**Minutes of the Meeting (2021-11-19)**

**Welcome & Introduction**

This was our first in-person meeting since January 21st., 2020. Following a brief reception, the President called the November 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, Scott Ferris, Ernie MacAulay, Phil Pitts, Robert MacDougal, Peter Sorenson, Rick Chadwick, Walter Charlesworth, Bob McCann, Derek Smith, Brian Weldon, Dave Corrigan, Ed Gillis, Richard MacAulay, Brent Dooks, Paul MacDougald, Jack Jans, Bob Harris, Stan Ferguson, Dan MacLean, Gordie Coffin, and Greg Sheen.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda had been distributed to all by email prior to the meeting. The was adopted by all present.

**Last Post**

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

Regimental #20736 William Edward Stephens, S/Sgt. Ret’d

Regimental #29534 Alan Howard Botham, Cpl. Ret’d

**Birthdays**

* + 1. October Bryon Sutcliffe, Kevin McNeil, Ben MacConnell, Beverly Fraser-Chisholm, Lew Robinson, John Potter, Bill Gillespie, Jeannette Gallant
    2. November Evan Courtney, Wayne Carver, Wayne Schleyer, Stan Ferguson, Bill Dickie, Don MacGregor, Anne O’Shaughnessy

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 2021-09-19 had been circulated by email and posted on our web site. It was moved that minutes be adopted as posted, all present were in favour. Minutes adopted and retained on our web site and association e-file.

**Financial Statement**

Fred Foster presented an updated financial status of the association. There were no issues and all members present voted in favour of acceptance of the financial statement update.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Lew Robinson** - gave an update regarding the “Ted” Whelan Memorial Award. Nominations have closed and the new recipient’s name and credentials have been validated and President advised. Proposed presentation will be at the 2021 Christmas Dinner.

**Mike O’Neil –** presented an overview of the 2021 Annual Peace Officer Memorial Service which took place in September.

**Scott Ferris –** reviewed the current status of annual dues at the national level. Accordingly, it was proposed that our membership dues be increased from $50.00 to $60.00. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the dues, culminating in a vote on a motion to increase our annual dues from $50.00 to $60.00. The majority present voted in favour and our annual dues will increase starting January 2022 to $60.00 per year.

**Scott Ferris –** Introduced Rick Chadwick as our ~~new association advocate~~ (Amended to read as: “***the new RCMP Veterans’ association (PEI) Advocate”.***

**Correspondence**

All correspondence received was electronic and was circulated to the membership as it was received. Nothing new to update

**Break for Lunch –** During lunch, Bob McCann won the 50/50 which he donated back to the organization as a gift.

**New Business:**

**Reports from County Representatives**

**Kings County**

**Richard MacAulay** indicated nothing to report.

**Queens County**

**Wayne Schlyer** was unable to attend, however members present gave updates regarding some ongoing health issues of some of our members and families. Derek Smith gave a warm welcome home to Walter Charlesworth regarding his recent successful Heart Procedure in St. John.

**Prince County**

**Harold Hodgin** was unable to attend, nothing new to report.

**Entertainment Committee**

**Phil Pitts** gave a brief account of the event planned for Dec 16th. . As of this date the event is sold out.

**Gravesite Inspection Committee**

**Scott Ferris** introduced Robert MacDougal as the person who will take over Damian

Dunsford’s role for the association.

**Mike O’Neil,** because of Damian’s recent passing,updated the group on his efforts to review

Damien’s notes and finish off the final reconciliation regarding grave site inspections for the

current year.

**Membership & Credentials Committee**

**Ernie MacAulay** advised no new members to the association over the last two months.

**Advocacy Committee**

**Rick Chadwick** introduced himself to the group and gave a brief overview of ideas he would

like to bring to our association to increase our advocacy effectiveness.

**Military Family Resource Center**

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

**Election of Officers**

**Harold Hodgin** and **Robert MacDougall** were unanimously approved for the roles of

Prince County representative and 2nd. Vice President accordingly.

There were no candidates for the position of Secretary. Lew Robinson agreed to extend his

current term by one more year.

**Service Bars Presented**

No Service Bars have been presented since January 2020.

**New Member Induction**

N/A

~~Damian Dunsford~~ moved adjournment. Meeting adjourned.

*Adjournment to Next Regular Meeting (January 18t. , 2022)*