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| **Cameron Association Annual General Meeting**  **16 Sept 2019 MINUTES** |

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**#4 Branch St. James Legion**

**The Cameron Highlanders Regimental Association**

**Annual General Meeting**

**September 16, 2019 at 19:30 hours**

1. **Call to Order** 
   1. Time: \_1931\_ hrs

1. Pause and Observe a moment of silence for our fallen comrades

**Binyon’s Verse- They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,**

**Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.**

**At the going down of the sun and in the morning**

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

1. **Roll Call**: Request for and acknowledge any regrets:

* 1. Members in attendance who signed the nominal roll: Steve MacMillan, Dave Gibson, Hugh O’Donnell, Marc Gautron, Taffy Gray, Sandy Will, Blair Will, Kaden Will, Don Steenson, Bob Vandewater, Alan Lancaster, Len & Maureen Johnson.
  2. Regrets: Bill Worden, Tim Seeley, Bob Darling, Andre Blais, Tim Flook, Fred Westphal, Murray Burt, Gordon Krip, Peter Wut
  3. Proxy Vote & regrets received from: Nil
  4. New Members (First timers that is !): Nil

1. **Secretary:** Distribute the Agenda and the 2018 Annual General Meeting DRAFT Minutes attachment. Ask for:
   1. Amendments to Agenda: Nil

Motion to Accept: SMac & Seconder: LJ

Pass/Fail: Pass

* 1. Amendments to Minutes: Nil

Motion to Accept: SMac & Seconder: Taffy

Pass/Fail: Pass

1. **Presidents’ Report:** Steve MacMillan  
   - SMac was to present the Cameron Trophy to the winner of the MB Highland Dance Assn Mid-Canada Open Competition. This didn’t happen because they never contacted SMac. We’re still wondering who won.  
     
   - Special thanks to DG for getting the Trophy fixed up for the first time in about 42 years. Long overdue and looked great !  
     
   - Paddy Douglass and Bill Worden attended the Liberation of & Independence Day Belgian Legion Parade, which was commanded by none other than our Len Johnson !  
     
   - Reunion - We had 29 golfers as well as 12 more come out ( 41 total) for the steak dinner !  
     
    Mrs. Coutts is still in the MIR at this time. Her daughter is keeping us up to speed on how things are going.  
     
   - Monument Update: SMac & Bob VDW  
     
    The script has been finalized and passed to Dignity Group, the company that will be producing the monument; and  
     
    The statue is to be ordered at about the end of Sept 2019; and  
     
    We are still fundraising; the price went up because of the added cost of having to move the 18th Armd Car Regt/ MB Dragoons Monument out of the way being added to our bill. We’re working on making sure that the cost is reasonable with Dignity Group and exploring other avenues too; and  
     
    City Council still has yet to pass Phase 3 of the Vimy Ridge Memorial Park Redevelopment Plan, but it’s looking like it will happen in time for next year’s formal dedication ceremony of the monument; speaking of which  
     
    Bob Vandewater announced that our monument will go in on time, that is to say mid to late Sept or early Oct 2020, one way or another.
2. **Vice-President’s Report:** Fred Westphal – Nil
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Dave Gibson   
    - 2019-20 Budget – as attached
   1. Amendments: Nil

* 1. Motion to Accept: LJ & Seconder: Bob VDW

Pass/Fail: Pass

1. **Auditor’s Report:. Nil, will be altered in future to a Financial Review by a competent financially literate person. Amendments to our Constitution must be addressed to support this change.**
2. Correspondence Secretary: Hugh O’Donnell  
     
   - We still receive many letters for family information which have been placed in the Oatmeal Rag. If you can help out please do so.   
     
    Athole Cup email from Ron Shafer question raised. Blair Will recalls something of the sort from the Cameron Cadet world back around the early 1900’s. HO’D to fwd email to him for further investigation.
3. - **Association revitalization** – Help where you can. Please keep your dues paid and your contact information up to date. We have had 38 sign up so far this year.   
    Please pass the word to any Camerons or former members out there who are interested that we’d be very happy to have them join up. They don’t even need to pass another BFT !   
     
   - Meeting schedule – The Sec will book for 2019-20 after consulting with the new Exec.   
     
   - Oatmeal Rag – 32 issues have now gone out, with #33 in the works. You can help by telling us if someone who should be getting them is not receiving them, by feedback on issue content, and by paying your dues in a timely fashion. Articles are always welcome too, especially from serving members and post SWW guys !  
     
   Snail Mail copies: Now down to 20 +/- for members and widows without computers or other issues.
4. **Social and Entertainment:**- Men’s Dinner – \_\_\_\_ Dec 2019 Minto – inform Pres / Sec NLT 01 Dec if you plan to attend so that they can info the Unit for feeding. We don’t want to see you turned away hungry !  
     
   - Levee 0800 hrs, at Minto NLT 0745 hrs as usual  
     
   - **Cameron WO's & Sgt's Robbie Burns Dinner**  
   **Saturday, 25 January 2019**  
   **Fort Garry Hotel**  
   **We're in The Provencher Room again**  
   **1830 for 1910 hrs**  
   **$ TBC /ticket**  
   **Contact:** [**qochwoandsgtclub@gmail.com**](mailto:qochwoandsgtclub@gmail.com)  
   **Or any member of the WO's & Sgt's Club**

* + **Last Post: Len Johnson, Hugh O’Donnell** Len reported issuing 12 condolence and 3 get well cards.

- **Duncan McDougall** – 03 Je 2018 – SWW Cameron Canloan Officer to the DLI, 5th Bn I think, WIA Normandy  
- **Bruce Breustedt** – PPCLI, Camerons   
- **NORMAN ANDREW MACDONALD** - Cameron cadets 1941, Cold War  
- **DENNIS LABOSSIERE** - Cold War Cameron  
- **HCol Jim Burns** – Cold War Cameron  
- **Pat Will** – LCol Sandy Will’s Wife  
- **DONALD BYRNE ROSS** - Cold War Cameron   
- **PHYLLIS DIANA MONTGOMERY (HENDERSON)** – D/M Ed Montgomery’s widow  
- **Lloyd Jones** – SWW Normandy and on, RIP  
- **Paul Johnson** – Cold War Cameron  
- **Pat Couples** – Alex Couples’ wife

* + **Welfare Sick and Visiting:   
    - LJ sent out 3 get well cards and 12 Condolence cards this past year  
      
    - Ken Smith – SWW Dieppe and on, doing OK in BC, doesn’t travel anymore. Celebrated his 99th  
      
    - Roy MacGillivray – Korean War, Cold War, Doing OK at the Waverly in Wpg, celebrated his 93rd 28 Aug 19  
      
    - Vi Miller – No longer on Setter**
  + **- Rose Morrison - Doing OK, doesn’t drive now, getting out and about**

1. **Regimental Report:** Nil, but doing well.
2. **Upcoming dates of note:**

10 Oct 19 - Officer's Annual Mess Dinner   
  
22 Nov 19 - Scottish Gentlemen’s Club St. Andrew’s Day Dinner, Ft. Garry   
  
29 Nov 19 - 149th Annual St. Andrew’s Society Dinner  
  
\_\_ Dec 19 - Unit Christmas Dinner at Minto Armoury

25 Jan 20 - Robbie Burns Dinner at the Hotel Fort Gary; and

TBC Feb 2020 - Regimental Church Parade at First Presbyterian Church.  
 Note: Current Padre Kevin MacDonald is retiring to become a counselor. Next 1st Presbyterian Minister becomes Cameron Padre

1. Old Business  
    - Cameron Monument to our Fallen Comrades (addressed earlier by SMac)   
     
   - Support to JR’s – request TBC. Any thoughts ?  
     
   - Fundraising – Ongoing topic   
     
   - 2019 idea to run a cocktail night at DeNardi’s as a monument fundraiser (James Clark & Steve Smith) – Follow up ? Steve is gone to Ottawa, probably dead.
2. New Business – Nil.
3. Election Officers and Executive: Col Sandy Will & Past President Taffy Gray will chair the Elections  
     
   - Nomination slate – In view of the lack of people screaming to take over the Assn here is the proposed slate. You can get your nomination in as late as the meeting if it comes to that:  
     
   Pres: Steve MacMillan  
   V-Pres: Fred Westphal   
   Treas: Dave Gibson  
   Sec: Hugh O’Donnell  
     
   Director: Len Johnson  
   Director: Don Steenson  
     
   Association Trustees to the Foundation: 1 to be elected
4. Past Presidents: Taffy Gray, Bill Worden

President Other Noms: Nil, Smac by acclamation

VP Other Noms: Nil, Fred Westphal   
  
Secretary Other Noms: Nil, Hugh O’Donnell  
  
Treasurer Other Noms: Nil, Dave Gibson

Association Trustees to the Foundation

a. Marc Gautron (2018-20) – Good for one more year.

b. Blair Will ! (2019-2021) – By acclamation

Two Directors (Exec Mbrs):

a. Len Johnson

 b. Don Steenson

Auditors per Bylaw 8 para 6: 1) Tim Seeley 2) Alan Lancaster – Under review per above Financial Review item

1. Time & Motion for Adjournment: LJ at 2001 hrs

**Meeting Schedule:**

Next Exec Monthly Meeting:   
\_TBC\_ Sept 2019; 1900 for 1930 hrs St James Br #4 RCL VA Rm downstairs ?

**Details of Special Activities: Nil**

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President Vice President

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Treasurer

Secretary’s Note: If you have any other ideas or are very keen on some of those listed above please let the Incoming Executive know. We do well enough with telephone conversations and email but are rotten at guessing what’s on your mind.