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Veterans' Association
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MINUTES – November 28, 2018

Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed new member Dan D'Amour and prospective member Dave Murnaghan.

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 being accorded to Reg. No. 22252, former Cst. John Atkinson Burck, who died on November 21, 2018 at Montague, PEI.

Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Ian Beer, Ruby Burns, Gordon Coffin, Ken Cormier, Dave Corrigan, Karen Dunning, Scott Ferris, Fred Foster, Ed Gillis, Royce Greene, Fred Lynch, Don MacAulay, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Ben MacConnell, Aletha MacDonald, Paul MacDougald, Don MacGregor, Kevin McNeil, Bob Moffatt, Mike O'Neil, Anne O'Shaughnessy, Tom Ralph, Randy Robar, Wayne Schleyer, Derek Smith, Peter Sorensen, Richard Thibault, Bob Thorne, Bob Vokey, Brian Weldon, Dene Williamson, and Jerry Woolfrey. Regrets were received from: Ron Allan, Jim Cairns, Reg Campbell, Robert Campbell, Dawna Constable, John Dunne, Stan Ferguson, Ian Gemmell, Harold Hodgins, Fraser Inman, Harry Kennedy, Bob McCann, Gary McLeod, Bob Nahrgang, Phil Pitts, Paul Stetson, Bryon Sutcliffe, Geoff Tucker, and John Warr.

Birthdays for October and November

Birthdays for October: Jeannette Doucette, Benny MacConnell, Gary McLeod, Kevin McNeil, Llew Robinson, and Bryon Sutcliffe. Birthdays for November: Wayne Carver, Evan Courtney, Bill Dickie, Stan Ferguson, Harry Kennedy, Don MacGregor, Anne O'Shaughnessy, and Wayne Schleyer.



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Minutes of Previous Meeting

The secretary moved, seconded by Bob Moffatt, that the minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

Financial Statement

The treasurer circulated an income statement for the fiscal period ending November 25, 2018 which showed revenues of \$ 8,564.00 and expenses of \$7,027.10 and an operating surplus of \$1,536.90. The treasurer reviewed each line object on the statement and moved that the statement be accepted as circulated, seconded by Don MacGregor. CARRIED

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

The president provided an overview of the 2018 Police and Police Officers' Memorial Service that was held in Summerside on September 30, 2018. The event receives financial support from the PEI Police Association, the PEI Association of Chiefs of Police and the Government of PEI and generated a small surplus which has been added to the previous balance carried forward. The president noted that the event was well attended by members of the PEI Division and the Atlantic Police Academy but the attendance by serving RCMP and municipal police personnel was disappointing. The secretary noted that the issue was discussed at a recent CO's Employee Advisory Committee meeting and the lack of attendance of serving RCMP members is mainly attributable to resourcing issues. Peter Sorensen also expressed the view that resourcing issues are the main cause of the lack of attendance of serving RCMP members.

Correspondence

The following non-routine correspondence has been forwarded to the membership since the previous meeting:

- Military Family Resource Centre October Monthly forwarded on September 26, 2018
- Exclusive savings offer forwarded on behalf of Johnson Insurance on September 26, 2018
- "Get Hurricane Ready" information forwarded on behalf of Johnson Insurance on September 28, 2018
- Notice of Motion re: Procedures Manual amendments sent on November 1, 2018



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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 Nahrgang is hospitalized following two seizures and a gerontologist has indicated that he is likely to require continued institutional care. The secretary noted that Bob has been relocated to Bed 2 in Room 337 of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Bob welcomes visitors. Wayne also reported that Hector MacDonald is confined to his residence. Royce Greene reported that Don Kerwin, a former member of the O.P.P. and the RCMP, passed away about two weeks ago.

Nominating Committee Report: The past president reported that the nominating committee, composed of Peter Sorensen and Paul Stetson, completed a survey of potential candidates for executive vacancies in March 2018 and updated it in September 2018 with limited interest from our membership. Incumbents, except the treasurer and secretary, agreed to continue in their current positions for another two-year term. Fred Foster agreed to stand for a two-year term as treasurer and Llew Robinson agreed to serve the last year of the current secretary's term. There were no nominations from the floor so, effective January 1, 2019, the executive will be:

- President – Mike O'Neil (first year of term)
- 1st Vice President – Brian Weldon (first year of term)
- 2nd Vice President – Scott Ferris (last year of term)
- Secretary – Llew Robinson (last year of term)
- Treasurer – Fred Foster (first year of term)
- Kings County Director – Richard MacAulay (first year of term)
- Queens County Director – Wayne Schleyer (first year of term)
- Prince County Director – Ron Allan (last year of term); and
- Past President – Peter Sorensen

Motion to Amend the Division Procedures Manual: The president proposed a motion to amend the Division Procedures Manual by removing the Immediate Past President as a member of the executive. The secretary provided the text of the motion to the membership on November 1, 2018 in the form of a 'Notice of Motion' and indicated that, if seconded, it would be debated at the November meeting. Derek Smith seconded the motion. The past president addressed the motion and indicated that, in his opinion, it was bad policy and expressed a preference for further study on the issue before voting on the motion. In response to a question about who would chair the nominating committee, the president stated that the executive could appoint the committee. Some members noted that the position is generally used to provide continuity when a new president is elected and the required continuity could be provided



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if there was a term limit on the position of past president with a two-year term being considered adequate. The mandatory nature of the position troubled another member who recommended that the position be removed. The president called the question on the motion and it was DEFEATED.

Entertainment Committee: Phil Pitts was unable to attend the meeting but he provided a written report that detailed the 2017/18 events and the proposed events for 2019 and invited the membership to suggest other potential events to members of the committee. The secretary provided an oral summary of the report.

Membership Committee: Ruby Burns noted that new member Dan D'Amour was in attendance and prospective member Dave Murnaghan was also present. She also stated that she has other prospects in sight. Ruby announced that she is resigning from chairing the membership committee due to the workload involved with being the chair of the Association Advocacy Committee. The president noted the number of new members that have joined the Association during Ruby's tenure and thanked her for her contributions. The president invited the membership to consider volunteering to replace Ruby as the chair of the membership committee.

Advocacy Committee: Scott Ferris noted there have been advocacy-related seminars recently in Amherst and Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. He stated that there is a strong advocacy group in Nova Scotia which has helped over 1,000 members. They have shared some of their documentation with him and he will have it posted on the PEI Division website. He also reported that Veterans Affairs Canada has added 470 new positions in veterans' support to deal with the backlog of cases. Ruby reported having attended the Amherst seminar with Phil and Jeannie Pitts. There were four speakers who all provided useful information. Phil and Ruby are exploring the possibility of bringing part of the seminar to PEI. Derek Smith reported that the criteria for hearing loss claims have been relaxed making claims simpler. He will provide contact information on the subject to the secretary for distribution.

Military Family Resource Centre: Richard Thibault invited members to visit the MFRC at HMCS Queen Charlotte and Leona would be pleased to outline the services which they can provide. He also mentioned that the MFRC recently held a successful fund-raising event.

Installation of New Member: The president installed Dan D'Amour as a member of the Association and he responded with a brief summary of his career.

AGM in Whitehorse: The president reported that the Association's 2019 AGM will be held in Whitehorse, Yukon and our constitution provides a grant of \$500 to offset the



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cost of attending as the PEI Division delegate. Interested members are invited to contact the president.

50/50 Winner: Ed Gillis won \$31.00.

Adjournment: At 8:15 PM, Brian Weldon moved, seconded by Ken Cormier, that the meeting be adjourned until January 15, 2019.

Ernie MacAulay - Secretary