



**Veterans' Association**  
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**MINUTES – March 20, 2018**

**Call to Order**

First Vice-President Brian Weldon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed prospective member Dan D'Amour and guest speaker Joanne Crombie.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The chair 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. 33242, retired Sgt. James B. Stavert, who died in Summerside on March 15, 2018. A number of members in attendance also noted the passing of Reg. No. 28082, retired S/M Robert Gordon James 'Bob' Gallup, who died in Saint John, NB on February 21, 2018.

**Attendance**

The following members were in attendance: Dave Aitken, Ian Beer, Ruby Burns, Wayne Carver, Dave Corrigan, Scott Ferris, Fred Foster, Ian Gemmell, Royce Greene, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Bob McCann, Gary McLeod, Kevin McNeil, Mike Murphy, Bob Nahrgang, Phil Pitts, Llew Robinson, Wayne Schleyer, Peter Sorensen, Richard Thibault, Brian Weldon, and Dene Williamson. Regrets were received from: Ron Allan, Reg Campbell, Robert Campbell, Brad Chugg, Ken Cormier, Frank Dolan, Harold Hodgins, Fraser Inman, Jack Jans, Paul MacDougald, Dan MacLean, Bob Moffatt, Mike O'Neil, Anne O'Shaughnessy, Hank Pollard, Tom Ralph, Al Roach, Randy Robar, Bryon Sutcliffe, Bob Turner, and Bob Vokey.

**Birthdays for February and March**

Birthdays for February: Mel Anderson, Ian Beer, Thane Bell, Brad Chugg, Addison Coffin, Gordon Coffin, Don MacAulay, Richard MacAulay (but not this year; leap years only), Paul MacDougald, Mike O'Neil, Randy Robar, Peter Sorensen, and Paul Stetson. Birthdays for March: Dave Aitken, Harold Avery, Wayne Burke, Ruby Burns, Jim Delaney, Harold Hodgins, Dan MacDonald, Phil Pitts, Al Roach, Paul Saulnier, and Brian Weldon.

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The secretary moved, seconded by Royce Greene, that the minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

## **Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

**Executive Succession Planning:** Past President Peter Sorensen provided those in attendance with a "Division Executive Planning Questionnaire" and invited the membership to consider serving in executive positions in the future and indicate their interest and availability for executive positions by completing the questionnaire or by providing the detail to him by e-mail by April 6, 2018. Peter emphasized the need for members to contribute to the division by serving in executive positions, noted that the duties are not onerous, and stated that, ideally, members would only serve two-year terms in executive positions. Peter stated that, when the responses have been received, the nominating committee will review the responses, prepare a summary of interested members, and contact those willing to serve before the annual general meeting in November.

## **Correspondence**

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

- Notice of Attendance AGM 2018 forwarded on behalf of the Association on January 21, 2018
- Myrtle Beach golf tournament forwarded on behalf of Nova Scotia Division on January 21, 2018
- Fundamental Yoga message forwarded on behalf of Sgt. Hendricken on January 22, 2018
- Changes in Public Services Health Care Plan forwarded on behalf of the National Association of Federal Retirees on February 26, 2018

## **New Business**

**County Reports:** Kings County Director Richard MacAulay reported that there are no issues in Kings County. Queens County Director Wayne Schleyer reported that Bob Vokey is doing quite well following hip replacement surgery. Llew Robinson reported that Dave Power suffered a heart attack in the early morning of March 17, was taken to a hospital in Saint John, NB by ambulance, and is scheduled for double bypass surgery on March 21. Llew and Fred Foster visited Ian Oland on March 19 and his condition has deteriorated dramatically in the past few months. He is currently immobile, non-communicative, and unable to perform basic personal care tasks. Bob Nahrgang reported that 80% of the cost of walkers is covered under the Public Service Health Care Plan (blue and yellow Sun Life card) if a doctor provides a letter indicating that it is necessary for mobility. Prince County Director Ron Allan was unable to attend and Royce Green reported that all is well in Prince County.

**Division Representative at the 2018 AGM in Winnipeg:** The president was unable to attend but sent a message asking that the attendees be canvassed for interest in representing the PEI Division at the AGM in Winnipeg on May 25, 2018. Peter Sorensen noted that it is a modified AGM with only a one-day meeting, there is a division subsidy of \$500.00 available, lunch and dinner are provided, and there is no registration fee. There were no volunteers identified from the attendees. There was some discussion about whether the division should fully compensate a delegate to future AGMs and Fred Foster undertook

to research the issue and possibly draft a resolution for consideration at the PEI Division AGM on November 20, 2018.

**Entertainment Committee:** Phil Pitts noted that the February lunch that Wayne Schleyer organized at the Top of the Park was very well attended and a successful event. He also noted that Richard MacAulay has organized a lunch with guest speaker for April 17 at Clam Diggers Beach House and Restaurant in Cardigan. Phil is working on the planning for the lobster dinner in June.

**Membership Committee:** Ruby Burns noted that prospective member Dan D'Amour, who recently retired from "L" Division, is in attendance and she is actively pursuing several more prospective members.

**Advocacy Committee:** Scott Ferris alerted the membership to an on-line survey that is being conducted by the Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment (which operates as a unit of the Collaborative Centre for Justice and Safety). This organization was established at the University of Regina to help assess the needs of the emergency response community (and all those who work in public safety) when it comes to proper training, on-the-job resources, support programs, and ongoing care of members of this community when they leave the job. Scott noted the current lack of data and encouraged all members to complete the anonymous on-line survey. The results will be used to provide a better understanding of the issues and needs so that funding is secured to provide assistance to emergency responders affected by operational stress issues. Scott will re-send the link to the survey to the secretary for distribution to the membership.

**Guest Speaker:** Richard Thibault introduced Joanne Crombie, chair of the board of the PEI branch of the Military Family resource Centre. Joanne has a military background with service in various parts of Canada and also worked for Veterans Affairs Canada. She noted that Richard Thibault serves on the board of the MFRC. She stated that Lt.-Gen. Jonathan Vance, Chief of Defence Staff, is focused on family issues because he realizes that they must be addressed so that the military personnel can focus on their military tasks. The MFRC endeavours to make sure that military families can navigate the challenges of military family life. On PEI, the clientele are mainly families of reserve members of the Canadian Forces residing here. The MFRC is not funded to serve the RCMP but the PEI branch has a unique relationship with the RCMP and includes RCMP families in its work. There are ongoing discussions at senior levels to include the RCMP nationally. The MFRC is a small organization with an extremely committed staff who try to assist as many as they can including families of contractors who provide services in foreign venues. The PEI branch pays for summer camps for children from military families. The chair thanked Joanne for her presentation and presented her with an RCMP Veterans' Association lapel pin.

**50/50 Draw:** Scott Ferris won \$23.00.

### Adjournment

At 7:50 PM Scott Ferris moved, seconded by Wayne Schleyer, that the meeting be adjourned until May 15, 2018.

Ernie MacAulay - Secretary