

MINUTES OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD IN CALGARY on 08 SEPT 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The president called the meeting to order at 1900 hours, 08 Sept 2015. There were 34 members in attendance. At this time the floor was introduced to 11 invited guests. Sgt Paul Krulack the troop warrant of the riding troop introduced 11 members of his troop who chose to attend our meeting. Well done to the troop. The president followed the introduction with a thank you to both members for attending and the Executive for their dedication to the Association.

2. FALLEN COMRADES

The president called on the Vice Mr. Howie Owen to recognize our fallen comrades accompanied by the Playing of Last Post a moment of silence and Reveille:

Mr. Harold Finnigan served in Korean, N and S Vietnam, Cambodia and Germany 09 March BC

Mr Ken McMahon passed away 18 May age 86 in Woodstock ON

Mr George Buchan passed away 06 May age 67 George served with us in Cyprus released in 76 and lived in Calgary working at the remand Center.

Mr. Merl Olsin passed away 2 June at age of 91. Lived in Edmonton

Cpl John Unrau passed away 15 July. Serving member of the regiment.

Mr. Robert Dutchak passed away at the age of 82 and lived in Two Hills

Mr Richard Young passed away today 8 Sept, age 69 served 11 years with the Hussars in Sarnia ON

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The president called on the Secretary Mr Brad Norman to read the minutes of the last meeting held 5 May 2015 in Calgary. It was moved by Ron Howard and Seconded by Mr Dunn that the minutes be adopted as read, CARRIED.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer Mr Clair Lane presented the Association financial statement. Since our last statement and with donations (Loops for the troops) and operating expenses our current balance as of 8 Sept was \$11,698.84. We still have \$36,184.64 in GICs. It was moved by Mr. Roy Jardine and Seconded by Mr. Bob Evans that the financial statement be adopted as presented. CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. the newly appointed Colonel of the Regiment Col (ret'd) Greg Hug contacted us with proposed dates to visit Calgary. He would like the opportunity to speak to members of the Association during his visit.
- b. an E news article explaining the presentation of veterans medals to those who served in Korea was brought to every ones attention. It was noted that those honours had been given to veterans at their Korean Veterans Association gatherings. Congratulations to them.
- c. we received a note from the RSM thanking us for looking after the soldiers sent to play golf at our annual tournament. It was our pleasure.
- d. Kingston Chapter meet and greet will be held on 26 Sept in Kingston.
- e. We received notes from both Kingston and Edmonton Chapters reference change in Branch leadership. Edmonton branch was taken over by Chairman Tom Falls and Kingston Chairman Kevin Mulhern are now in those positions.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership committee reported that we have for the 2015 year:

- 6 life time members
- 14 Honourary members
- 275 Paid Ordinary Members

The 2016 membership forms are ready for mail out

Christmas cards ready for mail out in December as well as the yearly welcome letter and calendar.

The membership chairman Mr Keith Welch also advised us that we had received letters from the Cadet corps thanking us for our donations to them.

CALGARY BRANCH COMMITTEE

VP Mr. Howie Owen brought up the subject of a Calgary Branch dinner. The suggestion of co booking with the Legion for their 17 October, October Fest Dinner Dance was looked on favourably and our Vice Mr. Howie Owen said he would contact the Legion to get information on numbers available and putting aside tables for this event.

ENTERTAINMENT

Our Secretary and Golf Coordinator Mr. Brad Norman. Reported that numbers wise the tournament was very successful with 52 golfers signed up. He went on to say that the after golf luncheon and prize draw was also well received. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate for the 15 August golf date and the

actual playing was cancelled. Brad is coordinating with the golf course for a redo timing.

PADRE

Padre Greene was back in town and looking well. He gave us a good briefing on his latest trip to Holland for the Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. The Veterans Affairs Canada did a good job of **hosting many veterans and their caregivers. Padre Greene was introduced to the riding troop in attendance as having been a Melfa River veteran of the Regiment.**

HOSPITAL

Our hospital rep Mr. Ken Huff had heard very little of folks in hospital. He was advised that our past Colonel of the Regiment had recently undergone eye surgery and was recovering well in Victoria. Both Mr. Huff and Mr. Welch reiterated the need to pass the word out when someone is hospitalized or unwell so the Association can lend assistance if needed.

MUSEUM

Although Mr. Ted MacLeod was in attendance the president missed calling on his presentation. Ted will make a presentation at a later date, during CofR Visit and luncheon.

7. OLD BUSINESS

The president announced that he had received 75th anniversary lapel pins from the Royal Canadian Armour Corp. He had them there to be distributed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The Membership Chairman brought up the subject of the need for a new computer in our Executive Office. Followed by a very short discussion the President said he would look into the issue and examine the cost. The last computer replacement was done in 2004.

With the visit of the Colonel of the Regiment to Calgary the Executive will organize a luncheon for members on 29 October 2015 at the Legion between 1130 and 1400 hrs. Appropriate e mail and telephone advisement will be forthcoming.

Mr. Owen will advise all on the outcome of the Octoberfest Activities by e mail.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

There was discussion on the circumstances of the kit shop closure.

Mr. Shadbolt made a stand up report on the health concerns of Mr. ID MacKay, he is having issues and was visited in Saskatchewan by Mr. Shadbolt. Earl Cady is being well cared for in Kipness Center in Edmonton. We wished them both well.

10. 50 50 DRAW

The draw was won by Mr. John Swaroski

11. ADJOURNMENT

The chair sought a motion that is there was no further business the meeting be adjourned. It was moved by Mr. Jim Neish and seconded by Mr. Ken Huff that the meeting be adjourned at 2000 hrs. CARRIED

PRESIDENT _____ DATED

SECRETARY _____ DATED

ORIGINALS SIGNED BY P J Wonderham and B Norman before the November 2015 meeting.