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OTTAWA & DISTRICT BRANCH, THE RCR ASSOCIATION

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Date/Time: Friday, 28 October 2022, 12:00 Hrs

Location: Infantry Room, Army Officers Mess,149 Somerset St. Ottawa

In Attendance: Bob Near, David Johnston, Alex Lileikis, Joe McNulty, CWO Roger Shaver, Sandy McQuarrie, Al Fowler, Ted Campbell, Don Jazey, Rick Reid; Phil Bury, LCol Joe Hartson, Capt Dan Ortega, Rick Dick, Lew Evans

| Item | Topic | Notes |
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| 1 | Opening Remarks | The President welcomed everyone, noting this was the first time in 3 years that we have been able to have an in-person AGM. COVID is also still affecting people including our Vice President, Drew Halpenny, who was unable to attend. |
| 2 | The President called for a Minute of Silence in memory of departed Ottawa Branch members, supporters & spouses over the past year | Jeanine Duffy 01 Oct 2021  Elburn Duffy 21 Nov 2021  Tim Ryley, 16 Jan 2022  Terry Meagher, 26 Jan 2022 |
| 3 | Branch Membership Report | The President reported that Ottawa Branch membership was now 90 as registered on the Member 365 system, while there was a total of 107 people on our Contact List. |
| 4 | Financial Report | The Treasurer reported on Branch Income & Expenditures for the period 01 Nov 2021 to 31 Oct 2021. Income was $1107 and expenses were $444.43. End of operating year bank balance is $2636.65 |
| 5 | Auditor’s Report on Branch Finances | Ted Campbell, presented his auditor’s report stating that Branch finances were being accurately recorded and well-managed. |
| 6 | Tabling and Vote on Branch Budget for period 1 Nov 2022- 31 Oct 2023, | The Treasurer presented a branch budget for the operating year 1 Nov 2022- 31 Oct 2023. Budgeted income is $5300 and expenditures $5938.40. These figures include incoming and outgoing expenses associated with the Regimental Birthday Dinner. Also of note, $200 was allocated for the Ortona toast to reduce personal cost to members. As per Item 7, $500 was allocated as a contribution to the documentary film being made on BGen Milton Gregg, winner of the Victoria Cross in WW I. Following some discussion, Members approved the budget as presented. |
| 7. | Branch Financial Donation to Documentary Film on Milton Gregg who won the VC in WW I | As noted in Item 6, members agreed to make a Branch donation in the amount of $500 for the Milton Gregg documentary film, payable to The RCR Association. |
| 8 | Table of Proposed Calendar of Events | The *Proposed Ottawa RCR Activities Calendar* for the period Oct 2022-Oct 2023 was reviewed. There was one significant change. This is the Regimental Birthday gala dinner on 2 December. The Regimental Major, Mike Plaunt and his wife accepted an invitation from the President to attend the dinner. Of particular note, Maj Plaunt will bring to the dinner the recently completed Afghanistan silver war memorial for Ottawa Royal Canadians to see. |
| 9. | Branch Communications | There was a discussion on what type of Branch Communications we should have. Rick Reid expressed strong support for keeping the Branch web site, seeing it as having a valuable historic purpose through its photo albums, videos, and as a repository for key documents. A downside is the $200 / year we pay for the web site. Regarding Face Book, it also is useful tool for communicating, however, it is really a here and now means for passing info, much of which time-expires quickly. So, there are pros and cons for both means of communication. No decision was taken, but members were asked to give some thought to what future comms we might wish to have. In the meantime, we will continue to use both the Branch web site and our Face Book page. |
| 10 | Call for Nominations for Election to Branch Executive for 2022-2023 | The President noted that the current Executive, with the exception of the Secretary (Alex Lileikis) who has a demanding work job, was prepared to stay on in their existing positions. To replace Alex as Secretary, LCol Joe Hartson has volunteered to fill this role. To summarize, the proposed Branch Executive for the upcoming operating year 2022-23 is: President: Bob Near; VP: Drew Halpenny; Treasurer: Dave Johnston; Secretary: LCol Joe Hartson; Member at Large: Joe McNulty; Serving NCMs Rep: CWO Roger Shaver; Reg Force Liaison Officer: Maj Ben Reavely |
| 11 | Election /Acclamation of nominees | As per Item 10 above, the proposed slate of Executive members was approved. |
| 12 | Points from Members. | Sandy McQuarrie gave an update on the Regimental Reunion being planned for Aug 2023, noting the good support the reunion planning committee has had from Fanshaw College in London. |
| 13 | Book draw and meeting wrap up. | In closing the meeting, three books were drawn for. The winners were Sandy McQuarrie, Capt Dan Ortega, and Rick Dick.  And so concluded Ottawa & District Branch’s Annual General Meeting for 2022-2023, with the President’s thanks to all those who came out.  ***Pro Patria*** |