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**MINUTES – May 15, 2018**

**Call to Order**

The president called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**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.

**Attendance**

The following members were in attendance: Ian Beer, Ruby Burns, Robert Campbell, Walter Charlesworth, Brad Chugg, Gordon Coffin, Ken Cormier, Dave Corrigan, Frank Dolan, Damien Dunsford, Fred Foster, Ian Gemmill, Ed Gillis, Royce Greene, Harold Hodgins, Scott Lundrigan, Fred Lynch, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Lorne MacKinnon, Bob McCann, Kevin McNeil, Mike Murphy, Bob Nahrgang, Mike O'Neil, Anne O'Shaughnessy, Ed Pretty, Tom Ralph, Randy Robar, Llew Robinson, Wayne Schleyer, Peter Sorensen, Bob Vokey, and Jerry Woolfrey. Regrets were received from: Ron Allan, Jim Cairns, Wayne Carver, Jim Delaney, Bush Dumville, Jennifer Ebert, Scott Ferris, Jack Jans, Harry Kennedy, Don MacGregor, Gary McLeod, Bob Moffatt, Phil Pitts, Al Roach, Paul Stetson, Bryon Sutcliffe, Richard Thibault, and Geoff Tucker.

**Birthdays for April and May**

Birthdays for April: Robert Campbell, Dave Corrigan, Ed Dornan, Fred Foster, Ian Gemmill, Ed Gillis, Derek Smith, and Ken Walker. Birthdays for May: Reg Campbell, Dawna Constable, George Cumming, Frank Dolan, Fraser Inman, Scott Lundrigan, Fred Lynch, Bob Nahrgang, Dave Power, Tom Ralph, Errol Thompson, and Bob Thorne.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The secretary moved, seconded by Ken Cormier, that the minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

**Financial Statements**

The treasurer circulated a copy of the general ledger for 2018 and noted that there have been very few transactions since the March meeting and we didn't receive a bank statement for April because there were no transactions. The treasurer noted that the Association wants the per capita contribution paid on a monthly basis. The treasurer moved, seconded by Tom Ralph, that the statement be approved as circulated.  
CARRIED

### **Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

**Survey on Executive Succession Planning:** Past President Peter Sorensen reported that two surveys were completed at the March meeting and five e-mail responses were received between March 21 and April 8. Three members of the current executive indicated a willingness to continue serving, one respondent indicated a willingness to serve when a vacancy occurs, one respondent expressed interest in serving as a County Director in the 2020/21 period, and two respondents indicated they were not interested in serving on the executive. The past president suggested the possibility of restructuring the executive to combine the secretary and treasurer positions into one position. He is not optimistic that there will be sufficient volunteers to fill the executive vacancies that will occur in November 2018 and stated that there is little value in the nominating committee searching for replacements on the executive unless there is a meaningful increase in members willing to participate more actively in their division. Bob McCann raised the possibility of paying an honorarium to attract candidates for the secretary and treasurer positions. The treasurer pointed out that we are required to pay \$37.00 of the \$50.00 we collect in annual dues to the Association and the remaining \$13.00 per member would be insufficient to cover our normal operating costs plus honoraria for two executive positions. The president stated that the issue is now in the hands of the executive to develop a strategy to find volunteers for the upcoming executive vacancies.

**Funding Division Representative for the 2018 AGM:** Fred Foster moved, seconded by Llew Robinson, that the PEI Division pay actual travel, accommodation, and meal expenses for a member of the PEI Division to attend the Association AGM in Winnipeg on May 25, 2018. Fred estimated the cost would be approximately \$1,025.00 plus taxes. The treasurer provided the attendees with a cost estimate of approximately \$1,115.05 to fund a division member's attendance at the AGM. The treasurer provided the attendees with an outline of the projected annual revenues and expenditures of the PEI Division with a projected operating surplus of \$887.11 per year. The treasurer noted that paying for the costs of a member's attendance at the AGM would put the division into a deficit position this year and, if the practice was continued in future years, it would eventually consume the accumulated operating surplus. The president called for a vote by show of hands and the motion was DEFEATED.

### **Correspondence**

- Notice of motion regarding funding of Division Representative to the 2028 AGM sent on April 22.

- Investors Group financial planning seminar information forwarded April 25, 2018
- Johnson Insurance scholarship information forwarded April 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 Dave Power is doing quite well following cardiac surgery. Bob Vokey was at the meeting following hip surgery. Harry Kennedy fell at his residence last Sunday and fractured his collar bone. He is recuperating at home and welcomes calls and visitors. Fred Foster and Llew Robinson indicated there is nothing positive to report about Ian Oland whose condition continues to regress. Prince County Director Ron Allan was unable to attend and Royce Green reported that all is well in Prince County. Llew Robinson reported that Bill Dickie is at home following cardiac surgery in Saint John and he is progressing nicely.

**Transport of Members to Weekly Coffee Gatherings:** Fred Foster noted that a number of former RCMP members meet at the Charlottetown Burger King on Thursday mornings and perhaps more could attend if they had transportation. Fred and Llew Robinson offered to assist members get to and from these events. If anyone would like to accept this generous offer, please contact Fred or Llew.

**Entertainment Committee:** Phil Pitts was unable to attend so the treasurer announced that this year's lobster dinner will be held on June 19 at the Afton Community Centre. The cost remains the same at \$37.50 per person with a choice of lobster or steak. Phil will provide the secretary with a poster for distribution.

**Gravesite Inspection Committee:** Damien Dunsford stated that he has inspectors in place and the inspections will start soon.

**Membership Committee:** Ruby Burns stated that she invited three prospective members to the meeting and she is actively pursuing several more prospective members.

**Advocacy Committee:** Scott Ferris was unable to attend the meeting but reported no ongoing issues.

**50/50 Draw:** Gord Coffin won \$55.00.

### **Adjournment**

At 8:05 PM Damien Dunsford moved, seconded by Dave Corrigan, that the meeting be adjourned until September 18, 2018.

Ernie MacAulay – Secretary