



Veterans' Association
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Prince Edward Island Division



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MINUTES – November 20, 2012

Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed new member Wendell Murchison.

Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Dave Aitken, Ian Beer, Thane Bell, Ivan Bordage, Ruby Burns, Wayne Carver, Walter Charlesworth, Ken Cormier, Dave Corrigan, Frank Dolan, Fred Foster, Spud Gallant, Royce Greene, Harry Kennedy, Fred Lynch, Ernie MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Don MacGregor, Marshall MacKinnon, Bob Moffatt, Bill Monteith, Wendell Murchison, Bob Nahrgang, Mike O'Neil, Steve Parsons, Phil Pitts, Dave Power, Ed Pretty, Randy Robar, Derek Smith, Peter Sorensen, Paul Stetson, Lee Sudsbury, Bryon Sutcliffe, and Geoff Tucker.

Regrets were received from: Ron Allen, Jim Cairns, Bob Campbell, Bush Dumville, Damien Dunsford, Harold Hodgin, Jack Jans, Paul MacDougald, Lorne MacKinnon, Bob McCann, Tom Ralph, Al Roach, Wayne Schleyer, Bob Sherren, and Brian Vidito.

Adoption of Agenda

The membership adopted the agenda as circulated with the addition of correspondence from Bob Sherren on transportation of patients to the Cancer Treatment Centre and from the Nova Scotia Division on the venue for the 2016 AGM.

Last Post

The president read the regimental numbers and names of current and former members who have died since the October meeting and the attendees observed a moment of silence in their memory.

November Birthdays

The following members observed birthdays during November: Ivan Bordage, Wayne Carver, Evan Courtney, Spud Gallant, Harry Kennedy, Don MacGregor, Russell McCabe, and Wayne Schleyer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The secretary moved, seconded by Bob Moffatt, that the minutes of the October 16, 2012 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

Financial Statement

The interim treasurer reviewed the financial statement that had been circulated. He noted that the statement reflected the 2013 dues of a member having been deducted from the amount owing to the member for conducting grave inspections. This practice has the potential to misstate the Division's expenses and does not accord with generally accepted accounting principles and will not be done in the future. The interim treasurer moved the adoption of the financial statement, seconded by Randy Robar. CARRIED

Business Arising From the Previous Minutes

The interim treasurer reported significant progress in collecting overdue annual dues following e-mail contact, however, there are still some members who are not current with respect to payment of annual dues.

The president reported that the "L" Division Regimental Dining-in was attended by approximately 175 persons, including some veterans and their spouses, and the event was well presented.

The president reported that the Investors Group financial planning seminar is scheduled for November 21, 2012 and has 33 registrants including both Division members and serving members as well as their spouses.

The past president reported that there were no updates on the Strategic Planning Session.

The president moved the following amendments to the Division Bylaws:

- Article 9.d (order of business for meetings) be repealed as it refers to a provision in the National Constitution that no longer exists, seconded by Randy Robar. CARRIED
- Article 11(life membership on attaining age of seventy) be repealed as it is inconsistent with National policy, seconded by Bob Moffatt. CARRIED
- Article 5 (duties of executive) the First Vice President's role is expanded to include oversight and guidance to the entertainment, membership, and gravesite inspection committees, seconded by Bryon Sutcliffe. CARRIED
- Article 5 is further amended to expand the past president's duties to include oversight of issues for future annual general meetings, seconded by Lee Sudsbury. CARRIED
- Article 5 is further amended by adding that directors will monitor their regions to determine potential members of the association, the health of association members and former RCMP employees, and maintain liaison with detachments and other enforcement agencies, seconded by Paul Stetson. CARRIED

The president reviewed the letter he sent to National Office on October 17, 2012 in which he expressed the views of the PEI Division on the subject of life membership which is an agenda item for the 2013 annual general meeting.

On behalf of the entertainment committee, Phil Pitts reported that the Christmas Dinner is scheduled for the Culinary Institute of Canada on Wednesday, December 5 at 6:00 PM. The committee needs responses by Friday, November 30 in order to provide the venue with the number of persons to prepare for.

The past president reported that there are no developments respecting the hosting of the 2017 annual general meeting.

The president reported the documentation, photographing, and GPS-tagging of 96 grave sites on PEI with Google™ maps for each. A copy of the documentation is being sent to the PEI Public Archives for retention and availability to historical researchers and it has also been formatted and sent to Joe Healey for his national Web site. Of interest, one of the former members buried on PEI was regimental number 41 who participated in the March West and was the first member to receive a pension – all after joining the NWMP under an alias to conceal his marital status.

Phil Pitts reported that there have been no developments on the membership recruiting front.

Randy Robar reported that the deadline for nominations for the Perpetual Award has been reached, the committee will select a winner from the nominees, and the president will announce the winner at the Christmas Dinner. Mrs. Vaunda Whelan has been invited to the dinner as a guest of the PEI Division.

The past president presented the Nominating Committee's report which presented the following slate of nominees for office:

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| 1. President: | Mike O'Neil (first year of second term) |
| 2. 1 st Vice President: | Brian Weldon (first year of term) |
| 3. 2 nd Vice President: | Lorne MacKinnon (second year of term) |
| 4. Secretary: | Ernie MacAulay (second year of term) |
| 5. Treasurer: | Randy Robar (first year of term) |
| 6. Kings County Representative: | Richard MacAulay (first year of term) |
| 7. Queens County Representative: | Geoff Tucker (first year of term) |
| 8. Prince County Representative: | Royce Greene (first year of term) |
| 9. Past President | Peter Sorensen |

The past president called three times for nominations from the floor for each position and none were received so he moved, seconded by Dave Power, that the first eight be elected by acclamation and Peter Sorensen is *ex officio* the past president. CARRIED The president thanked the outgoing members of the executive, particularly the interim treasurer, and welcomed the new members to the executive.

Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received since the October meeting and has been distributed electronically:

- National Secretary's e-mail on the selection of Jack Briscoe as Executive Director of the RCMP Veterans' Association was distributed on October 26, 2012
- National Secretary's e-mail on the selection of Ron Lewis as National Advocate was distributed on October 28, 2012
- National past president's update on attendance allowance was distributed on November 8, 2012
- Correspondence from the Dominion President of the Royal Canadian Legion to the Minister of Veterans' Affairs concerning the Veterans' Consultation Group was distributed on November 9, 2012
- Correspondence with *The Quarterly* on possible publication of an electronic edition was distributed on November 13, 2012.
- Thank you card from Mrs. Georgia McTavish was distributed on November 15, 2012
- National President's November 2012 Newsletter was distributed on November 17, 2012
- Report on *The Quarterly* was distributed on November 19, 2012
- E-mail, received November 20, 2012 from Bob Sherren regarding transportation of cancer patients to Cancer Treatment Centre in Charlottetown was distributed on November 21, 2012
- E-mail from National Office on venue for 2016 AGM being a Nova Scotia/New England cruise was distributed on November 21, 2012

New Business

Kings County Representative – Richard MacAulay reported there are no health issues in that area.

Queens County Representative – Geoff Tucker reported that Andy Northcott's memory is inconsistent but he is in good spirits otherwise. Marshall MacKinnon reported that Jim Smith was admitted to long-term care at Beach Grove. Steve Parsons was present at the meeting and stated that there had been a successful bone marrow extraction and he is awaiting a report following the analysis of the bone marrow.

Prince County Representative – Royce Green reported that Burch Singer is not doing very well; he has low energy, is developing oral problems and has mostly liquid nourishment, but is generally upbeat and is awaiting the results of a CAT scan to evaluate the effectiveness of his treatments. He also reported that Bill Dickie has had a hip replacement. Royce also mentioned that his wife has some good days but also has some very bad days.

The president noted that, in the past, the Division lost members due to issues involving charitable donations. He suggested that the Division identify worthy charitable causes and prioritize them for donations when the Division is in a position to make donations. Phil Pitts noted that the annual lobster dinner used to be held at Camp Gencheff and, implicit in the change of venue, was the continuation of support for Camp Gencheff. As well, the rate the Division obtained from the venue for the 2012 golf tournament was

based on the understanding that the net proceeds would be donated to Camp Gencheff. Phil moved, seconded by Paul MacDougald, that the net proceeds of the 2012 golf tournament be donated to Camp Gencheff. CARRIED Phil will present a cheque to Camp Gencheff.

The president circulated a sample of the president's medallion and stated that they cost \$43.50 plus tax. He contacted most of the eleven past presidents of the PEI Division and the majority was in favour of receiving the award. Some offered to purchase it rather than have the Division fund its acquisition. A discussion provided a consensus that the Division, not the recipients, ought to fund the award as a small token of appreciation for the efforts of the past presidents. The president moved, seconded by Marshall MacKinnon, that the PEI Division provide each past president who wants one a President's Medallion. CARRIED

The president circulated some sample name tags and invited the attendees to agree on a standard type and format for a Division name tag. Some attendees reported negative experiences with magnetic name tags and recommended a 'pin on' type. A consensus emerged that, in future, new members will be assessed the cost of a name tag in addition to their dues when they join the association. As well, there was agreement that the brass-coloured tag with the RCMP crest would be the standard and any members who want one can e-mail the president who will coordinate orders with the supplier.

The past president proposed having members of the Division, their spouses and guests, attend a Summerside Storm basketball game at Credit Union Place on either Thursday, February 14 at 6:00 PM or on Monday, February 18 at 1:00 PM instead of holding a February business meeting. There was a strong consensus in favour of the Monday (which is a PEI statutory holiday) date. The committee will make the necessary arrangements with the venue and all members of the Division and their guests, serving members of "L" Division, and former members who do not belong to the association are welcome to attend.

The president reminded the membership that the AGM will be held in Saskatoon on June 1, 2013. All agenda items and notices of resolutions must be received by the Board of Directors by January 1, 2013. All resolutions must be submitted by February 15, 2012. The president indicated that he would not be able to attend the AGM personally and the Division could identify a proxy in due course.

The president installed Wendell Murchison as a member of the association.

50/50 Draw

Spud Gallant won \$33.25.

Adjournment – At 8:50 PM, Dave Aitken moved, seconded by Ken Cormier, that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

Ernie MacAulay – Secretary