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**Minutes of the Meeting (January 15, 2019)**

**Welcome & Introduction**

Following a brief reception, the President called the January Meeting of the RCMPVA (PEI) to order. Members and guests were welcomed back after the Christmas Season and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The Following members were in attendance:

Fred Foster, Fred Lynch, Peter Sorensen, Tom Ralph, Damien Dunsford, Brian Weldon, Ray MacCormack, Geoff Tucker, Phil Pitts, Ruby Burns, Don MacAulay, Scott Lundrigan, Randy Robar, Gary MacLeod, Bob Thorne, Bob McCann, Ian Beer, Scott Ferris, Lorne MacKinnon, Richard MacAulay, David Corrigan, Anne O'Shaughnessy, Kevin McNeil, Gordon Coffin, Stan Ferguson, Ed Pretty, Frank Dolan, Wayne Schleyer, Don MacGregor, Bush Dumville, Ian Beer, Scott Stevenson (a prospective member) and our Honouary President, Jennifer Ebert (CO "L" Division).

**Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda as circulated was adopted for the meeting.

**Last Post**

The membership offered a moment of silence for those who had passed since our November Meeting, in particular former "L" Division members: Dan Durling and Dave Carter.

**Birthdays**

Birthday wishes were extended to Walter Charlesworth and Bob McCann (December), and Bush Dumville, Bob Vokey, and Levi Barnes (January)

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the November Meeting held on 2018-11-20 had been circulated by the Secretary. There were no amendments from the floor and their adoption was moved by Fred Foster, seconded by Ken Cormier and accepted by the membership.

**Financial Statements**

The incoming Treasurer (Fred Foster) introduced the outgoing Treasurer (Randy Robar) who indicated that the end of year bank statement would not be received until mid-January at which time his EOY statement would be completed and presented at the March Meeting. The current balance remaining in the account at National Bank is approximately \$4,600.00 following a transfer to a new bank account at Scotiabank in the amount of \$8,000.00. The only transaction which has yet to be completed is the Gravesite Inspection and Maintenance Program with "L" Division. A meeting will be held shortly with Investors Group concerning the current investment



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with them. He suggested a discussion on how we should manage our division finances in the future should be held. The President will address this with the Executive prior to moving forward.

The incoming Treasurer (Fred Foster) indicated that the new bank account has been opened at Scotiabank with an infusion of \$8,000.00. Cheques are on order. Fred is planning to open a third option for the membership in terms of paying for items, such as dues. The “old ways” of cash or cheque will remain, but he will introduce “e-transfers” for invoices. Further information to follow.

#### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

A request for a volunteer to fill the Chair of the Membership & Credentials Committee, Database Manager was accepted by Ernie MacAulay. His background and experience with the database, and permission from the Association to continue his database management authorities, will allow greater capacity in the role.

A request for someone interested in attending the AGM in Whitehorse has not been entertained. The national office will be advised. National Treasurer (Peter Sorensen) hoped that someone would be there to represent the division.

#### **Correspondence**

The Secretary was not in attendance, however, there were no questions from the floor regarding previous correspondence.

#### **New Business**

Reports from County Representatives

##### **Kings County**

Richard MacAulay reported that all was well

##### **Queens County**

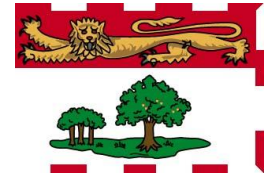
Wayne Schleyer indicated that the Director’s Luncheon will be held at the “Top of the Park” restaurant on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at a per person buffet charge of \$15.95. Anyone interested in attending must reply to Wayne by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Wayne also indicated that he was relying on Fred Foster and Lew Robinson to keep him updated on the status of Bob Nahrgang.

Wayne indicated that Hector MacDonald’s status remains the same and has little opportunity to leave his residence.



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**Prince County**

Ron Allan was not in attendance, and there were no other reports available from Prince County.

**Entertainment Committee**

Phil Pitts noted that the Christmas Dinner was a tremendous success with record attendance. The event continues to grow each year.

The 2019 Social Calendar will follow the same patterns as in previous years with the Lobster Dinner in June and Christmas Dinner in December. Discussions will be held with "L" Division this year to join the golf tourneys for the same time. More information will be available later. Phil requested that if anyone had ideas about other events, please let him know.

**Gravesite Inspection Committee**

Damien Dunsford, back from a shoulder injury, indicated that information for three former members has been added to the Last Post. He has new information for Bernie MacDonald, Ian Oland and will be obtaining GPS Coordinates for Don Kerwin (Summerside).

**Membership & Credentials Committee**

Ernie MacAulay was not in attendance for the meeting, but had completed preliminary work on an application for Associate Membership from William Gillespie from Honolulu.

As Gillespie was not a former member, his application was treated in accordance with Section 18.7 of the RCMPVA Bylaws which states:

*"A person not otherwise defined in this By-law, who is of good character, has demonstrated an affinity to the Association, has been recommended by an Active Member, and has applied and has been accepted by a Division by ordinary resolution of those present at a Division Meeting for Associate Membership in the Association."*

On 2019-01-12, the general membership was presented with the application and a general biography of William Gillespie for discussion purposes. He was initially recommended by Active Member Ruby Burns.

The floor was opened for discussion. Frank Dolan indicated his concern when the application was made known as Mr. Gillespie has no real ties to PEI. As a result of his



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enquires, it was determined that Mr. Gillespie, while serving as a probationary officer with the Honolulu Police Department was discharged based on conduct issues.

At this time, Ruby Burns withdrew her support for this applicant.

As the application no longer was supported by an Active Member, no further action was required and the President declared the application null and void.

The membership requested that other divisions be apprised of the details of this matter and how it was handled. Mr. Gillespie would be advised of the decision.

#### **Advocacy Committee**

Scott Ferris reported recent meetings with VAC representative (Sgt. Kim Hendricken) and Chair of the National Advocacy Committee (Ruby Burns) concerning information coming from these bodies. In particular, members were encouraged to obtain "My VAC Accounts", whether or not they were in receipt of current medical pensions.

The RCMPVA (PEI) website has been updated with new links on processes and forms as learned from Vic & Jan Gorman of NS Division.

#### **Military Family Resource Centre**

Richard Thibault was not in attendance, no report was available.

#### **Pillars of the Force**

A new initiative from the Heritage Centre, Ruby Burns, Bob Moffatt and Stan Ferguson will be working on behalf of PEI. More information is coming and the membership will be apprised upon its arrival.

#### **Territorial and Generational Insignia**

A Territorial Insignia was presented to Gary MacLeod. Don MacAulay and Bob Thorne received their generational insignia. Evan Courtney was not in attendance to receive his generational insignia, it will be mailed to him (at his request).

Adjournment to Next Regular Meeting (March 19, 2019)