



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Veterans' Association
PEI Division



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Minutes of the Virtual Meeting (Sep 15th, 2020)

Welcome & Introduction

Due to Covid-19, the regular face to face September meeting of the PEI Division of the RCMP Veterans Association was cancelled. A virtual meeting facilitated by ZOOM was held on Sep 15th. 2020. Following members logged-in on line, the President called the September meeting of the RCMPVA (PEI) to order. Members and guests were welcomed.

There were 14 members/associate members present; Mike O'Neil, Lew Robinson, Fred Foster, Ernie MacAulay, Mike Murphy, John Potter, Stan Ferguson, Derek Smith, Don MacAulay, Scott Lundrigan, Bill Gillespie, Ruby Burns, Wayne Schlyer and Harold Hodgins.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda as circulated was accepted by those in attendance.

Last Post

The membership offered a moment of silence for those who had passed since our January Meeting, in particular former "L" Division members and those associated with the Association.

- a. Regimental #15906 S/Sgt. Bryce Andrew Hebb
- b. Regimental #23285 S/Sgt. James Cairns
- c. Mary Evelyn Francis "Fran" Power, wife of David Power

Birthdays

June Royce Greene, Jack Jans, Don Webster, Ernie MacAulay, Dan MacLean, Ron Allan, Les Chipperfield, Mike Murphy, Bill Chisholm, Denis Morin, Scott Ferris.

July Ann Williams, John Dunne, Ed pretty, David McAdam, Dene Williamson, Kim Hendricken, John Warr, Richard MacAulay.

August Hugh Rankin, Marion Riehl, Bob Moffatt, Chuck Snow, Lorne MacKinnon, Jerry Woolfrey, Aletha MacDonald, Ray McCormack, Scott Stevenson, Wilfred Jephson, Dan D'Amour..

September Basil MacKay, Damien Dunsford, Geoff Tucker, Ken Cormier, Wendell Murchison, Hank Pollard.



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Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting, virtual Zoom held on 2020-09-05 had been circulated by email and posted on our web site. It was moved by L. Robinson that minutes be adopted as posted, all present were in favour. Minutes adopted and retained on our web site and association e-file.

Financial Statement

Fred Foster presented a financial update for the months May 2020 through to September 2020. Fred indicated that 100% of 2020 annual dues have been paid. A copy of the monthly recaps had been distributed electronically and discussed. Motion for approval by F. Foster, all members present voted in favour of acceptance for the monthly update financial statement.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Regarding future meeting, due to the COVID-19 situation, the venue for future meetings will be decided prior to the meeting date and decisions made will be in accordance with the provincial COVID-19 guidelines and current situation regarding the pandemic.

Regarding the donation made to The Upper Room Food Bank, Lew Robinson delivered the cheque and requested no media coverage. It was felt that media coverage would possibly generate a rush of requests for similar donations from other parties. As we are not a fund-raising organization, we are not in a position to entertain accommodating multiple requests for donations.

Correspondence

Most correspondence received was electronic which was circulated to the membership when received. A thank you card from Judy Parsons. There was no other correspondence received to be disclosed.

New Business:

Reports from County Representatives

Kings County

Update on death of Jim Cairns and request by Mrs. Cairns for assistance regarding sale of vehicle. Vehicle was sold and no further assistance required.



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Queens County

Ernie MacAulay gave an update on retired member Hughie Rankin. Hughie's daughter Susan is looking after Hugh in her home for the time being and is looking for nursing home for him in the Summerside area. No change in condition of Bob Nahrgang.

Prince County

Nothing to report, October luncheon will depend on COVID-19 restrictions and issues related to COVID19.

Entertainment Committee

Due to COVID-19, all events will be suspended pending Provincial guidelines provided by Dr. Morrison. A Christmas Social with limited participants may be an option and will be considered as COVID-19 restrictions apply. Future announcements will be made as this situation unfolds.

Gravesite Inspection Committee

Nothing new to report

Membership & Credentials Committee

Ernie MacAulay advised one new member to the association, retired member Donald Gosse. A reach out was done to spouses of deceased members, specifically Karen McIntee and Joan Graham. Spouses of deceased members prior to June 2014 are grandfathered for associate membership, those after this date need to apply. Data base has been updated accordingly.

Advocacy Committee

Ruby Burns gave brief update, expressed positive aspect of advocacy program. Ruby also gave update on the Pillars of the Force initiative and Grand Opening scheduled for September 20th, 2020.

Military Family Resource Center

Nothing new to report. It was confirmed that MFRC support for out of province medical treatments was still operational and if member or any of member's family require out of province care the MFRC would provide them with a Bridge Pass and a \$50.00 gift card. All correspondence regarding The MFRC was forwarded electronically to all when received.



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Association Financial Assets

No information at this time regarding Randy Robar's suggestion to have a committee to review our financial assets in relation to some worthwhile disbursement of some of the funds. Disbursements should be; of benefit to members of our organization. This matter to be followed up on going forward.

The AGM Business Meeting

President Mike O'Neil advised of the upcoming business meeting. Venue yet to be determined due to COVID-19 restriction. Options will be sought out and evaluated.

Peace Officers' Memorial Service

President Mike O'Neil gave update on planning. Everything is in place and scheduled. Memorial Service will take place on September 27th, at the Peace Officers memorial fountain in Charlottetown. Thirteen individuals have been invited, these are functional invitees and no public viewing/attendance is encouraged.

The William "Ted" Whelan Memorial Award

President Mike O'Neil advised that Lew Robinson will chair this year's committee to solicit and evaluate candidates for this award.

Election of Officers, November Meeting

Peter Sorenson will coordinate the selection and nomination of candidates for vacant positions on the executive of the PEI RCMP Veterans association. Same to take place at November meeting.

Presentation of Service Pins

Due to COVID-19, no service bars were presented during this period.

New Member Induction

Nil

Zoom Meeting went relatively smoothly, there were two minor issues, some confusion regarding start time, communication of start time will be more clear future, secondly, several attendees experienced issues with the sound quality. Zoom meeting was adjourned. Zoom issues to be kept in mind for future Zoom meetings.



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Adjournment, (Next meeting for November 17th., venue to be determined pending pandemic guidelines. 2020)