**Minutes of the Meeting (2022-01-18)**

**Welcome & Introduction**

Because of COVID surge, this meeting was held via ZOOM, the President called the January Meeting of the RCMPVA (PEI) to order at 6:30 P.M... Members and guests were welcomed.

The Following 22 members were in attendance: Mike O’Neil, Fred Foster, Lew Robinson, Scott Ferris, Ernie MacAulay, Phil Pitts, Robert MacDougal, Peter Sorenson, Rick Chadwick, Derek Smith, Richard MacAulay, Dave Aitken, Stan Ferguson, Gordy Coffin, Harold Hodgin, Ruby Burns, Don MacGregor, Wayne Schlyer, John Potter, Bill Gillespie and Karen Dunning.

**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 November Meeting, in particular former “L” Division members:

Reg. #30831 - William Brian Lewis, Cst. Ret’d, on Nov 22/21

Reg. #25764 - Robert Edwin Vokey, Sgt. Ret’d, on Nov 23/21

 Reg. #15856 - Hugh Ellwin Rankin, S/Sgt. Ret’d, on Dec 19/21

**Birthdays**

December Walter Charlesworth, Bob McCann, Irene MacDonald,

 Gordy Campbell.

January Joan Graham, Bush Dumville, Bob Vokey, Karen McIntee

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meetings held on 2021-11-19 and 2021-12-09 had been circulated by email and posted on our web site. Derek Smith identified an error in title for Rick Chadwick and suggested the title be changed from new association advocate to RCMP Veterans Association PEI Division Advocate. With this amendment to the minutes of 2021-11-19, It was moved that minutes for both meetings be adopted, all present were in favour. Minutes adopted and retained on our web site and association e-file. Meeting minutes of 2021-11-19 moved by Fred Foster, 2nd. By Phil Pitts. Meeting minutes of 2021-12-09, moved by Wayne Schlyer, 2nd. By Dave Aitken moved by Fred Foster, 2nd. By Phil Pitts

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Scott Ferris** - gave an update regarding the “Ted” Whelan Memorial Award, congratulating Mike O’Neil for being this year’s recipient.

**Scott Ferris** – Discussed the upcoming annual meeting in Calgary 2/3 of June this year. Robert MacDougal is willing to represent our Division. It is tentatively estimated the costs to be approx..$3,000.00. Mike O’Neil gave an overview of the costs covered by our policy. Matter will be investigated further.

**Scott Ferris –** Provided anupdate on our $500.00 donation to the Upper Room Foodbank at Christmas. Scott made a personal presentation to the manager and requested no publicity. The no publicity is to avoid our association from being bombarded by requests for donations from various groups.

**Rick Chadwick – P**rovided an update on the Moose Mountie Project. Sixteen have been provided with a cost of $30.00 per item. Initially two of the items will be delivered to each detachment on PEI. Meetings will be scheduled at each detachment for the initial presentations with an invitation to our members to attend if they are available. Scott thanked Rick for his work and Rick in turn thanked Jan and Vic Gorman from Nova Scotia for their assistance and guidance. Mike O’Neil suggested it may be appropriate to mask the Moose with small face masks to promote positive COVID countermeasures.

**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. Fred additionally gave a sincere thank-you to Johnson Insurance and Bob McCann for their financial contribution. (*Bob McCann won the 50/50 at the November meeting and donated his winnings to our PEI Division of the Veterans Association*) John Potter moved the financial statement be approved and accepted, 2nd. By Ernie MacAulay, all present voted in favour.

**Correspondence**

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

**New Business:**

**Reports from County Representatives**

 **Scott Ferris – “**Gave a big thank-you shout out to the county representatives for their continued

 efforts to support the members of our association.”

**Kings County - Richard MacAulay** - indicated new to report.

**Queens County - Wayne Schlyer** - indicated new to report, however John Potter took the opportunity to update everyone present regarding his wife’s current battle with cancer. Cynthia is currently undergoing chemo therapy in Charlottetown and is expected to undergo ongoing treatments for a number of months. Our prayers are with John and Cynthia as they go through this difficult time.

**Prince County - Harold Hodgin** - indicated new to report.

**Entertainment Committee**

**Phil Pitts** gave a brief account of the Christmas Dinner, a “Big Hit” with all and indicated our next event will probably be the Lobster Dinner in June.

**Wayne Schlyer** - solicited ideas for social events. Nothing identified at this time.

**Peter Sorensen** – Suggested we may wish to consider do a wellness call to each member of our PEI association to see how they are coping with the COVID restrictions. This matter was put on hold to be considered at a future date.

**Gravesite Inspection Committee**

 There was no update at this time and topic passed along for next meeting**.**

**Membership & Credentials Committee**

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

However, Ernie advised that he has made active invitations to four (4) former members

 who have recently relocated to PEI.

**Advocacy Committee**

 **Rick Chadwick** advised he has been active assisting the Vokey family and the Connell family

Withadvocacy questions and processes. Rick indicated he had recently met with the ”L”

 Div. Wellness Committee. Rick will share VAC templates as requested, is helping two regular

 members and again a big Thank-you to Jan and Vick Gorman for assistance.

 Rick provided information from the Gov. Canada regarding pspnet.ca to assist with learning

 skills to manage depression, anxiety and PTSD. There is an eight (8) week program that is

 free which is available to our membership.

**Military Family Resource Center**

Recent communications regarding events were forwarded to association membership electronically. Membership was reminded of the travel support available for medical travel outside the Province.

**Service Bars Presented**

No Service Bars have been presented since January 2020.

**New Member Induction**

N/A

Meeting adjourned.

*Adjournment to Next Regular Meeting (March 15th. , 2022)*