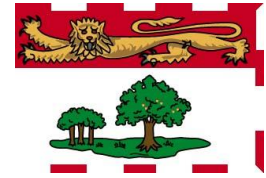




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Minutes of the Meeting (January 21st, 2020)

Welcome & Introduction

Following a brief reception, the President called the January Meeting of the RCMPVA (PEI) to order. Members and guests were welcomed.

The Following members were in attendance: Mike O'Neil, Fred Foster, Lew Robinson, Dave Corrigan, Peter Sorensen, Ben MacConnell, Damion Dunsford, Ed Gillis, Ernie MacAulay, Gary McLeod, Phil Pitts, Ian Beer, Ruby Burns, Ken Cormier, Gordon coffin, Dan D'Amour, Brent Dooks, Karen Dunning, Stan Ferguson, Ian Gemmell, Paul MacDougald, Don MacGregor, Randy Robar, Wayne Schleyer, Derek Smith, Brian Weldon, Kevin McNeil.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda as circulated was modified to include the topic ERT/SERT, added by R. Burns. New Agenda was adopted.

Last Post

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

- a. Regimental #32037, John Davidson
- b. Regimental #17124 / 0.929 Ron Pettit
- c. Regimental #43026, Kay Rogers-Lidstone

Birthdays

Born in December Walter Charlesworth, Bob McCann, Irene MacDonald.

Born in November Bush Dumville, Bob Vokey.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 2019-11-21 had been circulated by email and posted on our web site. It was moved by L. Robinson and seconded by D. Dunsford that minutes be adopted as posted, all present were in favour. Minutes adopted and retained on our web site and association e-file.



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Financial Statement

Fred Foster presented the 2019 year end financial statement which included all revenue received and expenses incurred during the calendar year. A new bank account was established at Scotiabank in December and all funds in the old account at the National Bank were transferred into the new account. A copy of the year end statement was distributed with the previous months' minutes to our membership prior to our meeting for review and discussion at our January meeting. Motion for approval by F. Foster, 2nd by K. Cormier. All members present voted in favour of acceptance 2019 financial statement.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Regarding previous discussions of a presentation on the Benefit Trust fund. L. Robinson has contacted Ian Atkins "H" Div. Veterans Association on this. Ian has a presentation. It was discussed if we should spend upwards of \$350.00 to bring him over. I was decided to let L. Robinson explore/research the topic and bring back to discuss at meeting in May 2020.

Correspondence

Most correspondence received was electronic which was all circulated to the membership as it was received. Including request package for donations from Citadel Canine Society. To be discussed in new business. A number of estate planning booklets were placed around the room for member to take if interested. In regard to estate planning, Ruby Burns identified that the RCMP Vets. Manitoba Div. have an excellent guide on their site called "Upon My Demise".

New Business:

William "Ted" Whelan award:

This years' award recipient Ernie MacAulay was unable to attend the Christmas event which is the normal venue for this presentation. Accordingly, Association President Mike O'Neil read the citation and presented the award to Ernie MacAulay. All present indicated congratulations to Ernie for an award well deserved.

Reports from County Representatives

Kings County

Richard MacAulay indicated by email nothing to report new to report.



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Queens County

Wayne Schlyer mentioned that Fred Lynch is in the Beach Grove nursing home regularly visited by Ian Beer. There will be a luncheon hosted by Wayne at the Top of the Park restaurant in February, further details to follow.

Prince County

Royce Green is awaiting hip replacement surgery, no date yet.

Entertainment Committee

Congratulations to Phil Pitts and his committee for a wonderful Christmas Party at the North River Fire Dept. Phil gave a brief account of the event and indicated he received good feedback on the event. The event was well attended by our association members and members from the Summerside Police Department. President Mike O'Neil advised that Johnson Insurance provided funds to help support the annual Christmas Dinner.

Gravesite Inspection Committee

Nothing new to report

Membership & Credentials Committee

Ernie MacAulay advised one new member to the association, retired member Brent Dooks.

Advocacy Committee

Scott Ferris, nothing new to report.

Military Family Resource Center

Recent communications regarding events and programs were forwarded to association membership electronically. Membership advised to review contents as there are many wonderful events advertised that foster good relations and health.

Break for Lunch - During lunch break, Kevin McNeil won the 50/50 draw

Life Membership

Fred Foster gave an overview of Bob Nahrgang's service to our Veteran's Association along with an update on Bob's current health. In light of Bob's continued contribution to the veteran's association Fred nominated Bob for a life membership. Several members made



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comments in support. A vote was requested and all present voted in favour. President Mike O'Neil will arrange for a certificate and Fred will arrange for a suitable date and location for a presentation event.

Request for Funding

The Citadel Canine Society of Vancouver, BC have made a request to our association for a continued commitment of financial support to assist with their training of service dogs for military and police who suffer from PTSD. The request indicated it was sent to the RCMP Veterans National and also to each individual division. Discussion was held regarding the request. The general comment was, a worthwhile endeavor, however as we are not a revenue generating organization, we are not in the position to commit to assisting this project in a financial manner. The request should remain with the National Association. A vote was put to the membership and it was unanimous that in light of the previous comments that no funding be provide.

President Mike O'Neil gave an update on our donation of \$250.00 to an RCMP employee in need just prior to Christmas. Thanks, from "L" Division for our support.

Ernie MacAulay gave an overview of our policy regarding expenditures of this nature. The amended policy from 2015 adequately covers expenditures up to \$500.00, no need to further policy review on this matter.

Memory Garden "B" Division

Information on the "B" Division Memory Garden was previously distributed to our association membership. President Mike O'Neil provided some information and asked all to share information with other retired members. To date two from our association that we know of have their names submitted, Harry Kennedy and Jim Smith.

ERT/SERT

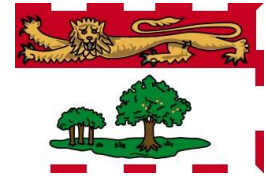
Ruby Burns advised members to be aware of recent concerns that arose for ERT/SERT members who trained in Carleton Place. Asked those present to advise any former members they know of to be aware and contact HQ if applicable.

Veterans Association National Committee

Peter Sorenson advised that there are (3) three positions available. President Mike O'Neil advised membership to consider and advise if there is any interest.



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Associate Membership

Lew Robinson suggested that the association prepare an orientation package for associate members to help facilitate a smooth entry process into our organization. The package should clarify unique aspects of associate membership in our association. All present agreed.

Association Financial Assets

Randy Robar suggested we need to have a committee to review our financial assets in relation to some worthwhile disbursement of some of the funds. Disbursements should be; of benefit to members of our organization. Peter Sorensen spoke in support of Randy's suggestion. This matter to be followed up on going forward.

Service Bars Presented

Chuck Snow 15 years, Peter Sorensen 25 years, Paul Saulnier 25 years, Dave Corrigan 10 years, Ruby Burns 10 years, Paul MacDougald 10 years, Ken Cormier 10 years.

New Member Induction

President Mike O'Neil inducted Brent Dooks as the newest member of the "L" Division Veterans Association. Brent welcomed by all.

Damion Dunsford moved adjournment. Meeting adjourned.

Adjournment to Next Regular Meeting (March 17th., 2020)