**Minutes of the Meeting (2023-01-17)**

**Welcome & Introduction**

This was an in-person meeting at Razzy’s in Charlottetown. President Scott Ferris called RCMPVA (PEI) meeting to order. Members and guests were welcomed.

The Following members were in attendance: Mike O’Neil, Fred Foster, Lew Robinson, Scott Ferris, Phil Pitts, Robert MacDougal, Rick Chadwick, Peter Sorenson, Brian Weldon, Dave Corrigan, Richard MacAulay, Gordie Coffin, Ian Gemmell, Ray McCormack, Mike Murphy, John Potter, Wayne Schlyer, Randy Robar, Dene Williamson, Dan D’Amour, Bob McCann, David Aitken, Jerry Woolfrey, Stan Ferguson, Richard Thibault, Troy MacLean, Walter Charlesworth, Martin Roy, Ken Cormier, Richard MacAulay.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda had been distributed to all by email prior to the meeting. The was adopted by all present. Moved by Mike O’Neil, seconded by Randy Robar, approved by all.

**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 #24799 Samuel “Brian” Gaskell, S/Sgt. Ret’d

**Birthdays**

December Walter Charlesworth, Bob McCann, Irene MacDonald, Gordie Campbell.

January Joan Graham, Bush Dumville, Karen McIntee

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of meeting held 2023-11-17 were circulated by email and posted on our web site. Moved by Fred Foster and seconded by Ken Cormier, all present were in favour.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Troy MacLean** – Presented a final overview of the “Steele Spurs” Award. Will be made only to an individual member who does not have the old “Long Shank” spurs. There is an alternate perpetual award option for other members who already have the “Long Shank” spurs. The request is for our interaction and support only.

Troy mentioned the various 150th. Activities that will take place throughout this year. The 150th. Fallen member fund, an RCMP 150th. Month, a Regimental Ball and a flag raising ceremony for Canada Flag Day.

Mike O’Neil thanked Troy for his participation in promoting the annual Memorial Service.

**Scott Ferris –** Announced that he will be starting in a new position for him as the “L” Division communication person in the near future.

**Scott Ferris –** Welcomed Martin Roy into our association.

**Dinner Break. -** Mike O’Neil won the 50/50 and donated winnings back to the Association

**Financial Statement**

Ian Gemmell gave an updated financial status of the association and verified that all funds have balanced. Randy Robar moved the financial update be accepted, seconded by Mike O’Neil and approved by all present.

Regarding the monies in the annual memorial fund, Randy Robar mentioned that we need to be attentive and not let the fund continue to expand too much. Mike O’Neil indicated that the funds are dedicated to this specific event, but agreed we need to try and reduce same in the appropriate manner according to the designated event. Randy Robar and Mike O’Neil will do some further research regarding expenditure.

Ian Gemmell introduced the budget for this year and explained two issues that may be of concern to some. The identified expenditure for Inter Division meetings was regarding the funds previously approved for our Advocacy workshop. Additionally, Ian discussed the expenditures regarding hosting widows as our guests for two social activities each year. The gratuity for the widows met with full approval of the membership. Phil Pitts moved that the budget be accepted, seconded by Fred Foster. The budget was accepted by all present.

**Correspondence**

All correspondence received was electronic and was circulated to the membership as it was received. A thank you email from Jean Hender thanking the membership for hosting the widows for the Christmas Party was read to all.

**New Business:**

**Scott Ferris –** Indicated that he will probably be representing our Division at the up-coming AGM in Ottawa in May. Scott also asked for anyone else interested to let him know.

**Reports from County Representatives**

**Kings County - Ray McCormack** indicated nothing new to report.

 However, he has a chair lift if anyone needs it.

**Queens County - Dan D’Amour** gave update on Cynthia Potter’sand Ruth

 MacAulay’s medical conditions.

**Prince County - Harold Hodgin** indicated nothing new to report.

**Entertainment Committee:**

**Phil Pitts** gave a brief account of the Christmas Party. Was a big success and has already booked for December 7th. 2023.

**Gravesite Inspection Committee:**

 **Robert McDougall** advised that all inspections have been completed and all business

 in this regard for 2022 has been finalized.

**Membership & Credentials Committee:**

 **Ernie MacAulay** advised of one new member to the association, Martin Roy.

**Advocacy Committee:**

 **Rick Chadwick** advised he has been busy with advocacy and has assisted several

 individuals with, after death benefit submissions and VAC information in 2022.

 The VAC workshop that was planned for September was postponed and will be

 re-offered later in 2023.

 The Moose Mountie project was successful in 2022 and new fundraising has started

 for support of this project for 2023, already have $1,100.00 in the bank for this year,

 however, there are some supply chain issues he is dealing.

**Military Family Resource Center:**

Recent communications regarding events were forwarded to association membership electronically.

Adjourned to next meeting, moved by Brian Weldon, 2nd. By Randy Robar

**Next Meeting March 21st. 2023**