



Veterans' Association
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Prince Edward Island Division



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MINUTES – November, 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 Reg. No. 27878, former Cst. Eugene Paul Gallant, who died in Summerside on August 18, 2017.

Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Dave Aitken, Ron Allan, Ian Beer, Reg Campbell, Walter Charlesworth, Gordon Coffin, Dave Corrigan, Frank Dolan, John Dunne, Karen Dunning, Damien Dunsford, Scott Ferris, Fred Foster, Ian Gemmell, Royce Greene, Scott Lundrigan, Fred Lynch, Don MacAulay, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Ben MacConnell, Bob McCann, Ray McCormack, Mike Murphy, Bob Nahrgang, Mike O'Neil, Phil Pitts, Tom Ralph, Randy Robar, Llew Robinson, Paul Saulnier, Wayne Schleyer, Peter Sorensen, Richard Thibault, and Bob Vokey. Regrets were received from: Ruby Burns, Jim Cairns, Brad and Cynthia Chugg, Ken Cormier, Jim Delaney, Bush Dumville, Harold Hodgin, Jack Jans, Harry Kennedy, Paul MacDougald, Don MacGregor, Bob Moffatt, Anne O'Shaughnessy, Hank Pollard, Al Roach, Paul Stetson, and Bryon Sutcliffe.

Birthdays for October and November

Birthdays for October: Jeannette Doucette, Benny MacConnell, Gary McLeod, Kevin McNeil, Llew Robinson, and Bryon Sutcliffe. For November: Wayne Carver, Evan Courtney, Bill Dickie, Harry Kennedy, Don MacGregor, Anne O'Shaughnessy, and Wayne Schleyer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The secretary moved, seconded by Randy Robar, that the minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

Financial Statements

The Treasurer provided documents that summarized the revenue and expenses for the current year to September 19 and to November 22 and explained the contents of the documents. He also noted that the Division has submitted an invoice for \$750.00 to the Province of PEI seeking a contribution to the annual Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service. Peter Sorensen, the Association Treasurer, stated that our method of reporting the collection of dues creates some difficulties for the Association due to its use of an accrual basis of financial reporting and that it is preferable if divisions report revenue in the year that the dues are collected for. Dues payments create the most problems in the Association's financial reporting and the Association is considering a pilot project to have annual dues paid on-line. Fred Foster moved, seconded by Damien Dunsford, that the treasurer's report be adopted 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 April 2018. He stated that the coins have been struck and the manufacturer paid for the obverse of the coins while the PEI Division paid for the reverse. We ordered 100 coins and 50 presentation boxes from the manufacturer with "L" Division Federal Policing making a \$1,200 contribution. Each current and former C/M in "L" Division will receive one coin in a presentation case and one loose coin. Arrangements are underway to have the presentations done at Government House in either December or January. The former CO of "L" Division, A/Commr. Joanne Crampton, will make the presentations to the serving C/Ms and our president will make the presentations to the retired C/Ms.

Correspondence

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

- New rates for Pensioners' Dental Care Plan forwarded September 27, 2017
- Johnson Insurance advertisement sent October 11, 2017
- Obituary of former member Stan Campbell forwarded October 15, 2017
- MFRC monthly update forwarded October 18, 2017
- Veterans' Memorial dedication details forwarded October 21, 2017
- Mental health courses website forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on October 23, 2017
- Message on RCMP Gift Shop in Edmonton sent October 24, 2017
- Links to VAC benefits to veterans forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on October 27, 2017
- Postponement message on "L" Division Dining-in forwarded October 30, 2017
- Article on water damage forwarded on behalf of Johnson Insurance on October 30, 2017
- Thank you letter from Karen Moffatt forwarded on October 31, 2017
- Update from Chaplain Brad Chugg forwarded on November 8, 2017
- Cruise opportunities forwarded on behalf of the Association on November 10, 2017
- Biography and certificate as Honourary President of CO of "L" Division distributed on November 17, 2017

New Business

County Reports: Kings County Director Richard MacAulay reported that there are no issues in Kings County. Queens County Director Wayne Schleyer noted that Fred Lynch has recovered from his recent illness and injuries and is in attendance. Llew Robinson reported that Ian Oland is still in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital waiting for a placement in a long-term care facility. Royce Greene reported visiting Mac MacDonald and there is very little change in his condition. Prince County Director Ron Allan reported that the lunch on October 17 in Summerside was well attended as was a retirement event for Cpl Ken Walker which was held at the Summerside Fire Hall on October 27.

Entertainment Committee: Phil Pitts summarized the year's activities noting that approximately 65 members and 6 guests attended the Christmas Dinner and the Lobster Event and 32 people attended the golf tournament and he thanked the membership for its support of these events. The 2017 Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5 at the North River fire hall and the caterer would like responses from those attending by December 1.

Gravesite Inspection Committee: Damien Dunsford reported that Richard Thibault has assumed responsibility for inspecting the gravesites in southern Kings County replacing Frank Dolan.

Membership Committee: The chair of the committee, Ruby Burns, was unable to attend but National Director Peter Sorensen reported that the Association plans to make efforts to add to the Association's membership through recruiting members of ladies' auxiliaries and former C/Ms who will be deemed to be public servants in April 2018. He also stated that arrangements are being put in place to issue non-photo ID cards to members of the Association who retired before 2018.

Military Family Resource Centre: Richard Thibault reported that the recent 'Salute' event at Holland College was very successful as was the 'True Patriot Love' campaign to raise funds for military and RCMP families in need. The local MFRC president will attend a future meeting of the PEI Division to outline the work of the MFRC.

Election of Members of Executive: Past president Peter Sorensen reported that he and Paul Stetson acted as the nominating committee to identify candidates for the three executive positions that are ending on December 31; the 2nd vice president, the secretary, and the Prince County director. The nominating committee reported that the incumbents of the 2nd vice president and the Prince County director had agreed to serve another two-year term and he called for further nominations from the floor, with none being received, the past president moved, seconded by Randy Robar, that Scott Ferris be acclaimed as 2nd vice president and Ron Allan be acclaimed as Prince County director with both being elected for two-year terms. CARRIED The incumbent secretary informed the nominating committee that he would prefer not to stand for re-election to minimize creating the impression that executive positions are lifetime appointments. The nominating committee made a concerted effort to identify person(s) willing to stand for this position and no one was identified. The past president called for nominations from the floor and none were received. The past president moved, seconded by Royce Greene, that the executive appoint a secretary by January 1, 2018. CARRIED

Presentation of Generational and Territorial Insignia: The president presented generational and territorial insignia to Tom Ralph who had applied while he was a member of the Ottawa Division.

Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service: Llew Robinson reported his disappointment with the turnout at an excellent and well-organized Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service at Zion Presbyterian Church on September 24, 2017. He expressed the view that by having the PEI Division assume responsibility for organizing the event might have resulted in serving police personnel and their leadership losing 'ownership' of the event which resulted in a significant decline in participation by serving police personnel. A number of attendees agreed with Llew's concerns and rationale. The membership also identified other factors such as the pending termination of executives at the Atlantic Police Academy, a senior member of a municipal police department forgetting to notify the members of the details of the event, and the general attitude of currently serving peace officers who expect compensation for attending events while off duty. The president offered to seek an overview of our membership's concerns and suggestions and then seek an opportunity to address the issue at a future meeting of the PEI Association of Chiefs of Police.

50/50 Draw: Fred Foster won \$29.00 and donated it to the Association.

Adjournment

At 8:12 PM Phil Pitts moved, seconded by Wayne Schleyer, that the meeting be adjourned until January 16, 2018.

Ernie MacAulay - Secretary