



Veterans' Association
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Prince Edward Island Division



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MINUTES – September 19, 2017

Call to Order

President Mike O'Neil called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed associate member Bobbie Smith and returning active member Tom Ralph.

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 Reg. No. 19688 retired S/Sgt. George Bernard MacDonald who died in Charlottetown on June 14, 2017, Reg. No. 27960 retired Cpl. Clyde Everett Durling who died in Summerside on August 31, 2017, and Leonide Bordage, father of PEI Division member Ivan Bordage, who died in Moncton, NB on September 13, 2017.

Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Dave Aitken, Ron Allen, Ian Beer, Ruby Burns, Wayne Carver, Walter Charlesworth, Brad Chugg, Ken Cormier, Dave Corrigan, Frank Dolan, Karen Dunning, Damien Dunsford, Scott Ferris, Fred Foster, Ed Gillis, Royce Greene, Don MacAulay, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Aletha MacDonald, Paul MacDougald, Don MacGregor, Lorne MacKinnon, Gary McLeod, Kevin McNeil, Bob Nahrgang, Mike O'Neil, Anne O'Shaughnessy, Ed Pretty, Tom Ralph, Randy Robar, Llew Robinson, Wayne Schleyer, Chuck Snow, Paul Stetson, Richard Thibault, Geoff Tucker, Brian Weldon, and Jerry Wolfrey. Regrets were received from: Jim Cairns, Robert Campbell, John Dunne, Harold Hodgins, Jack Jans, Ray McCormack, Bob Moffatt, Phil Pitts, Al Roach, Peter Sorensen, Bryon Sutcliffe, and Don Webster.

Birthdays for September

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Minutes of Previous Meeting

The secretary moved, seconded by Damien Dunsford, that the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

Financial Statements

The Treasurer provided a document that summarized the revenue and expenses for the current year to date. Revenue from dues, 50/50 tickets, donations, interest, and website advertising totalled \$5,207.70. Expenses of per capita assessment, donations, commemorative coin development, and website maintenance totalled \$7,168.82. The current bank balance is \$9,809.92 and the GIC is currently worth \$4,555.31. The treasurer moved, seconded by Ken Cormier, that the financial information be accepted as circulated. CARRIED

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

The treasurer updated the assembly on the progress toward awarding former and current Civilian Members of "L" Division with a commemorative coin when they have been deemed to be public servants in 2018. He acknowledged the support of the former CO of "L" Division, A/Commr. Joanne Crampton, who has assured us that the project will be funded by the RCMP. The committee has selected a design with the crest of the RCMP on the obverse and a map of Atlantic Canada and the PEI symbol of three small oaks under one large oak on the reverse. He expects to receive samples this week and he will place the order. There is a minimum order of 100 and the coins will cost approximately \$10.00 each. The committee is working on obtaining suitable presentation cases for the coins. The president of the PEI Division will present the coins to all former C/Ms and the CO will present the coins to currently serving C/Ms.

Correspondence

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

- Vets Canada Walk information sent on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on June 9
- Information on access to Veterans' Review and Appeal Board decisions forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on June 12
- Johnson Insurance contest forwarded June 23
- Transfer message from outgoing CO of "L" Division forwarded on June 24
- Golf poster forwarded on June 28
- PEI Crimestoppers job advertisement sent July 5
- Information on returning officers for Malpeque forwarded July 11 on behalf of Elections Canada
- Summer vacation home security tips forwarded on July 12 on behalf of Johnson Insurance
- Invitation to participate in the Gold Cup and Saucer Parade sent July 17
- Message on Veterans' Review & Appeal Board appointments forwarded on behalf of the Association on July 19
- Five myths about insurance forwarded on behalf of Johnson Insurance on August 14
- Association President's letter to Ralph Goodale forwarded August 18
- Association staffing vacancies information forwarded September 3

New Business

County Reports: Kings County Director Richard MacAulay reported that there are no issues in Kings County. Queens County Director Wayne Schleyer noted the recent passing of Karen Moffatt, wife of

active member Bob Moffatt. He also reported that Bob Vokey's condition is improving. Llew Robinson reported that Ian Oland was hospitalized because of a fall and he was declared unsuitable to return to his residence because of Alzheimer's disease. He is currently in Unit 3 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and on the waiting list for transfer to a long-term care facility. Ian is doing well in the hospital and consideration is being given to have Llew and Fred Foster take him on some outings. Heather Oland is now much better since she has been relieved of the continuous care that Ian's condition demanded. The president commended Llew and Fred for their excellent work on behalf of the Oland family. Prince County Director Ron Allen reported that Harold Hodgkin is recovering well from triple bypass surgery and is back to driving a school bus. Ron also announced that the October social event will be a lunch at the Brothers Two Restaurant in Summerside on Tuesday, October 17 at noon. He will have the secretary distribute a message on the event with an RSVP date.

Presentation of Generational and Territorial Insignia: The president presented generational insignia to: Dave Aitken, Ian Beer, Ernie and Richard MacAulay, Paul MacDougald, and Randy Robar and territorial insignia to: Aletha MacDonald, Geoff Tucker, and Brian Weldon.

Presentation: Bobbie Smith, widow of Reg. No. 19646, S/Sgt. Jim Smith, brought Jim's original issue riding crop for presentation to "L" Division S/S/M Hank Pollard. Unfortunately, S/S/M Pollard was unable to attend as he was temporarily deployed to "J" Division to plan and implement a regimental funeral for Cst. Frank Deschenes who was killed in an on-duty collision on September 12 at Memramcook, NB. Bobbie addressed the assembly and noted that the RCMP ceased issuing riding crops when equitation was discontinued and they are becoming scarce. She suggested that former members who still have riding crops offer them to family members and, if no family members want the crops, they be donated to the PEI Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association for loan to members serving in "L" Division positions that can use them while serving in "L" Division and that they be returned to the PEI Division upon ceasing to be a serving member of "L" Division. Geoff Tucker moved, seconded by Dave Aitken, that members of the PEI Division who are in possession of riding crops donate them to the PEI Division for loan to serving members of "L" Division for their use while serving in "L" Division positions that can utilize riding crops.
CARRIED

Military Family Resource Centre: Richard Thibault, who is on the board of directors of the Military Family Resource Centre for PEI described the services it provides to families of military and RCMP members. The MFRC receives support from Veterans' Affairs Canada and Richard volunteered for the position following a request for a volunteer by Sgt. Kim Hendricken. Ernie MacAulay moved, seconded by Ruby Burns, that the Military Family Resource Centre representative become a committee of the PEI Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association and report to the membership at business meetings.
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Entertainment Committee: Ruby Burns reported that several members of the PEI Division barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs at the event the CO of "L" Division hosted at Division Headquarters following the Gold Cup and Saucer parade. The event was very successful and the assistance provided was appreciated by the Acting CO and the attendees. Ruby also noted that some members of the PEI Division attended a successful fishing derby that the "L" Division Social Committee organized. Ruby also reported on the successful golf tournaments that the Entertainment Committee and the "L" Division Social Committee recently organized which raised \$410.00 for the Canadian Cancer Society. The "L" Division Social Committee is planning a regimental dining-in at the Canadian Culinary Institute for early December

2017 subject to approval by the incoming CO of "L" Division. No guest speaker has been identified and suggestions are welcome.

Gravesite Inspection Committee: Damien Dunsford reported that five inspectors inspected 121 grave sites (three new sites in 2017) in 47 graveyards and found all grave sites to be in good order. An invoice for the associated costs has been sent to "L" Division. Frank Dolan, who is moving to Charlottetown, will not be available to do the inspections in southern Kings in 2018 and Damien would welcome a member to replace Frank in this role. The president thanked all of the inspectors for this valuable service and noted that there is an increased interest in the program and the interest extends beyond the Province of PEI.

Membership Committee: Ruby Burns reported that there have not been any applications for membership since our last meeting but she is working on some prospects.

Advocacy Committee: Scott Ferris reported that Meagan Rockman of the Royal Canadian Legion who spoke at our May meeting is available to assist members in benefits issues. He also reported success in assisting a widow of a former member of the PEI Division in obtaining a pension entitlement from the Government of the United States because of the deceased's former employment by the US Government. This involved significant cross-border paperwork and the assistance of the US Consulate in Halifax.

Updates From the President:

- The new CO of "L" Division, C/Supt. Jennifer Ebert, is scheduled to arrive during the first week of October 2017
- Scott Lundrigan has been appointed as the Executive Director of PEI Crimestoppers
- The Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service will be held at Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown at 2:00 PM on Sunday, September 24, 2017
- Nominations for the Ted Whelan Memorial Award must be sent to Randy Robar before October 31, 2017

50/50 Draw: Kevin McNeil won \$32.00.

Adjournment

At 8:05 PM Lorne MacKinnon moved, seconded by Dave Aitken, that the meeting be adjourned until November 21, 2017.

Ernie MacAulay - Secretary