**Minutes of the Meeting (2024-01-18)**

**Welcome & Introduction**

This was an in-person meeting held at Legion Branch #1 in Charlottetown. President Phil Pitts called RCMPVA (PEI) meeting to order. Members and guests were welcomed.

The Following were in attendance: Guest Insp. Brian Harder. Members; *Scott Ferris, Phil Pitts, Brian Weldon, Fred Foster, Harry Hibbs, Rick Chadwick, Wayne Scheyler, Greg Sheen, Ian Gemmell, David Corrigan, Geoff Tucker, Richard MacAulay, Gordon Coffin, Wilf Jephson, Peter Sorensen, Don Gosse, Walter Charlesworth, Bryon, Sutcliffe, Martin Roy, Dan D'Amour, Fred Fitzpatrick, Llew Robinson, Robert McDougall, Bob Moffatt, Paul MacDougald, Ed Gillis, Ernie MacAulay, Chuck Snow, Derek Smith, Don MacGregor, Paul Stetson, Mike Robinson, Jerry Woolfrey, Bob McCann, Don MacAulay, Randy Robar, Ken Cormier, Brent Dooks, Alexis Triantafillou, Ken Walker.*

**Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda had been distributed to all by email prior to the meeting. The acceptance of the agenda was requested and moved by Bob McCann, 2nd. By Randy Robar and adopted by all present.

**Last Post**

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

Mary (McNaughton) Paquet, spouse of Rt’d “L” Div. Member, Barry Paquet, on Nov 10,

**Birthdays: (*Note, may not be all inclusive because new system does not track)***

December Walter Charlesworth, Bob McCann, Irene MacDonald, Gordie Campbell,

Martin Roy.

January Joan Graham, Bush Dumville, Karen McIntee

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of meeting held 2023-11-16 were circulated by email and posted on our web site. Motion to accept by Robert McDougall, 2nd. By Ken Cormier. Minutes were approved by all present.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Lew Robinson –** Provided an overview of the last Ted Whelan Memorial Award and advised that Wayne Schlyer one of the founding members of our Association was the recipient for 2023.

**Financial Statement**

Ian Gemmell presented the Treasurer's Report, reviewing the financial statement, and explained the $300.00 glitch which has been corrected. Brian Weldon moved acceptance of the financial statement 2nd. By Bryon Sutcliffe and accepted by all present.

Ian Gemmell, gave an update on financial expenditures for the current year to date. No issues, and indicated that there was a mention of the financial glitch mentioned above was commented on the reverse of the financial statement. Dave Corrigan moved the report be accepted, 2nd. By Don Gosse and approved by all present.

**Correspondence**

All correspondence received was electronic and was circulated to the membership as it was received.

**Dinner Break. -** 50/50 draw held, the winner donated the winnings to the staff of the Charlottetown Legion.

**New Business:**

**Insp. Brian Harder –** spoke on behalf of “L” Division, giving a heart-felt thank you to our members for everything we did in the community last year representing the Force in its 150th celebrations.

**President Phil Pitts** – thanked Insp. Harder for his comments and for the generosity of hosting the meal for this meeting.

**Insp. Harder & Past President Scott Ferris** – presented S/M Challenge coins to several of our membership in recognition of their 150 celebration efforts.

**Brian Weldon** – Notified everyone that there are part-time employment opportunities at the provincial Legislature if anyone may be interested.

**Lew Robinson** – Circulated a copy of our 150 Bingo Gives card for everyone’s attention and also circulated the Commanding Officer’s Commendation to our Association along with the Commendation Pin which will be worn by our President in the future.

**Reports from County Representatives**

**Kings County - Richard MacAulay for Ray McCormack** indicated that Ray McCormack is now home from Halifax and is recovering well.

**Queens County - Dan D’Amour** nothing new to report.

**Prince County - Peter Sorenson for Harold Hodgin,** advised that Royce Greene had fractured his back and is currently bed ridden at home.

**Entertainment Committee: - Phil Pitts**  gave a short overview of our Christmas dinner celebration, which was well received and enjoyed by all who attended.

**Gravesite Inspection Committee:**  N/A

**Membership & Credentials Committee: Ernie MacAulay –** Advised we have 3 new members; Patrice Desjardin, Rodney Arsenault, and Troy MacLean.

**Advocacy Committee: - Rick Chadwick –** Advised he has been active and assisted an RM and a Veteran with issues this period.

 **Randy Robar** moved meeting be adjourned**, 2nd. by Don Mac Gregor,** approved by all Adjourned to next meeting - **March 21st., 2024, at Legion Branch #1, Charlottetown**