



**Veterans' Association**  
**Royal Canadian Mounted Police**  
**Prince Edward Island Division**

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**MINUTES – May 16, 2017**

**Call to Order**

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

**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 special recognition given to former Cpl. Francis Robert 'Frank' Graham, a life member of the PEI Division, who died in Charlottetown, PEI on March 21, 2017.

**Attendance**

The following members were in attendance: Ian Beer, Ruby Burns, Robert Campbell, Wayne Carver, Ken Cormier, Dave Corrigan, Frank Dolan, Damien Dunsford, Scott Ferris, Fred Foster, Ian Gemmill, Royce Greene, Harry Kennedy, Scott Lundrigan, Fred Lynch, Don MacAulay, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Ben MacConnell, Lorne MacKinnon, Kevin McNeil, Mike Murphy, Wendell Murchison, Mike O'Neil, Anne O'Shaughnessy, Phil Pitts, Ed Pretty, Randy Robar, Llew Robinson, Wayne Schleyer, Leo Shea, Derek Smith, Peter Sorensen, Richard Thibault, and Brian Weldon. Regrets were received from: Ron Allen, Jim Cairns, Brad Chugg, Jeannette Doucette, John Dunne, Ed Gillis, Harold Hodgins, Fraser Inman, Jack Jans, Don MacGregor, Gary McLeod, Bob Moffatt, Al Roach, Chuck Snow, Paul Stetson, and Bryon Sutcliffe.

**Birthdays April and May**

Birthdays for April: Robert Campbell, Dave Corrigan, Ed Dornan, Fred Foster, Ian Gemmill, Ed Gillis, Derek Smith, and Ken Walker. Birthdays for May: Reg Campbell, Dawna Constable, George Cumming, Frank Dolan, Fraser Inman, Fred Lynch, Bob Nahrgang, Dave Power, Errol Thompson, and Bob Thorne.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The secretary moved, seconded by Ken Cormier, that the minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

## **Financial Statements**

The Treasurer provided a document that summarized the revenue and expenses for the current year. Revenue from dues, 50/50 tickets, donations, interest, and website advertising totalled \$1,870.20. Expenses of per capita assessment, donations, and website maintenance totalled \$3,855.72. The current bank balance is \$9,785.52. The treasurer will review the per capita assessment with the Association treasurer to ensure that the division has paid the correct amount. In response to a question, the Association treasurer provided a brief overview of the sources and uses of funds by the Association. The treasurer moved, seconded by Royce Greene, that the financial information be accepted as circulated. CARRIED

## **Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

Fred Foster reported that there was no need to charter buses for transportation of attendees at the 2017 AGM. He has the arrival and departure times of the attendees who need transportation to and from the airport and has assigned the various trips to volunteer drivers who will use their personal vehicles. The president has produced cards to assist the attendees in identifying the volunteer drivers.

## **Correspondence**

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

- Link to information on VAC benefit limits forwarded on March 29 on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken
- Copy of president's message of condolence to the Association Secretary on the death of his brother forwarded on April 1
- Information and order form for "*The Ride*" forwarded on behalf of the Calgary Division on April 1
- Cut-off date for Tattoo tickets message forward on behalf of NS Division on April 5
- Information on relief Animal Protection Officers forwarded on behalf of PEI Humane Society on April 6
- Information on staffing opportunities for Peer Support Coordinators for Operation Stress Injuries forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on April 6
- Information on Edmonton Division's updated website forwarded April 9
- Association letter to Minister Goodale on R/M pay forwarded on April 11
- Johnson Insurance Scholarship Program forwarded May 8

## **New Business**

**County Reports:** Kings County Director Richard MacAulay reported that there are no issues in Kings County. Ruby Burns reported that Karen Moffatt was hospitalized in Halifax last week and has returned home. Royce Greene reported visiting Mac MacDonald who was doing well, looks good, but has difficulty forming sentences. Royce reported that his

wife is declining quickly and has not been eating or taking her medication. The president noted that Harold Hodgins recently had triple bypass surgery and is now recovering at home with visitors welcome by prior arrangement.

**Guest Speaker:** Advocacy chair, Scott Ferris, arranged for Meaghan Rockman, Provincial Service Officer for the Royal Canadian Legion, to inform the attendees of the services she is able to provide to former members of the RCMP. Ms. Rockman is able to assist former members access benefits they are entitled to through Veterans' Affairs Canada. She noted that VAC requires quality paperwork and she will assist our membership in completing the required applications. She has direct access to VAC databases and, with consent of the applicant, can view the entire file. New applicants need to provide their HRMIS information so that VAC has all the necessary information on the applicant. Ms. Rockman maintains a local file for each person she assists and clients have access to their own files. She makes calls to medical practitioners to ensure that they provide the supporting documentation in correct format, assists in appeals of adverse decisions, and makes home visits. Ms. Rockman can be contacted at: (902) 892-2161, or [royalcanadianlegion@pei.aibn.com](mailto:royalcanadianlegion@pei.aibn.com)

**Conversion of Civilian Members to Public Servants:** Treasurer Randy Robar noted that in April 2018 all current Civilian Members will be deemed to be public servants. He also noted that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (1960 to 2010) of civilian members was only commemorated in "E" Division where each civilian member received a commemorative coin. Randy checked with the Association to determine if there were any national plans to commemorate the contributions of civilian members but learned that the Association budget cannot accommodate such an initiative. Randy has discussed the possibility of striking a commemorative coin to honour the civilian members who served in "L" Division with the CO of "L" Division who supports the initiative. He has made some inquiries with a potential manufacturer and circulated prototypes to the attendees. There was a consensus that the initiative should cover all current and former civilian members of "L" Division. Moved by the treasurer that the treasurer be authorized to spend reasonable start-up costs to determine the feasibility of striking a commemorative coin for presentation to all civilian members who have served in "L" Division; seconded by Ken Cormier, CARRIED. The treasurer undertook to assemble the required information and make a presentation to the September 19, 2017 meeting.

**"L" Division Social Activities:** Ruby Burns reported that the "L" Division Social Committee is planning a family barbeque at Ben's Pond, Murray River, on June 17, 2017 and would like to have some volunteers to help with the barbequing. As well, the CO plans to have a barbeque on the "L" Division grounds following the Old Home Week parade in August and Ruby also requests some volunteers for this event. Ruby also noted that the committee is considering having a package that includes bus transportation to the regimental dining-in event in November.

**Donation to "L" Division:** The president noted that the PEI Division had agreed to contribute \$1,000 to the proposed "L" Division Ball. The CO recently contacted the president to inform him that logistical and financial obstacles resulted in the "L" Division Social Committee changing the plans for a ball in September to a regimental dining-in in late November 2017 at Mill River Resort. The entertainment chair noted that this was close

to the usual time for our Christmas dinner and the close chronological proximity might adversely affect attendance at both events. He offered to work with Ruby Burns, who serves on the "L" Division Social Committee, to coordinate efforts and possibly combine the two events. Randy Robar moved, seconded by Phil Pitts, that the donation of \$1,000 which was originally designated for a regimental ball be re-designated for use in support of a regimental dining-in event. CARRIED

**Entertainment Committee:** Phil Pitts reported that the lobster dinner will be held at the Afton Hall on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Because of the increase in the price of lobster, the cost will be increased to \$37.50 per person. Phil noted that "L" Division is planning a golf event for September but the committee plans to organize the usual golf event in July.

**Membership Committee:** Ruby Burns reported that the credentials committee has approved applications for active membership from Scott Lundrigan, Benny MacConnell, Ray McCormack, Anne O'Shaughnessy, Leo Shea, and Dene Williamson. All six were in attendance and the president inducted them into the Association and each provided a brief summary of their service.

**Advocacy Committee:** Scott Ferris reported that he is currently taking a training course on mental health for veterans.

**50/50 Draw:** Don MacAulay won \$36.25 and donated it to the Division.

### **Adjournment**

At 8:20 PM Brian Weldon moved, seconded by Wayne Schleyer, that the meeting be adjourned until September 19, 2017.

Ernie MacAulay - Secretary