



Veterans' Association
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Prince Edward Island Division

P.O. Box 1360, Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 7N1
www.rcmpvetspei.ca



MINUTES – March 21, 2017

Call to Order

Brian Weldon, the first vice-president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed guests Russ Stewart and Ben MacConnell who are prospective members of the PEI Division.

Adoption of Agenda

The chair 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 special recognition given to former Cst. William Leach, a life member of the PEI Division, who died in Chilliwack, BC on February 12, 2017.

Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Ron Allen, Ruby Burns, Gordon Coffin, Dave Corrigan, John Dunne, Karen Dunning, Damien Dunsford, Scott Ferris, Royce Greene, Fred Lynch, Don MacAulay, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Don MacGregor, Kevin McNeil, Bob Moffatt, Bob Nahrgang, Phil Pitts, Randy Robar, Derek Smith, Peter Sorensen, Paul Stetson, Bryon Sutcliffe, Bob Vokey, Brian Weldon, and Jerry Wolfrey. Regrets were received from: Jim Cairns, Les Chipperfield, Brad Chugg, Frank Dolan, Ian Gemmell, Kim Hendricken, Harold Hodgins, Fraser Inman, Jack Jans, Paul MacDougald, Dan MacLean, Bob McCann, Gary McLeod, Mike O'Neil, Al Roach, Wayne Schleyer, Chuck Snow, Richard Thibault, and Geoff Tucker.

Birthdays February and March

Birthdays for February: Mel Anderson, Ian Beer, Thane Bell, Addison Coffin, Gord Coffin, Brad Chugg, Don MacAulay, Richard MacAulay (but not this year, leap years only), Paul MacDougald, Mike O'Neil, Randy Robar, Peter Sorensen, and Paul Stetson. March: Dave Aitken, Harold Avery, Wayne Burke, Ruby Burns, Jim Delaney, Harold Hodgins, Dan MacDonald, Phil Pitts, Allen Roach, Paul Saulnier, and Brian Weldon.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The secretary moved, seconded by Bob Moffatt, that the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

Financial Statements

The Treasurer provided a document that showed the Division's financial position, donations, anticipated revenue for 2017 and anticipated major expenses for 2017. The Division began 2016 with a balance of \$10,346.25 and ended the year with a balance of \$11,771.04 and currently has a balance of \$10,409.82. The Division prepaid dues to the Association in the amount of \$2,282.00 in anticipation of receiving dues from 66 active members. The Division made donations of \$250.00 to PEI Crime Stoppers and \$1,000 to the "L" Division Regimental Ball. The treasurer anticipates non-dues revenue of \$4,800 and major expenses of \$5,000 and a year-end balance of \$12,000. The treasurer moved, seconded by Royce Greene, that the financial information be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

Ruby Burns reported the results of a survey she conducted using Survey Monkey™ software to determine whether there was significant interest in changing the location and times of the five business meetings that are currently held in Charlottetown at 6:30 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. Forty one members of the Division responded to the survey with 28 respondents (68.29%) voting for the *status quo* and 13 respondents (31.71%) voting for changes to either the time of the meetings, the location of the meetings or both. With the small sample size of the votes for change, there was no consensus on which meetings should be changed to noon meetings or the possible alternate locations of the meetings so Ruby recommended maintaining the current five business meetings being held in Charlottetown on the third Tuesday of the month.

The secretary reported the receipt of a letter from PEI Crime Stoppers acknowledging receipt of a donation of \$250 and thanking the Division for the donation.

The treasurer provided a cheque for \$1,000 to Ruby Burns, who serves on the "L" Division Entertainment Committee, to assist in funding a Regimental Ball in September which will feature a military band.

The chair noted that the Division has agreed to assist with transportation of 2017 AGM attendees to and from the airport on June 1 and June 3. When the numbers are known, Fred Foster will contact Trius Transport for suitable vehicles. Brad Chugg, Scott Ferris, Kevin McNeil, and Randy Robar have volunteered to drive.

Correspondence

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

- Information on Territorial and Generational Insignia forwarded on January 18
- Survey on motion to provide financial support to "L" Division Regimental Ball sent on January 20

- Survey on preferences for business meeting time and locations sent January 24
- Results of motion to support donation to “L” Division Regimental Ball sent at request of president on January 26
- VAC information on Veteran/RCMP homelessness forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken and CO on February 3
- Mental Health First Aid Training in Halifax poster forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on February 6
- Message on virtual outreach forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on February 17
- Survey of non-subscribers forwarded on behalf of *The Quarterly* on February 17
- Reminder of *The Quarterly* survey forwarded on March 1

New Business

County Reports: Kings County Director Richard MacAulay reported that there are no issues in Kings County and reminded members to respond to him indicating the number of attendees and menu choices for the lunch at the Lot 45 Pub & Eatery in Souris on April 18. Queens County Director Wayne Schleyer was unable to attend the meeting but Phil Pitts reported an excellent turnout to the event that Wayne organized at the Top of the Park on February 17. Royce Greene reported visiting Mac MacDonald who was better than he was a month ago. Prince County Director Ron Allen reported no issues in Prince County. Royce Greene reported that associate member Shirley Balcom died in Summerside last week.

Honorarium PEI Delegate to 2017 AGM: The president submitted a written motion pursuant to Part 4 of the PEI Division Procedures Manual requesting a \$500 honorarium for acting as the PEI Division delegate at the 2017 AGM. He noted that he will be staying at the host hotel at a cost of \$447.74. Paul Stetson seconded the motion. CARRIED

Funding Request: The Division received a request from Fenety Marketing to advertise in the 2017 “Military Service Recognition Book”. Scott Ferris explained that the book is more an initiative of the marketing firm than the Legion. The membership was of the view that there is no benefit to the Division to place an ad in the book and that only about 40% of the donation would accrue to the Legion and a direct donation to the Legion would be preferable if a donation were to be made. The secretary will inform Fenety of the decision.

***The Quarterly* Survey:** The secretary reported that 10 members of the PEI Division had responded to *The Quarterly's* survey of non-subscribers. Nationally, 256 veterans responded to the survey but only 30 serving members responded.

Entertainment Committee: Phil Pitts reported that the lobster dinner will be held at the Afton Hall on June 20, 2017.

Membership Committee: Ruby Burns reported that she continues to actively recruit persons eligible for membership and two prospective members attended the meeting. She

encouraged all members to discuss membership in the Association when they are in contact with eligible persons.

Advocacy Committee: Scott Ferris reported that the Veterans Emergency Transition Committee of the Royal Canadian Legion is trying to identify all homeless veterans on PEI and he asked the membership to inform him of any homeless veterans they are aware of.

50/50 Draw: Bob Moffatt won \$28.00.

Adjournment

At 7:45 PM Phil Pitts moved, seconded by Randy Robar, that the meeting be adjourned until May 16, 2017.

Ernie MacAulay - Secretary