



Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE (ROYAL CANADIANS) REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN CALGARY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2014, AT THE 285 LEGION

1. The meeting was called to order by the Calgary Branch President Clair Lane at 1910 hrs.
2. There was a period of silence for our fallen comrades.

LCol "Ret'd" Ken Mulligan	20 May 2014	Chilliwack BC
Major "Ret'd" Chistopher and Susan Cathcart	16 June 2014	Lindsey ON
LCol "Ret'd" Robert Gross	29 June 2014	Brooks AB
LCol "Ret'd" Jeffrey Dorfman	2 Sept 2014	Toronto ON

"we will remember them"

3. With 40 members in attendance a quorum was met.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting of the Regimental Association dated 26 June 2014 were read, it was moved by Padre Green and Seconded by Chuck Hills that the minutes be adopted as read.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Funds transferred to Edmonton executive between June 2013 and Nov 2013	\$24,408.10
Funds transferred from Edmonton August 29 and deposited 30 August 2014	\$30,833.63
Memberships and donations from Edmonton Executive	\$237.09
Money left in RBC account for administration payouts	\$101.03
RBC Account balance as per Bank Readout	\$31,171.75
GIC face value in account	\$16,833.63

Present worth	\$48,005.38
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Debits to be paid out:

Postponed Reunion refunds:	\$1005.00
Owed to Regiment for members Strathconian mail outs	\$1440.00
Owed to Regiment for postage for Strathconian mail outs	TBD

Printing charges	\$ 1204.45
Total Debits to be paid plus (to be determined) postage fees	\$3,649.45

It was moved by Jim Chamberlain and seconded by Barry Pridge that the financial statement be accepted as presented, carried.

6. Correspondence:

Correspondence was read relating to E news on honours presented to Strathcona recipients. Advisement of upcoming reunion in BC and a meet and greet gathering in Kingston.

7. Reports from Committees:

Membership: Peter Wonderham standing in for Membership reported we had 140 regular members 13 Honorary and 7 Life Members for the 2014 membership season.

Hospital: No rep or report available.

Padre: Padre Green gave a report on his visit to the area of the Italian Campaign. He voiced his concern over lack of Government support for Canadians of this theatre. He stated that he would put his adventures and memories into a newsletter article.

Ent: Peter Wonderham reported a great turnout for the 23 August Family Golf tournament. Reporting that the Regimental team won the trophy and the day's event was totally funded by donation. He also reported that Slider will put forth a request for a Funspiel event in Spring of 2014..

8. EXTRA ORDINARY BUSINESS

Peter Wonderham gave an explanation as to why the vote and transfer of executives was necessary.

Election of Executive Officers;

As there were no nominations or volunteers either from the floor or mail in, an open vote was sought by Clair Lane. The vote was carried that Peter Wonderham would assume the duties of interim President of the Regimental Association.

The new interim President then sought nominations from the floor and from mail in nominations for the positions of interim vice president, secretary/membership and treasurer. There being none the interim President asked for an open vote on the 4 volunteers for these positions.

Interim Vice President Mr Howie Owen (carried)

Interim Secretary/Membership (absent volunteer) Mr Keith "Slider" Welch (Carried)

Interim Treasurer Mr Clair Lane (Carried)

Old Business: The interim President spent some time thanking the outgoing executive and explained that personal reasons were a factor in the change. It was emphasised that with the working demographics in Edmonton it was extremely difficult to carry on with the added task of Association business. Ian Barnes, Mike Hogan and Rick Dennis were thanked for all their hard work.

The interim President noted that he fully agreed with the past presidents request to contact the Branch leadership for feedback on membership issues. This has been done and we will wait until the 2015 membership count to see what affect this contact had.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

The interim President opened a discussion by introducing 5 discussion points.

- a. **Focus and objective of interim executive**
- b. **Association decline in paid memberships**
- c. **Governance**
- d. **Constitutional review.**
- e. **Reunion postponement**

Focus: The president read from the constitution the original purpose of the association. (articles 1-6) . We will posted these articles.

Decline in paid membership: This opened up broad discussion. It was noted that many groups enjoyed a stand -alone social networking program with a "pay as you go" system. Noteworthy points may be tabled during our next Regular meeting:

- contact branch heads with importance of paid membership (done)
- offer free one year membership to newly released or retired Strathconas
- with paid members permission publish membership names on website
- offer paid up life membership based on age, for an example (55-65) \$250.00 one- time paid mbrship

It was noted at previous meetings that with low membership we have been fulfilling our budgeted commitments from the interest of GICs.

Governance: We have a newly chaired interim executive . We have Branches in Victoria/ mainland BC, Edmonton, Calgary, Ottawa/Kingston and the Maritimes. Some of these branches have formed executives with paid membership and some have not. Through a short discussion it was evident that we should wait until the 2015 membership year before reviewing our current governance.

Constitutional review: There was a general agreement that in the new year and through a motion during a regular meeting we would seek out a committee to "review" our current constitution and by-laws.

Reunion 2015 postponement: only 3 members in attendance were unaware of the postponement of the reunion. It was explained that although a lot of work had gone into the planning for a variety reasons it was postponed. There was no questions nor further discussion on this point.

With a pending summer snow storm, we closed the general discussion.

50/50 draw won for the first time by Howie Owen was returned to the Association fund. Thank you.

Adjournment: Moved by Mr Shadbolt and seconded by Brad Norman the meeting adjourned at 20:15



Peter Wonderham
interim President



For

Keith (Slider) Welch
Interim Secretary/Membership