

**STRATHCONAS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION (CALGARY BRANCH)**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 06 JAN 2015.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of the Interim President, the meeting was chaired by Interim Vice President Howie Owen. There were three new members present: Doug Parsons, Wade Cooper and Ted Beck. Howie stated that the meeting will be conducted in accordance with Bylaw (Article 5, Sec 4). There were 18 members present, a Quorum required is 8. ✓

**FALLEN COMRADES**

The Chairman called for two (2) minutes silence in honor of the following four (4) Strathcona Family members who have left us, they are: Mr Al Kaatz – 10 Dec 15 at Revelstoke BC, Mr Mike Rochefort – 19 Dec 15 at Timmins Ont, Mr Rolly Purdy – 21 Dec 15 at Strathmore AB and Mr Bob Sutherland at Medicine Hat AB.

**“We Will Remember Them”**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of 09 Sep 14 were read by the Interim Secretary Keith Welch. It was moved by Bob Greene and seconded by Rick Brown that the minutes be adopted as presented. **“CARRIED”**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The treasurer, Clair Lane distributed copies of the Financial Statement for fiscal year 2014 from 01 Oct 13 to 30 Sep 14, the Audit report for 2014 and the Proposed Budget 2015. Copies are available to members on request. After some questions and discussions, it was moved by Brad Norman and seconded by Ken McLeish that the Financial Statements be adopted as presented, subject to Audit. **“CARRIED’**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman presented an overview of the correspondence received since the previous meeting.

- a. A list of the date/times for the meetings (5) for the upcoming year including 04 Jan 2016.
- b. A memorandum from John Stuckart of the Kingston Branch referring to how the various branches can help encourage retirees and those still serving to become members of the Family through joining the Regimental Association which is a Due Paying organization.
- c. The association was informed by an Associate member (Betty Reid) of the health situation of Mr. Rod McDougal in Calgary had suffered a Stroke but was recovering very slowly. Howie stated he talked to Rod's wife (Camille) and ensured her that the Association was there for her if she needs any support. She was very grateful for the call.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

### **Membership**

- a. Keith Welch reported that effective this date there is and overall total of 248 members for 2015 which includes 6 Life – 14 Honorary – 12 Associates (260 paid members).

### **Padre's Report**

- b. Father Greene spoke about his visit to the area in Italy where he was with the Regiment in WW11. His briefing was very interesting as always. Thanks Bob.

### **Hospital – No Report**

### **Entertainment**

Brad Norman, our new Secretary, reported that he has been in contact with various Golf Courses in the Calgary area for this year's annual Golf Tournament. The old course Buffalo run is no longer in existence.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A request for Honorary Membership for the Col of the Regt was again discussed and confirmed effective 06 Jan 15. The motion was made by Peter Wonderham and seconded by Rick Williams. Congratulations go to Major General (Retired) Cam Ross who is now an honorary member.

The Secretary (Slider) read the names of 12 Associate Members for 2015. The list is available on request through the President. It was moved by Rick Brown and seconded by Garnett Spence to accept the Associate's for 2015 "CARRIED"

### **Election of Executive Officers (2015)**

The Chairman directed that the Executive members for 2014 have officially resigned and nominations are now open for the following positions President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each position was dealt with separately and the voting process was followed and as a result, here are the Executive by name and position for the year 2015.

President	Peter Wonderham
Vice Pres	Howie Owen
Secretary	Brad Norman (New Boy)
Treasurer	Clair Lane

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A letter was received from the President of RCL 285 that the building had received an Offer to Purchase and that a meeting to discuss this is scheduled 25 Jan15. We have used this building for our meetings etc for many years and it would Bad News if this goes thru. Many of the members of our group are long time members of this legion so we should make a special effort to attend this meeting and let your opinion be heard for or against.

## STRATHCONAS ASSOCIATION (CALGARY BRANCH)

The Chairman (Howie) brought forward the situation as it stands now in regards to the above group. The position we find ourselves in has never happened before but, because of the transfer of the Regimental Association to Edmonton, we here formed the Calgary Association. This past September for various reasons, the Regimental Association was returned to Calgary which means we now have two (2) Associations which need to be governed but, separate from each other both Administratively and Financially and that begs the question, "How Do We Do This."

The Chairman gave his Comments/Suggestions and pointed out that they are "Just That", we need to make Policy decisions that cover both Adm and most importantly, the Financial Distribution of our Calgary Branch. We must separate the two and we can do that in two (2) ways.

1. Elect an Executive of three (3), a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer preferably not a Executive from the Regimental Association like it is at present IE, Clair is our President but, he is also the Regimental Association Treasurer. This is not a good idea in my opinion. We need New Blood.

OR

2. Appoint two (2) Branch volunteers to a Committee to govern Branch business and give a report during the five (5) meetings we have annually.

Finally, Clair reported that our Calgary Branch is doing very well through donations from the Calgary group and Tornado Technologies.

## OPEN DISCUSSION

a) Most of the discussion was about the running of the Calgary Branch situation and it appeared that idea put forward to form a Committee rather than an Executive Committee. The Chairman stated that there would not be a formal vote at this meeting however he hoped there will be a final agreement and a vote at the next meeting on Tuesday 03 Mar 15.

b) Rick Brown brought forward an idea that would if it became a reality, eliminate the annual fees. He stated that, in his view, it would be possible to obtain a Sponsor(s) for the Association if pursued which would eliminate the Annual Fee. Rick emphasized that he was confident if pursued, and idea may become a reality. I see only one

problem that may influence any prospective supporter. Most organizations would require an Official Receipt for the funds given by them. We are not considered a Not For Profit organization and it is unlikely that the Federal Government would accept it.

50/50 Draw totaled \$54.00 and was returned to the funds by the winner.

ADJOURNMENT - At 2025hrs

President *RJ Wonderlich* Dated *3 MAR 2015*

Secretary *[Signature]* Dated *3 March 2015*

*BRAD NORMAN*