

STRATHCONAS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION (ALTA BRANCH)
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 10 JAN 12

CALL TO ORDER

The President, Howie Owen, called the meeting to order at 1900 hrs. Present was one (1) new member, Mr. Charles Bronson. The President stated that the meeting will be conducted in Accordance with Bylaw (Article V, Sec. 4) - there were 16 members present – a Quorum required is 12.

FALLEN COMRADES

Ron Howard was absent so the President called for two (2) minute silence in remembrance of Ross Stoddard who passed away 09 Dec 11 at 79 years.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting of 28 Nov 11 were read by the President (Howie). It was moved by Don Ring and seconded by Dave Cathcart that the minutes be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Treasurer, Clair Lane, produced copies of the financial statements for Fiscal Year 2011 from 01 Oct 10 to 30 Sep 11, the Audit Report 2011, the Proposed Budget 2012 and the Financial Statement for 10 Jan 12. Copies are available by request. After some questions and discussions from the members, it was moved by Jim Neish and seconded by Ron White that the financial statements be accepted as presented subject to Audit 2012. **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE

The President gave an overview of the correspondence received since the previous meeting as follows:

- a. A Thank You card from Miller's Cottage, Isle of Colonsay Argyll, United Kingdom signed: STRATHCONA
- b. Email from CO Lt. T Col. Cadeau covering a 3 month Calendar of Events for 2012.

- c. Email from Col of the Regt (Cam Ross) explaining the health condition of MGen (Retd) PJ (Pat) Mitchell and Col (Retd) Ian McNabb. Both gentlemen are fighting cancer.
- d. A Christmas Greeting from Mr. Ralph Bradburn in Manitoba.
- e. email from Lt. Col. Cadeau to thank the Association for the donation of \$2000.00 to the Regtl Society to be directed to the Regtl Family Support Team (FST).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. **Membership** – Slider Welch presented the membership Report as follows: Ordinary Members 261, Associates 24, Life/Honorary 21. A list of Honorary/Life and Associates for 2012.
- b. **Hospital and Museum** – Dave Cathcart reported that he visited the normal list of Veterans in the Full Care Facilities around the City and little has changed health wise with Veterans Roffey, Larkin, Ross, Bews, Downey. He also reported that the Regtl Museum changes are progressing and will soon be completed. Dave also mentioned he now works fewer hours and he is the only Veteran from the Regiment who does presentations for the various Groups who go through on tours.
- c. **Entertainment** - No Report (Peter Wonderham in Arizona)
- d. **Padre** – No Report (Absent)

OLD BUSINESS

The possibility of raising the Annual Membership Fee from the present \$20.00 to \$30.00 was again discussed in detail and it was decided **not** to vote on that idea. During the open discussion it was suggested to leave that fee increase until 2013 along with the possible transfer of the Duties and Responsibilities for the Regimental Association to the Edmonton Branch which has been on the back burner for the past 2.5 years.

Slider Welch read the names of the twenty four (24) Associate Members who have paid for 2012. The list is included as Annex "B." It was moved by Jim Neish

and seconded by Ken Vivian that the members be accepted for the year 2012.

CARRIED

The following is the list of the Associate Members which includes the Widows:

Dorothy Beauchamp – Kathleen Buzza – Edith Cade – Marilyn Dawes – Iris Derenowski – Gloria Dingwell – Heather Efford – Mrs. Elmy – Bernice Fallas – Rita Finch – Michelle Gallagher – Grace Gordon – Catherine Greenleaf – Rea MacDermid – Donna Maxwell – Irene McQuaig – Joan Mills – Margaret Reid – Margaret Simpson – Edna Sutherland – Milagros Wandler – Joukje Will – Ellen Wilson – Tyson Eichenlaub.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE FOR 2012.

The President directed that the Executive members of 2011 have officially resigned and nominations are now open for the following executive positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each position was dealt with separately and there were no nominations or no volunteers for any positions. As a result, the Executive from 2011 were re-elected by Acclamation. The same results were true for the Committee members who like the Executive volunteered to stay on for 2012. The President was a little disappointed with the results and that no one stepped up and allowed their name to stand however the old guys will persevere.

NEW BUSINESS.

The President stated that the suggestion to transfer the Regimental Association from Calgary to the Edmonton Branch must be taken more seriously and that it is his intention to make the Society and the Branch in Edmonton aware that the turnover should be completed by not later than mid 2013. The reasons and the logic have been discussed in the past two years so now is the time for action and cooperation from everyone involved. That being said, the President asked for a Motion from the members.

It was moved by John Sawatzky and Seconded by Jim Neish that The President Howie Owen inform the Regimental Society and the President of the Edmonton Branch of the intent to move the Main Branch from Calgary to Edmonton, and this should be complete by mid 2013.

CARRIED

The second open discussion ensued and the idea of having a Mini Reunion in Calgary in 2013 was talked about. All the comments and suggestions were very favorable and a motion was put forward.

It was Moved by Charles Bronson and seconded by Dene Noble that a Reunion be held in Calgary in 2013 and a Volunteer Committee be formed to plan and prepare for the event and a date be chosen later by the committee.

CARRIED

50/50 DRAW

Won by Gary Hannigan (\$18.00)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2035 hrs.

SIGNED by:

President

Secretary