



Veterans' Association
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Prince Edward Island Division

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MINUTES – September 20, 2016

Call to Order

Mike O'Neil, the president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Adoption of Agenda

The president called for additions or deletions from the agenda and none were received from the floor. The president added an item about a found diary and an opportunity for Spud Gallant to speak with the remainder of the agenda being adopted as circulated.

Last Post

Attendees paid respect to the former members of the Force who died since our last meeting with special recognition of Reg. No. 27364 (O.1631) Insp. Hugh Pius Tarrant, Rtd., Reg. No. 31060 retired Sgt. Gerard Cameron MacDonald, and Reg. No. 20110 retired Cpl. Harry Wayne Burns who served in "L" Division, and Reg. No. 28819 retired Sgt. Charles Eric 'Jake' White who was a native of Souris West, PEI.

Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Ron Allen, Ruby Burns, Walter Charlesworth, Brad Chugg, Gordon Coffin, Dave Corrigan, John Dunne, Karen Dunning, Damien Dunsford, Spud Gallant, Ian Gemmell, Royce Greene, Fred Lynch, Don MacAulay, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Lorne MacKinnon, Bob McCann, Kevin McNeil, Bob Nahrgang, Mike O'Neil, Randy Robar, Wayne Schleyer, Derek Smith, Pau Stetson, Geoff Tucker, Brian Weldon, and Jerry Wolfrey. Regrets were received from: Ken Cormier, George Cumming, Frank Dolan, Jeannette Doucette, Fred Foster, Ed Gillis, Fraser Inman, Jack Jans, Dan MacLean, Bob Moffatt, Bill Monteith, Al Roach, Llew Robinson, Peter Sorensen, Bryon Sutcliffe, and Bob Thorne.

Birthdays for July, August, and September

- a. July: John Dunne, Kim Hendricken, Dave MacAdam, Bill Monteith, and Ed Pretty;
- b. August: Don Kerwin, Aletha MacDonald, Lorne MacKinnon, Bob Moffatt, Hugh Rankin, Chuck Snow, and Jerry Wolfrey;
- c. September: Ken Cormier, Colin Craig, Damien Dunsford, Basil MacKay, Wendell Murchison, and Geoff Tucker.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The secretary moved, seconded by Royce Greene, that the minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

Financial Statements

The Treasurer had provided information on financial planning, a current statement of net worth, a graphic representation of the current year's revenue and expenses, and income statements for the previous several years which the secretary circulated in advance of the meeting. The treasurer noted that, as of August 31, expenses have exceeded revenue due to two extraordinary expenses – the Blackett Memorial and a donation to members affected by the Ft. McMurray fires. The treasurer projects a surplus for the overall fiscal year. The treasurer invited the membership to review the information, ask questions if clarification is required, and be prepared to contribute to the development of a financial action plan for the long term with regular renewals and adjustments as required.

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

The president noted that a modified AGM is scheduled for Charlottetown on June 1/3, 2017. National Director, Peter Sorensen, has agreed to accept the tipstaff following the AGM that the Nova Scotia Division is hosting on September 22, 2016. Fred Foster has agreed to explore the transportation options for the attendees at the 2017 AGM and a number of attendees volunteered to drive if the selected option requires local drivers.

The president reminded the attendees of the annual Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service which will be held at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Victoria Road, Kensington, PEI on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 2:00 PM. In addition to grants from the PEI Police Association and the PEI Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ministry of Public Safety provided a grant of \$250.00 and the Ministry of Finance provided a grant of \$250.00.

Correspondence

The secretary reported having forwarded the following non-routine correspondence to the membership:

- Association Treasurer priorities forwarded June 30
- Four directors appointed to Maintiens le Droit Trust Fund announcement sent July 8
- Heritage Centre McNeil book pre-sale information forwarded July 11
- E-voting status message from National Secretary forwarded July 17
- Rationale for AGM Resolutions forwarded on August 3
- Message on TV series on murder investigations distributed August 21
- Message on Sgt. Leanne Butler 'Dancing With the Stars' sent August 21
- CO's message on retirement of Rev. Don MacPherson forwarded August 27
- Poster for Laurie MacClure Golf Tournament forwarded August 28
- Opportunities for PEI Vets forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken August 31

- Support Agencies Information Sessions forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on August 31
- VAC Assistance Services for former members and their families forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on September 1, 2016
- Military Family Resource Centre September Coffee Poster forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on September 1
- Johnson Insurance – Get Hurricane Ready forwarded September 8
- Estate planning sessions in Stratford forwarded on behalf of Derek Smith on September 8

New Business

County Reports: Richard MacAulay reported that the rededication ceremony at the newly installed grave marker for NWMP Cst. Blackett was well attended by serving and former members and he thanked those who helped in organizing the event and those who attended. He noted the event received considerable favourable publicity both locally and internationally. Richard will write a short summary of the event for publication in *The Quarterly*. Wayne Schleyer reported that Frank Graham suffered a stroke, is nearly blind, and is currently hospitalized but plans to move into part of his son's house which is currently under construction. Llew Robinson is working with Joan on Frank's VAC entitlements and Chaplain Parsons visits him. Royce Green visited Mac MacDonald on September 20 and he is in a wheelchair but quite content and somewhat improved since Royce's last visit. Ron Allen is arranging for a lunch meeting for all categories of membership and spouses at the Brothers Two Restaurant in Summerside at noon on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

Ted Whalen Memorial Award: The president reminded the membership that nominations for the Ted Whalen Memorial award are to be received by the chair of the committee, Randy Robar, by October 31, 2016.

Notice of Elections: The president informed the membership that all elected executive positions, other than second vice-president and secretary, expire this year. Past president Peter Sorensen will be seeking nominees for these positions.

Entertainment Committee: Paul Stetson informed the membership that Phil Pitts has made arrangements to have our annual Christmas dinner at the North River Fire Hall again this year.

Gravesite Inspection Committee: Damien Dunsford thanked the other inspectors, Harold Hodgins, Les Chipperfield, Frank Dolan, and Richard MacAulay for completion of inspection of 118 gravesites in 46 cemeteries including 11 newly identified sites in 3 additional graveyards. Almost all the sites were in good condition and the deficiencies were sent to S/Sgt. Boogaard who will have the repairs done and he asked that the inspectors then verify that the repairs are satisfactory.

Membership Committee: The president informed the attendees of some recent reallocations of responsibilities within the executive with Ruby Burns relinquishing her role

as chair of the Advocacy Committee to Scott Ferris and assuming chair of the Membership Committee from Phil Pitts. Ruby reported that Ed Gillis has recently been accepted as an active membership and she is confident that several other former members will apply for membership in the Association before the end of 2016.

Found Diary: The president reported that Cpl. Ken Walker of East Prince Detachment contacted the Association when a citizen found an old diary that appeared to be that of a former member of the RCMP. The diary was identified as that of W.J.R. 'Mac' MacDonald and it has been delivered to a family member.

Spud Gallant Moving: Life member Spud Gallant announced that he is moving to Newfoundland and he has a large number of back issues of *The Quarterly* which he would like to find a new home for before he leaves PEI. If anyone is interested in these issues, please contact Spud and make arrangements to pick them up at no cost. Spud also brought in some RCMP-related books and offered them to the attendees. *Bon voyage* Spud and thank you for your contributions to the PEI Division!

Notice of Division AGM: The president provided the membership with notice that the November 15, 2016 meeting will be the PEI Division's annual general meeting.

Service Bars: The president presented service bars for 10 years' membership in the Association to Ian Gemmill, Brian Weldon, and Derek Smith; a 15-year service bar to Richard MacAulay; and a 35-year service bar to Wayne Schleyer.

50/50 Draw: Fred Lynch won \$18.00.

Adjournment

At 8:20 PM the chair adjourned the meeting until November 15, 2016.

Ernie MacAulay - Secretary