains unchanged. The secretary reviewed the update on Steve Parsons that Judy provided before the meeting and which was distributed electronically. Steve has been in Halifax since February 10 and has undergone massive chemotherapy treatments and a stem cell replacement procedure. He also developed pneumonia while an out-patient and had to be re-hospitalized. He has been an out-patient for the past two weeks receiving fluids intravenously and having blood tests daily. He has been cleared to return to PEI on March 27 and he is hoping to return to a near normal lifestyle. His family thanked our membership for their thoughts and prayers during Steve's illness.

Prince County Representative – Royce Greene reported that Burch Singer has decided not to take any further chemotherapy treatments and seems to be doing OK. Royce also reported that his wife has been assessed and placed on a waiting list for admission to a manor with an estimated wait time of six months.

2. 2013 AGM in Saskatoon

The membership appointed the secretary as their proxy for the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the RCMP Veterans' Association on June 1, 2013 in Saskatoon. With respect to Resolution # 1 (which proposes amendments to the life membership criteria) there was a strong consensus that it should be divisions, not the national president, who appoint life members using division criteria. There was also strong opposition to the proposal that divisions remit per capita assessments to National Office for life members. The membership voted unanimously to oppose this resolution at the AGM. The members also unanimously opposed Resolution # 2 which proposes an increase in the per capita assessment from \$22.00 to \$32.00. Members expressed concern about the lack of demonstrated value to the membership of some of the activities of the National Office. There was also concern expressed that there was no apparent examination of possible cost-saving initiatives in National Office before resorting to an increased levy. The membership of the PEI Division support Resolution # 3 which extends voting privileges to associate members which has been the practice of the PEI Division.

3. National Advocacy Program

The president called for volunteers who are prepared to be the PEI Division's representative in the National Advocacy Program and there were no volunteers from those in attendance. The secretary reported that Ruby Burns, who was unable to be in attendance at the meeting, had volunteered to serve as the PEI Division's advocate and he nominated her for the position. Bob Nahrgang seconded the nomination and it was carried unanimously.

4. Dates and Locations of Future Meetings

Richard MacAulay reported that he has made arrangements for a lunch meeting of all categories of membership and their spouses on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at noon at the Sheltered Harbour Café, 41 Breakwater Street, Souris. The guest speaker will be the Watershed Coordinator of the PEI Wildlife Federation.

The next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM at Razy's Roadhouse, 161 St. Peters Road, Charlottetown.

5. Installation of New Member

The president installed Gary McLeod as a member of the association. Gary summarized his career in the RCMP and noted that he has recently retired from "L" Division and has been appointed Chief Electoral Officer for PEI.

50/50 Draw

Royce Greene won \$20.00.

Adjournment

At 8:40 PM, Phil Pitts moved, seconded by Bob Nahrgang, that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

Ernie MacAulay - Secretary