**Minutes of the Meeting (2022-11-22)**

**Welcome & Introduction**

This was our last meeting of 2022, in person at Razzy’s in Charlottetown. President Scott Ferris called RCMPVA (PEI) meeting to order. Members and guests were welcomed.

The Following members were in attendance: Mike O’Neil, Fred Foster, Lew Robinson, Scott Ferris, Ernie MacAulay, Phil Pitts, Robert MacDougal, Peter Sorenson, Rick Chadwick, Derek Smith, Brian Weldon, Dave Corrigan, Richard MacAulay, Gordie Coffin, Ian Gemmell, Ray McCormack, Mike Murphy, Ann O’Shaughnessy, John Potter, Wayne Schleyer, Brian Weldon, Randy Robar, Reg Campbell, Ian Beer, Wilf Jepson, Dene Williamson, Dan D’Amour, Ed Pretty, Bob McCann, David Aitken.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda had been distributed to all by email prior to the meeting. The was adopted by all present. Moved by Derek Smith and seconded by Mike O’Neil, approved by all.

**Last Post**

The membership offered a moment of silence for those who had passed since our September Meeting, in particular former “L” Division members:

Clyde “Scott” Lundrigan, Cpl. Ret’d.

George Aland Wright, Cpl. Ret’d.

Dennis Walter Affleck, Sgt., Ret’d.

Helen Marie McCue, Spouse of Ed McCue

**Birthdays**

* + 1. October Bryon Sutcliffe, Kevin McNeil, Ben MacConnell, Beverly Fraser-Chisholm, Lew Robinson, John Potter, Bill Gillespie, Jeannette Gallant
		2. November Evan Courtney, Wayne Carver, Wayne Schleyer, Stan Ferguson, Bill Dickie, Don MacGregor, Anne O’Shaughnessy

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of meeting held 2022-09-20 were circulated by email and posted on our web site. A correction was made regarding a birthday after which, the minutes be adopted. Moved by Wilf Jepson and seconded by Phil Pitts, all present were in favour.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Lew Robinson** – Advised nominations for the “Ted” Whelan Memorial Award have closed and recipient’s name and credentials validated. Proposed presentation will be at the 2022 Christmas Dinner.

**Mike O’Neil/Scott Ferris –** thanked the membership for participation in November 11th. Ceremonies and gave reminder for compensation for wreaths purchased on our behalf.

**Scott Ferris –** The Proposed Steele Spurs Award. Scott reviewed the criteria of the award. The matter was discussed and several members were concerned regarding one element of the criteria “prohibiting any member who currently owned long shank spurs from receiving the award.” The matter was postponed to the next meeting to enable Scott to discuss this with the acting Sergeant Major Troy MacLean.

**Financial Statement**

Fred Foster gave an updated financial status of the association. Fred is leaving the Treasurer’s Position after 4 years and welcomed Ian Gemmell to the position. Derek Smith moved the financial update be accepted, seconded by Dave Corrigan and approved by all present.

**Correspondence**

All correspondence received was electronic and was circulated to the membership as it was received. Nothing new to update

**Break for Lunch –** During lunch, Ed pretty won the 50/50.

**New Business:**

**Derek Smith/Scott Ferris -** Gave an update on the recent Change of Command ceremony held at the Queen Charlotte Armories and advised of the Long Service Medal presentation for tomorrow.

**Reports from County Representatives**

**Kings County - Richard MacAulay** indicated nothing new to report.

**Queens County - Wayne Schleyer** indicated nothing new to report

**Prince County - Harold Hodgin** indicated nothing new to report.

**Entertainment Committee:**

**Phil Pitts** gave a brief account of the upcoming Christmas Party

**Gravesite Inspection Committee:**

 **Robert McDougall** advised that all inspections have been completed and invoice

Has been submitted.

**Membership & Credentials Committee:**

 **Ernie MacAulay** advised of two new members to the association, Tom Butler and

Robert Stewart.

**Advocacy Committee:**

 **Rick Chadwick** advised he has been busy with advocacy and has assisted several

 individuals with, after death benefit submissions and VAC information.

 The Moose Mountie project is working well and the members are making good use

 of them. A new fundraising initiative will start to re-plenish our supply of the toys.

 The VAC workshop that was planned for September was postponed and will be

 re-offered in the spring.

**Military Family Resource Center:**

Recent communications regarding events were forwarded to association membership electronically.

**Association Annual Dues:**

 **Scott Ferris** gave acurrent update on the status of annual dues at the national level,

 advising of a $5.00 incremental increase over the next three years. There was a healthy

 discussion regarding the dues increase and how to implement for our association. A

 variety of opinions and Interactive comments were exchanged by Wayne Schleyer, Derek Smith, Randy Robar, Fred Foster, Mike O’Neil, Brian Weldon, Bob McCann and John

 Potter. Following the discussions, Peter Sorensen, who is the national treasurer gave an

 overview of the national financial situation, explaining the issues and financial pressures.

 Peter was thanked for the information by Derek Smith.

 Derek Smith moved we increase our dues by $5.00 a year for the next three years. Fred

 Foster explained some difficulties with this approach, after which Brian Weldon moved

 we increase the amount starting 2023 by $15.00 making our dues $75.00 per year. This

 was seconded by John Potter. The motion was voted on and 28 of 30 present voted in

 favour. Starting 2023, dues will be $75.00 per year

**Election of Officers:**

 **For President. - Scott Ferris**

 **For 1st. vice President. - Brian Weldon**

 **For County Director Kings. - Ray McCormack**

 **For County Director Queens. - Dan D’Amour**

 **For Treasurer - Ian Gemmell**

 **For Secretary - Llew Robinson**

All the above agreed to their positions and were seated by acclamation. Mike O’Neil

moved that the positions be filled by those named, seconded by Randy Robar

and all present voted in favour.

**Service Bars Presented**

Service Bars were quietly presented to Dave Aitken and Ed Pretty.

**New Member Induction. -** N/A

Ann O’Shaughnessy moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Derek Smith

 *Adjournment to Next Regular Meeting (January 17th. 2023)*