

26 Feb 2015

**Edmonton Chapter
Regimental Association
Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)**

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

1. A General Meeting of the Edmonton Chapter of the Regimental Assn was held on 26 Feb 2015 held at the Norwood Legion.

In Attendance

Michael Hogan
Ian Barnes
Iain Fox
Tom Falls
Dave Biener
Bob Copeland (winner of the most Strathcona emblems on his dress award!)
Bob Petersen
Stewart Ballard
Al MacBride
Anthony Swards
William Kingston

2. **Guest Speaker**; Al MacBride shared some of his war time experiences, from his time in Korea with C Sqn.

3. The Meeting was **called to order** at 1900hrs by the Chair. He welcomed the group, and thanked them all for attending. The chair stated that with 12 members in attendance we had sufficient members for a quorum. He also welcomed the newly retired members, former SSM's Iain Fox and Tom Falls.

4. The next agenda item was **FALLEN COMRADES**.

There are 3 members of the RCAC that have passed recently. MWO AL O'Brien (OB) RCD passed away last month in Ontario. He was 61 years old. Also Joe Egan passed away in Feb in Texas after a battle with ALS. Joe was also a Dragoon. Also Terry Davis, retired former CO of the 12 RBC died on the way home from work two weeks ago. I knew all of these soldiers. They will be missed. After a min of silence all members stood and toasted these fallen comrades.

5. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. After confirming that there were no errors or omissions' a motion was made by someone and seconded by somebody else at the minutes be adopted as read.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. Donation to the family funds of Cpl Cirillo and WO Price.
- B. the need to plan for the next donation (May)

7. REPORTS from Committees? (We have no committees!)

- a. **Financial Report**. The treasurer (our only committee member! Michael Hogan) reports that we currently have a balance of approx. \$1700.

- b. **Hospital.** The following folks are currently dealing with medical issues. We wish them all a speedy recovery. Earl Cady, Ian Barnes and Albert MacBride.
- c. **Membership.** This is a check to see if all pers have paid up their dues for 2015. I do have some forms here tonight. (6 members took advantage of this and I sent their dues in on Monday 2 March.
- d. **Entertainment.** Our next event as a Chapter will be a Moreuil Wood Brunch. It is set for Sunday 22 of March at 12 noon. Location is the Hotel Macdonald. Cost is \$ 59 per person plus tax plus gratuity. If you wish to attend contact Dave B. this event is by pre-book only.

8. NEW BUSINESS/ Open Discussion

Do we have any new business to discuss? (None)

How about volunteers for committees? (None)

Discussion: as a new addition to our meetings we will be doing a 10 min discussion session. A topic will either be suggested, or a member can bring up a point of discussion and we will spend no more than 10 mins on it. One member will be selected as the monitor. The chair will control and time the discussion. Tonight's discussion is **Facebook-and twitter-**

Pros /cons

Should we be more engaged?

How?

9. Upcoming Events:

Regtl Update:

Moreuil Wood 25 and 26 March

25th March is the Regtl sports day, followed by a happy hour at the EGOM 1600

- -26 March is the parade -0900 followed by the society meeting at 1345
- Note – a big turnout on the parade square from the Edm Chapter would be fun!

Other upcoming events;

Coffee- coffee next Friday -6 March Campbell restaurant in St Albert (across from the casino) 10 am.

Next meeting is 30 April here at the Norwood – 1800 for 1900

Melfa River Dinner –mixed event, Thurs 21 May –location tbc

10. Trivia Ian Barnes has x 3 questions for us:

- a. **WWI** – what was the name of the Strathcona CO that was killed on Dec 1st -1917? Ans- LCol Doherty was killed by a sniper while showing the Objective to a Troop in C sqn.
- b. **WWII**-what was the name of the Trooper who received the MM at the Battle of the Melfa River? Ans- Tpr Funk, he destroyed an enemy tank with a PIAT.
- c. In recent times the Regiment received the Canadian Forces Commendation. When was it? Ans- 4 Dec -2008. It was presented in recognition of deploying a tank Sqn to Afghanistan on short notice sept 2006.

11. 50/50

12. Group photo taken by Bob C

13. Motion to adjourn