**Minutes of the Meeting (2024-11-21)**

**Welcome & Introduction**

This was an in-person meeting held at Legion Branch #1 in Charlottetown. President Phil Pitts called RCMPVA (PEI) meeting to order. Members were welcomed.

The Following were in attendance: Members; *Phil Pitts, Brian Weldon, Fred Foster, Rick Chadwick, Ian Gemmell, Richard MacAulay, Walter Charlesworth, Dan D'Amour, Llew Robinson, Robert McDougall, Ernie MacAulay, Alexis Triantafillou, Frank Dolan, Ed Pretty, Ruby Burns, Bruce Ferguson, Ed Gillis, Sarah-Louise Murray, Geoff Tucker, Dene Williamson, Brian Sutcliffe, Jonathan Pretty, Frank Dolan, Bob Moffatt, Chuck Snow, Scott Ferris, Peter Sorenson, Randy Robar, Bush Dumville & Ray McCormack.*

**Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda had been distributed to all by email prior to the meeting. The agenda was requested to be accepted, moved by Bob Moffatt, 2nd. By Chuck Snow and 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:

19121 Evan George Courtney, S/Sgt., Ret’d., on Sep 07/24 at Charlottetown, PE

Hilda Grace MacLaughlan, Spouse of Jack MacLaughlan, Supt., Ret’d, at Kingston ON

24353/O.1452, Stanley Allister Ferguson, Supt., Ret’d., on Oct 22/24, at Halifax, NS

**Birthdays: (*Note, may not be all inclusive because new system does not track)***

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of meeting held 2024-09-19 were circulated by email and posted on our web site. Motion to accept by Robert McDougall, 2nd. By Geof Tucker. Minutes were approved by all present.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**N/A**

**Financial Statement**

Ian Gemmell, gave an update on financial expenditures for the current year to date. Additionally, Ian gave members direction on process to pay annual dues, 21 had paid new dues as of October 31st. Ian advised that we were still getting our annual funding from Johnson Ins, but now through the National Assn.. There was approval for Mike O’Neil’s report on the annual Police Memorial Service. Randy Robar moved the report be accepted, 2nd. By Fred Foster and approved by all present.

Randy Robar mentioned the amount of money sitting in our bank account and suggested we consider spending some of the funds in support of promoting increased attendance at social events. This matter to be taken under advisement of the Association Executive.

**Correspondence**

All correspondence received was electronic and was circulated to the membership as it was received.

**Dinner Break. -** 50/50 draw held.

**New Business:**

**Peter Sorenson / National Treasurer** – Peter gave a comprehensive overview of the direction the RCMP Veterans Association is moving in for the coming years. Coming priorities are;

1. Support and Advocacy
2. Partnerships, sponsorships and discounts
3. Service provider for Members transitioning to civilian life.

**Reports from County Representatives**

**Kings County - Ray McCormack** advised that the Kings County Social in October was well attended and going forward promises he will have no more accidents.

**Queens County - Dan D’Amour** updated the group on the status of Andy Voss and advised that he is actively recruiting for the Assn.

**Prince County - Ken Walker/Harold Hodgin,** no report

**Entertainment - Scott Ferris,** Christmas Dinner deadline to register is Dec 9. The event will be at the Top of the Park, save the date, more info to come by email

**Gravesites -**  **Robert McDougall** Advised that he has five grave site inspectors and that at the end of the summer he provides Mike O’Neil a report, and any repairs required being addressed by the Sgt. Major of “L” Div..

**Membership & Credentials Committee: Ernie MacAulay –** Advised we have 3 new members. Also, Ernie advised if we have a chance, to please consider visiting Wayne Schleyer in the Park West Care Home as he appreciates it.

**Advocacy Committee: - Rick Chadwick –** Advised he and his wife visited Stan while he was in hospital and encouraged everyone if they can to visit members if they are in hospital as it is greatly appreciated. Rick has assisted a member with disability claim this month and advised that more RMs looking for assistance. Additionally, Rick met with the “L” Div. wellness committee and has good relationship with them.

**Election of Executive** - All executive positions to be filled were done so by acclimation as those in the positions indicated they would continue, all elected unopposed.

Meeting adjourned, moved by Bryon Sutcliffe, 2nd. By Bush Dumville. Next meeting at the Charlottetown Legion on Jan 16th. 2025.