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Meeting Minutes – September 20th., 2022

Welcome and Introduction:

This was an in-person meeting held at Razzy's Roadhouse, Charlottetown. President Scott Ferris called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M... Members and guest, Acting Sargent Major Troy MacLean, "L" Division were welcomed.

The following members were present; Rick Chadwick, Walter Charlesworth, Gordon Coffin, Ken Cormier, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Stan Ferguson, Fred Foster, Scott Ferris, Bob McCann, Robert McDougall, John Potter, Lew Robinson, Wayne Schlyer, Mike O'Neil, Geoff Tucker and Brian Wheldon.

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda had been distributed to all by email prior to the meeting. The agenda was adopted by all present.

Last Post: List of Members and others who have passed away who were associated with "L" Division was read and a minute of silence was held for them and other Members who had passed away.

Birthdays:

June: Royce Greene, Jack Jans, Ernie MacAulay, Dan MacLean, Ron Allen, Les Chipperfield, Mike Murphy, Bill Chisholm, Denis Moran, Scott Ferris.

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

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

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes for the meeting held on 2022-05-17, had been circulated by email and posted on our web site <https://www.rcmpvetspei.ca/> . It was moved the minutes be adopted, all present voted in favour. Minutes will be retained on our web site.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Sam Steele "SPURS" Award. President Scott gave an overview of a proposal made by acting S/M Troy MacLean regarding his intention to initiate an award for a deserving member of "L" Division, the Sam Steele "SPURS" award. To be

presented annually. The on going commitment from our association would be to acquire and donate a set of Long Shank Spurs annually for the award. There are currently two sets of spurs on hand, so our commitment would start in 2024. Approx. \$200.00 per set, if we are required to purchase same.

It was moved by Lew Robinson that we agree to the partnership for this award, seconded by Ernie MacAulay.

Mike O'Neil spoke about this and suggested that it would be prudent for the acting S/M and President Scott to flush out the parameters and conflicts if any for this initiative.

The matter was set over for the next meeting in November 2022.

VAC Workshop: Rick Chadwick gave an overview of a workshop we want to deliver on PEI for our membership. The workshop deals with VAC assistance and pensions for RCMP and Military personnel. Positions would be available to retired and regular members and spouses and military personnel. As of now there are 22 veterans, 6 regular members and 8 Navy personnel booked to attend.

To date the RCMP Veterans Association of PEI have approved \$500.00 for expenses. The overall costs are expected to be between \$1,200.00 and 1,500.00. Approval was requested for a total amount of up to \$1,500.00 for this initiative.

Motion by Lew Robinson and seconded by Ernie MacAulay for the funds. All in attendance voted in favour. **Motion carried.**

Policy Review: Ernie MacAulay spoke on this matter, he had conducted the review and found that our manual is in compliance. Ernie indicated one area was inconsistent, that being our manual references to life membership. Ernie had proposed an amendment which he had circulated prior to the meeting, which removed the references to life membership, which are no longer a category of membership. Ernie's motion was seconded by Mike O'Neil and all present voted in favour. **Motion carried.**

Financial Statement:

Treasurer Fred Foster - Updated on current state of Finances. As of this month, our account is in good standing with all invoices paid. We are currently waiting for the payment from "L" Division for the grave side inspections done. As of this date we have 85 active members, 76 have paid dues with 9 still outstanding.

New Business:

Guest: Acting S/M Troy Maclean gave a short update regarding events of the past year. First of note was the recent Memorial Service for Cst. Heidi Stevenson. Two members from "L" Division attended representing the Division. The Musical Ride was here in July. Members from the Division marched in the Gold Cup and Saucer Parade in August. Troy as acting S/M, represented the Division at the National Peace Officers Memorial Service in Regina and there was a small troop in attendance for a local memorial service for the passing of the Queen.

Coming up, there will be a change of Command Ceremony for the new Commanding Officer and a Long Service Medal presentation taking place in November. Next year in

May there will be a Regimental Ball to celebrate the 150th. Anniversary of the Force and the Musical ride will be in the Gold Cup and Saucer Parade.

President Request: Scott Ferris made a request for volunteers for the Change of Command Ceremony in November.

Report for Kings County: Richard MacAulay advised nothing to report

Report for Queens County: Wayne Schleyer gave a short update regarding John Potter's wife and their challenges regarding battling cancer. Wayne also made a short note regarding Pat Neary and Marshall MacKinnon, former members who influenced him to join the veterans association.

Report for Prince County: Harold Hodgins message updating us on Scott Lundrigan's ordeal with cancer was read. Our thoughts and prayers are with Scott and his family during this time.

Entertainment Committee: Phil Pitts, nothing to report for this period.

Gravesite Inspection Committee: Robert McDougall advised that all gravesite inspections have been completed and invoice forwarded to "L" Division.

Membership Committee: Ernie MacAulay advised there was one new application approved for Mitchell King, a member with 21 years service. Mitch served in "K", "J", "B" and "L" Divisions.

Advocacy Committee: Rick Chadwick advised he is staying active and that he has helped several people with applying for benefits. The Moose Mounties are getting used and there will be a new fund raising started in the new year.

Annual Memorial Service: Mike O'Neil advised that this will be our 8th. Year organizing this event This years event will be held at Holy Redeemer Parish in Charlottetown on Sunday September 25th..

Election of Executive Positions: Mike O'Neil advised that the elections for open spots on the executive will take place at the November meeting. Mike reinforced that "Change is Good" and encouraged members not to be shy in taking their turn.

William "Ted" Whelan Award: Lew Robinson advised that he will be the chair of this years' committee. Call-out for nominations will be from now to October 31st..

Meeting adjourned, moved by Scott Ferris and seconded by Mike O'Neil.

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday November 15th., 2022