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MINUTES OF FALL MEETING OROMOCTO, OCTOBER 14, 2017

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr. Bob Keays from Higgins Insurance, sponsor of the RCMP Centennial Scholarship Program spoke to the membership. Mr. Keays is very proud of his association with the RCMP and RCMP Veterans. He stated that Higgins Insurance is proud to sponsor the scholarships for the children of the members both active and retired. President King thanked Mr. Keays and Higgins Insurance for their support of the scholarship program. Higgins Insurance has provided \$5,000 in scholarships each year for the past 5 years for which we are very grateful. For information on insurance products and rates offered by Higgins Insurance, please call 1-866-273-2911 or visit their website at www.higginsinsurance.ca. Higgins Insurance offers special discounts to members of the RCMP Veterans' Association.

Cornelius Brown, a member of the RCMP Centennial Scholarship Committee, was in attendance and supervised the draw for five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. The winners were as follows:

- In honour of– Fernand Dubois – Spencer Carroll, sponsored by Jennifer Johnson
- In honour of– Tracy Lawlor – Sarah Wheeler, sponsored by Doug Virtue
- In honour of– Bert Hudon – Samantha Bizimungu, sponsored by Agnes Uwambaje
- In honour of– Pierre Gardner – Christine MacNeil, sponsored by Vet. Laurie MacNeil
- In honour of– Raymond Doiron – Andre Goguen, sponsored by Brenda Waddel

Congratulations to all. Three alternate names were also drawn in the event one or more of the above recipients withdraws from the program.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Reg King at 1:50 PM. President King welcomed everyone to the meeting.

O CANADA

The singing of O Canada was led by Vet. Danny McNeill.

LAST POST

A moment of silence was observed for deceased members. In particular, the following who have passed away since our last meeting:

- Luc Bolduc
- Roy Cantel
- Blaine Chamberlain
- Denis St. Pierre
- Bob Hayward

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Rollie MacNeil moved, seconded by Bill Goobie that the minutes of the spring meeting held in Riverview on May 06, 2017 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- Following thank-you received from the family of Blaine Chamberlain. “Jane and the family would like to thank the RCMP Veterans Association for the donation in memory of Blaine to the Canadian Cancer Society. Also Thank You to RCMP friends and veterans who travelled to St. Andrews for the memorial service. Your presence meant a lot to us and the Veterans’ Honour Guard was special. You have eased our grief and sorrow. We appreciate the calls, condolences and cards. Your kind words and shared memories are comforting to the family and will be remembered. Thank You - Jane Chamberlain and family”.
- A thank-you letter was received from the CO “J” Division, thanking the Association for the attendance of Past President Tim Hoban, President King and Roger d’Entremont at the opening of the new St. Leonard’s RCMP Detachment.
- Re: Funeral of Cst. Francis Deschenes, Moncton, NB, Sep 20, 2017. An email was received from Insp. Robert Doyle, Officer in Charge, Management & Administrative Services, Halifax District, Nova Scotia thanking all the members who volunteered as ushers at the funeral.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:55 PM FOR A PRESENTATION ON SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY.

A presentation on the Support and Advocacy Program in Nova Scotia was presented by Jan and Vic Gorman, members of the Nova Scotia Division of the RCMP Veterans’ Association. This was a very interesting and informative presentation which provided a great deal of relevant information to our members. The Nova Scotia Support and Advocacy Committee is comprised of 8 members who meet monthly either in person or via electronic means. The committee is supported by 20 trained Regional Consultants who reside throughout the province. This group

provides assistance to both retired and serving members in a number of ways such as applying for disability benefits through Veterans' Affairs Canada (VAC), applying for Canada Revenue Agency disability tax credits, supporting members/families in times of sickness and bereavement, maintaining the Survivors & Executors Guide and presenting regional workshops for members and spouses to enhance their knowledge of the support and monetary assistance that is available to them. We thank Vic and Jan for taking the time to share their knowledge and experience with our members.

It is the intention of our Executive to begin a similar Support and Advocacy Program in New Brunswick. Stay tuned for further information on this project.

PRESIDENT KING RECALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:45 PM

GENERATIONAL AND TERRITORIAL INSIGNIA PRESENTATION:

President King presented Territorial Insignia pins to Veteran Jim Jennex who served in both G and M Divisions and to Veteran Roger Gillies who also served in both G and M Divisions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Rochon read the auditor's report prepared by Brenda Vaughn. He also presented the Statement of Financial Position, the Income Statement and proposed 2018 budget. Copies were previously emailed to the membership and copies were available at the meeting as well. Bob Rochon made a motion, seconded by Greg Deslauriers that these reports be accepted. **CARRIED.** Treasurer Rochon explained his reports as follows:

General:

- We had 279 active members and 20 Life Members in 2017
- Of the 279 active members, 1 has not paid dues
- In 2017 we have collected \$650 more in membership dues than in 2016
- The Association paid the national portion of dues for 2 active members
- For 2017, a total of 89 people had paid their dues before January 1st.
- At this point in time, a total of 77 people have paid their dues for 2018. This is due, in large part, to participation in the raffle to reimburse one lucky winner their 2018 membership dues.
- The use of Interac transactions is on the rise. The Association pays a fee for most Interac e-transfers which means that our bank charges will increase. In 2016, a total of 77 Interac e-transfers were processed. To date, in 2017, we have received 155 Interac e-transfers.

INCOME STATEMENT

- As of October 8, 2017, our division has collected \$17,751.82 in revenues
- \$13,900 of this amount was from dues collected

- There is currently \$16,119.80 in expenses for an operating surplus to date of \$1,632.02
- \$10,322 has been paid to the National Association for dues; \$1541.02 has been expended for social activities (spring meeting) (revenues of \$1,500); \$390.20 in AGM expenses; and \$2688.69 in miscellaneous expenses which includes \$2600 in Vets bursaries.
- The transactions so far do not include revenues to be realized, including \$6000 related to the Grave Site Inspection program and \$5000 in Centennial Scholarship revenues.
- As well, transactions do not include expenses such as the cost of the fall meeting, Grave Site Inspection expenses, dues owed to the national office during the reconciliation process, Centennial Scholarship expenses, honorariums, Christmas gift cards and miscellaneous expenses for operations (printer cartridges, stamps, etc.)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

- As of October 08, 2017, our current assets total \$16,833
- Our Long Term Assets include a GIC in the amount of \$15,322, \$100 in Accounts Receivable Operating and \$2020 in Capital Assets
- Our total current and long term assets total \$34,185
- We are now reporting our GIC investment as a long term asset. It is scheduled to mature in 2019
- We have \$3654 in Accounts Payable Dues which represents the amount of money collected for 2018 dues. Unrestricted Earnings of \$28,849 and, when combined with the operating surplus to date of \$1632 leaves us with liabilities and equities of \$34,185

PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET

- The proposed budget for 2018 which includes revenues of \$29,550 and expenses of \$28,830 forecasts a surplus of \$720

CONCLUSION

Our division continues to be in a healthy financial position. A slight operating surplus in the order of \$300 is expected in 2017. This is the result of minimal expenses for our President to attend the 2017 AGM. An operating surplus of \$720 is forecast for 2018.

GRAVE SITE INSPECTION REPORT

The Grave Site Program Coordinator, Danny McNeill, read his report as follows. He advised there are 27 Inspectors that visited 375 sites this year. The total expenses claimed by the 27 Inspectors to complete the inspections was \$2,187.70. A report was forwarded to the Treasurer, Bob ROCHON, with details of the individual expenses.

The following is a breakdown of the 375 tombstones or sites that were visited this year:

Official RCMP Regimental Upright Granite Markers	52
Official RCMP In ground Regimental Foot Markers	62

Private tombstones with a Force Designation engraved on them	90
Private tombstones or sites with No Force Designation on them	<u>171</u>
TOTAL SITES	375

The Force’s contract with the Association is \$6,000.00 a year. \$6,000.00 to inspect and report on all 114 Official Regimental Markers. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of members carrying out the inspections. They always do a terrific job and look after minor problems that arise themselves. The Inspectors take pride in the program especially in the fact that they check out every known site. Moved by Danny McNeill, seconded by Bob Gallup that the report be accepted. **CARRIED.** The Association thanks Danny and the Inspectors for their hard work and dedication.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Director, Laurie MacNeil read his report. The following new members were approved since the spring meeting. Two members left the Association since last spring. Laurie moved, seconded by John Ryan that the report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

Dawson Hovey	Joel Saule
Robert Baird	Barbara Curwin
Marc Aube	Steve Marr
Norm DeVarenes	Pierre Gardner

NB VETERANS’ BURSARY PROGRAM REPORT

Dale Lively, Chairperson of the bursary program advised that a total of seven (7) bursaries were drawn for. Five (5) were the annual bursaries given out by the Association and this year two (2) additional \$500 bursaries were provided by the Executive. Dale Lively moved, seconded by Floyd Luttrell that the report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

The Association thanks Dale and his committee made up of Ray Brennan and Dennis Ferguson for administering the program. We also remember former committee member, Blaine Chamberlain, who passed away earlier this year.

The following is a list of the winners of the NB Vets Bursaries for 2017 and their sponsors. Congratulations to all.

RECIPIENT	SPONSOR
1. Jacob Jurcina	John Jurcina
2. Graham Hayes	Graham Milner
3. Sean DeVarenes	Norm DeVarenes
4. Zack Goobie	Bill Goobie
5. Sean MacKnight	Dale Lively

6. Calvin Ross	Ed Gray
7. Jessica Noble	John Fasquel

NOTE: The NB Veterans’ Association has a Bursary Memorial Fund. If anyone wishes to make a donation to this fund, you may do so by sending a cheque or e-transfer to the Treasurer.

BENEVOLENT REPORT – Bob Gallup advised the membership that he will be admitted to the QE 2 hospital in Halifax on Monday, October 16 where he will undergo open heart surgery. He will be out of commission for several months after the surgery. He followed up on the presentation by Jan and Vic Gorman stating that Veterans Affairs Canada has been extremely supportive of him and their services have been excellent. He encouraged any member who has duty-related injuries/medical issues to make an application to VAC for disability benefits. We wish Bob a successful operation and a speedy recovery.

AGM 2017, CHARLOTTETOWN, PE – President King attended the 2017 AGM and the following are some of the highlights that he presented at the meeting.

See www.rcmpva.org for more details on the AGM. The following are highlight points.

Attending from N.B. Division were President Reg King, Past President and Governor Tim Hoban and Governor Dale Lively.

The AGM through e-voting, was conducted in 40 minutes. One Director was re-elected (Bob McKee – Vancouver Division) and two others elected (James Brown – Toronto Division; Steve Walker – Manitoba Division).

The AGM began with two keynote speakers – Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada, General (retired) Walt Natynczyk; and RCMP Chief Human Resources Officer, Deputy Commissioner Dan Dubeau.

Deputy Minister Natynczyk assured everyone that former members of the RCMP are “veterans” in every sense of that word, and the RCMP Veterans’ Association is a key partner in promoting issues related to mental health, homelessness and veterans in crisis and disability and long-term care.

Deputy Commissioner Dubeau emphasized the important partnership that now exists between the Force and the RCMP Veterans’ Association. The Force will promote membership in the Association as part of the discharge procedure. N.B. Division asked the status of "marriage after 60' to which Dubeau commented that the Force is working on the issue but it is a Cabinet confidence and cannot be commented on fully.

A panel composed of representatives from RCMP National Compensation Services (Superintendent Rich Boughen); RCMP Liaison with VAC (Sergeant Kim Hendricken); and the

RC Legion Service Bureau (Ray McInnis) outlined the ways and means by which the services and supports needed by RCMP Veterans and families are provided.

The Commanding Officer of “L” Division, Chief Superintendent Joanne Crampton, who hosted a luncheon, provided an overview of the activities related to the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry. She re-iterated the Force’s commitment that any Veteran who may be called to appear or testify before the Inquiry will be provided with legal representation by the Force.

The Corps Sergeant Major, Al McCambridge, was forceful and direct in noting the important role the RCMP Veterans’ Association plays in preserving the heritage and traditions of the Force, which can help inspire the serving Members and contribute to the public image of the Force, and thus help with recruiting. Activities such as the consecration and laying-up of the Regimental Guidon, the Generational and Territorial Service Insignia, and the Second Man Awards were cited as examples where RCMP Veterans’ Association input, assistance and action was sought, valued and included and which led or will lead to mutually beneficial outcomes. The CSM is committed to re-vitalizing the relationship between the Warrants and the RCMP Veterans’ Association Divisions, not only in matters of history, ceremony and recognition, but also in critical incident management, in particular activities related to donations and regimental funeral planning for Fallen Members.

Important strides have been made – the re-vamping of the website; and the establishment of a Board of Trustees for the re-named charity Maintiens Le Droit Trust Fund. More will need to be done to capitalize on the single not-for-profit organization structure (not 30 separate “franchises”); to optimize the new spirit of partnership with the Force; and to make even more credible our stakeholder status with VAC.

There is a requirement to re-engineer our membership and financial business models to be addressed at strategic planning meetings.

- Manitoba Division will host the next AGM in Winnipeg in May of 2018.
- The event concluded with a gala dinner and dance hosted by Corps of Commissioners.
- The cost to Division for President King to attend the AGM was under \$400.

OLD BUSINESS - NIL

NEW BUSINESS - NIL

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION – The following members were sworn into the Association by President King: Gilbert Morneault, Claude Beauregard, Barbara Curwin and Greg Davis.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS – President King read an email from the Nominating Committee advising that Gilbert Morneault has agreed to let his name stand for the

position of Secretary and Claude Beauregard has agreed to let his name stand for the position of Treasurer. For each position, President King asked for further nominations from the floor three times and there were none. Both Gilbert and Claude were elected to the positions by acclamation. Congratulations to both and the Association thanks you for volunteering for these positions.

SPRING MEETING – President King asked for volunteers to host the spring meeting. There were none so President King said he would host the meeting in Miramichi. The date for the meeting is Saturday, May 26 at 2:00 PM. Venue to be determined.

WINE FOR DINNER: Bill Goobie moved, seconded by Ron O’Brien that the Association pay for the wine for dinner. **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT: Laurie MacNeil moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

Rollie MacNeil, Secretary

RCMP Veterans’ Association Grave Site Inspection Program

The following is a list of the New Brunswick Division RCMP Veterans’ Association Grave Site Inspection Program team members for 2017. If anyone has any questions about grave sites, please contact either Danny McNeill or the Inspector in the area where the grave is located. You can find the contact information for the Inspectors by signing into the Data Base (rcmpvet.ca) where you will find the Nominal Roll of members in the New Brunswick Division of the RCMP Veterans’ Association.

1. Rick BOHUS - Moncton
2. Ray BRENNAN - St. Andrews
3. Barry CAMPBELL - Lower Newcastle
4. Wayne CARROLL - Nasonworth
5. Peter CLAY - Hainesville
6. René COULPIER - Saint John
7. Joe CYR - Edmundston
8. Roger D’ENTREMONT - Bathurst
9. Greg DESLAURIERS - Bouctouche
10. Jim EDMONDS - Sackville
11. Ed FARRELL - Petitcodiac/Elgin

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| 12. | Fred FEARON | - Sussex |
| 13. | Gordon FRASER | - Grand-Barachois |
| 14. | Ed GILL | - Oromocto |
| 15. | Ed GRAY | - Fredericton |
| 16. | Wilf HISCOCK | - Gagetown |
| 17. | Wayne JOHNSTON | - Rothesay |
| 18. | Paul KAYE | - Scotchtown |
| 19. | Ron LATOUR | - Grand Falls |
| 20. | Danny MCNEILL | - Fredericton |
| 21. | Chris MEW | - Hampton |
| 22. | Jerry MOFFITT | - McAdam |
| 23. | Len O'HALLORAN | - Wakefield |
| 24. | Rinie PLOMP | - Geary |
| 25. | Bob ROCHON | - Hillsborough |
| 26. | Roy Rushton | - Tide Head |
| 27. | Kevin Storr | - New Maryland |