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Prince Edward Island Division

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MINUTES – January 17, 2017

Call to Order

Mike O'Neil, the president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed guests Dan Beauchesne, Scott Lundrigan, Ray McCormack, and C/Supt. Joanne Crampton.

Adoption of Agenda

The president called for additions to or deletions from the agenda and none were received from the floor so the agenda was adopted as circulated.

Last Post

Attendees paid respect to the former members of the Force who died since our last meeting whose details were provided to the membership in advance of the meeting with the president noting that Reg. No. 21058, Ret. Sgt. Robert Francis 'Bob' MacAulay is a cousin of PEI Division members Richard and Ernie MacAulay.

Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Ian Beer, Ruby Burns, Reg Campbell, Wayne Carver, Walter Charlesworth, Brad Chugg, Gordon Coffin, Dave Corrigan, Jim Delaney, Damien Dunsford, Scott Ferris, Fred Foster, Ed Gillis, Royce Greene, Fred Lynch, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Aletha MacDonald, Paul MacDougald, Don MacGregor, Lorne MacKinnon, Dan MacLean, Gary McLeod, Bob Nahrgang, Mike O'Neil, Randy Robar, Llew Robinson, Wayne Schleyer, Derek Smith, Chuck Snow, Peter Sorensen, Paul Stetson, Richard Thibault, Geoff Tucker, Brian Weldon, and Jerry Wolfrey. Regrets were received from: Ron Allen, Lee Barnes, Jim Cairns, Ken Cormier, Frank Dolan, John Dunne, Karen Dunning, Ian Gemmell, Harold Hodgins, Jack Jans, Don MacAulay, Bob Moffatt, and Bryon Sutcliffe.

Birthdays December and January

December: Walter Charlesworth and Bob McCann. January: Lee Barnes, Bush Dumville, Frank Graham, and Bob Vokey.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The secretary moved, seconded by Lorne MacKinnon, that the minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

Financial Statements

The Treasurer handed out copies of the PEI Division's balance sheet for the year ending on December 31, 2016 and noted that the division has total assets of \$17,174.45 composed of the chequing account balance, a guaranteed investment certificate, and inventory. The division has current liabilities of \$2,210.34 in accounts payable, long-term liabilities of \$5,290.97 composed of the GIC and the surplus of \$735.66 from the 2016 Police Memorial Service, for total liabilities of \$7,501.31 and a net equity of \$11,097.93. The treasurer also provided an income statement for 2016 which showed total revenues of \$11,372.08, total expenses of \$9,947.29 and a net operating surplus of \$1,424.79. The treasurer highlighted the major sources of revenue and expenses and moved, seconded by Fred Foster, that the financial statements as presented be provided to the Association treasurer. CARRIED

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

Gordon Coffin reported having spoken to Joanne Adams who stated that Earl Adams is in the Garden Home with advanced Parkinson's disease. They recently discovered an e-mail account that had not been monitored for a year but they are now monitoring it regularly and appreciate receiving the messages from the PEI Division. Earl would also welcome visitors. He wants to continue his membership in the Calgary Division and the secretary will contact the Calgary Division with respect to this issue.

Correspondence

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

- Minutes of National Executive Council meeting forwarded November 16
- Johnson Insurance Annual Report forwarded November 25, 2016
- Information on Norton's Razzle Dazzle Gala forwarded on November 28 at request of Scott Ferris
- Link to Mental Health Care Giver's Guide forwarded at request of Sgt. Hendricken on November 28
- Opening of new VAC office details forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on December 13
- Two messages on Premier's news conference on PEI Policing Review forwarded on behalf of the CO on December 13
- Association President's update forwarded December 19
- PEI Division President's Christmas message distributed December 20
- CO of "L" Division's year-end message forwarded December 23
- Poster about Mental First Aid Course in Charlottetown on May 16/17 forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on January 6
- Information on regimental blazers sent on behalf of NS Division on January 16

New Business

County Reports: Richard MacAulay reported that there are no issues in Kings County. Wayne Schleyer reported that Bob Vokey is still struggling. Wayne also reported that he is

organizing a lunch at the PEI Brewing Company on February 17 and asked for the members' preferences for a buffet or a menu-driven meal. Royce Greene reported that he visited Mac MacDonald earlier in the day and Mac is unable to converse but looks good. Royce also stated that his wife has developed a condition that causes her to continuously grit her teeth but he thinks she still recognizes him on his regular visits.

Request for Financial Contribution – Unsolved Crime Publications: The president received a solicitation to place an ad in the firm's annual "Awareness Guide" which generates a minimum of \$20,000 to the PEI Crime Stoppers Program. The ads range from \$215.00 to \$1,145.00. Following discussion by the members in attendance and an e-mail message from a member who could not attend, there was consensus that, if the division is going to donate, it would be preferable to make the donation directly to PEI Crime Stoppers rather than through a fundraiser where only a portion of the donation would reach Crime Stoppers. Randy Robar moved, seconded by Damien Dunsford, that the PEI Division decline the invitation to make a donation to Unsolved Crime Publications. CARRIED Llew Robinson moved, seconded by Brad Chugg, that the PEI Division make a donation of \$250.00 to PEI Crime Stoppers. CARRIED The president offered to communicate this information to Unsolved Crime Publications.

Timing of Meetings: Ruby Burns reported that, during her conversations with potential members of the Association, the issue of having all the business meetings of the Association held in the evening in Charlottetown arose a number of times. The president outlined the recent history on this subject and noted that, following a strategic planning event that Peter Sorensen hosted and facilitated, the membership agreed to replace three of the usual business meetings with social events with one being held in each county. The attendees discussed possibly scheduling some business meetings at noon and in locations other than Charlottetown. It was apparent that this practice would exclude some members who currently attend meetings because of other commitments at the proposed time. There was consensus that Ruby should prepare a message on the subject for distribution seeking input on the subject from the overall membership.

Policing Review Update: C/Supt. Joanne Crampton, the CO of "L" Division and Honourary President of the PEI Division, provided an update on the recently released PEI Policing Review. The CO noted that she recognized the benefits of engaging veterans during the review but the consultant did not engage veterans as much as she had hoped. The review, which also included a sub-contracted telephone survey and the opportunity for PEI residents to participate electronically, was originally scheduled to be completed by June 2016 but the report was not released until December. The CO provided the information to serving members in the morning, held a teleconference (with an invitation for our membership to participate) in mid-day, and the Province reported the results to the public in the afternoon. The review did not recommend any radical changes, such as establishment of a provincial force, but emphasized the need for existing forces to work together better. The review made four main recommendations: 1) Amendments to the *Police Act*, some of which were done in the fall session of the Legislature and others are scheduled for the spring session; 2) Integrating of dispatching into a single operational communications centre; (The CO noted that "L" Division has been dispatching for Kensington PD successfully.) 3) Integrating records management systems so that all

police forces have real time access to each other's databases; and 4) Establishing common security standards among all police forces and using the federal standard for security clearances. There were thirteen other recommendations and the Province is firm on the need to implement all the recommendations within 12 to 18 months. Two committees, [a policing services transition committee and a police leadership committee] and some sub-committees, have been established to implement the recommendations. The CO expressed optimism that the implementation of the recommendations will generate positive outcomes for policing on PEI.

Entertainment Committee: Ruby Burns, who is a member of the "L" Division Social Committee, reported that the committee is planning for a regimental ball to be held at the Delta Prince Edward on September 16, 2017; a trivia night at HMCS Queen Charlotte in February or March 2017; a family day on June 17, 2017 at a venue to be determined; and a barbeque at "L" Division HQ following the Gold Cup and Saucer parade in August 2017.

Membership Committee: Ruby Burns reported that she participated in a national teleconference earlier in the day and the Association is happy with the recruiting efforts of the PEI Division. Ruby will provide more information on the subject in the near future.

Service Bars: The president presented service bars for 30 years' membership in the Association to Walter Charlesworth and Fred Lynch and a service bar for 20 years' membership to Paul Stetson.

Generational and Northern Service Insignia: The president reported that members of the Association who meet the criteria and apply will be permitted to wear generational and northern service insignia on regimental blazers. The Association will be providing the details on the cost and application process shortly.

Corps of Commissionaires Position: The secretary reported having forwarded details to our membership, by e-mail, on a request received from the PEI Regional Manager of the Corps who is seeking a person to work at the military recruiting site.

Installation of New Members: The president installed Reg Campbell and he provided a summary of their service in the RCMP as well as his post-career service performing 28 tours of duty as a Reserve Constable in Nunavut.

50/50 Draw: Don MacGregor won \$40.75.

Adjournment

At 8:31 PM the chair adjourned the meeting until March 21, 2017.

Ernie MacAulay - Secretary