



**LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE (ROYAL CANADIANS)
REGIMENTAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday 5 April 2017**

7 April 2017

Attendance (alphabetically)

Mr. J. Bilyk - Civilian Board Member/Chair Strathcona Guild (*teleconference*)
Brigadier-General (Ret'd) D.C. Hilton - Board Member/Former CO (*teleconference*)
Colonel (Ret'd) G.G. Hug - Board Member/Chair (*video conference*)
Master Warrant Officer K. King - SSM HQ
Chief Warrant Officer W.A. Laughlin - Board Member/Serving and former Strathcona Gens, Cols, and CWOs (*teleconference*)
Captain C.D. McLean - Board Member/Treasurer
Colonel (Ret'd) W.K. McGill - Former CO (*teleconference*)
Mr. S.J. Rolinger - Civilian Board Member
Captain C. Ross - Assistant Adjutant
Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) J.A. Stuckart - Board Member/Society Secretary/Vice Chair (*teleconference*)
Chief Warrant Officer (Ret'd) P.J. Wonderham - Board Member/Association President (*teleconference*)
Major. A.S.H. Wong - Board Member/Foundation Operations Adviser

Mrs. K.M. Batty – Recording Secretary

Voting By Proxy (alphabetically)

Proxy to Al Wong

Chief Warrant Officer A.S. Batty	Former RSM
Master Warrant Officer. S. Brown	SSM Recce
Chief Warrant Officer. R.J. Clarke	Board Member/Senior NCM Adviser
Captain N. Hevenor	OC HQ
Corporal T.U. Lauterbacher	PMC Track Pad
Major P. Leonard	OC Recce
Lieutenant-Colonel M. Lubiniecki	Board Member/ Senior Regimental Adviser
Warrant Officer N. Mills	PMC Sarcee
Master Corporal J. Monge	PMC Green Point
Master Warrant Officer K. Shiells	SSM B

Proxy to John Stuckart

Colonel (Ret'd) J.R. Forestell	Serving and former Strathcona Generals, Colonels, and Chief Warrant Officers
Colonel (Ret'd) J.N. Murphy	Serving and former Strathcona Generals, Colonels, and Chief Warrant Officers
Colonel (Ret'd) J.E.N. Roderick	Board Member/Former COTR

**Opening
Remarks**

1. The Vice Chair opened the meeting at 9:55 AM advising the AGM that we tend to focus more on the Society than the Foundation. We wouldn't be able to achieve what we do without the benefit of being a charitable organization. The Society is fairly healthy, but we are making a few tweaks for a better way of work.
2. The Chair noted that the Society has had a good year and the coming year will also be good. There have been some challenges that need to be addressed, but overall things seem to be on track. One of the major challenges is sustaining financial support for the Society given the economic climate in Alberta and our requirement to diversify. As we move forward we will have more challenges but he is confident that we will be able to come up with the right solutions to meet those challenges. He thanked everyone for their participation and involvement in the Regimental Society.



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**Review of
2015 Society
AGM
Minutes**

3. LCol (Ret'd) Stuckart drew attention to the 2015 Society AGM minutes which took place on June 22, 2016. The minutes had been circulated following the meeting and again with the agenda. He called for any errors or omissions.
4. **A motion** was made by Capt McLean, **seconded by** Capt Ross, that the 2015 LdSH(RC) Regimental Society minutes dated June 2016 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

**Society
Operations
Overview**

5. Maj Wong noted that the Society has become more efficient in a number of areas including grant applications, balancing the budget, and securing additional funding.
6. Capt McLean drew attention to slides 4-7 of the 2016 AGM Society Slides document which was circulated with the agenda, noting that although the total revenue looks a bit deceptive, this is due to when the revenue was actually received. For example the Museum held their annual BBQ in 2016, which they use to generate revenue, however the monies were not received until March 2017. He also noted that the casino revenue was expected to be received in 2016, however it was actually received in late 2015. He did advise that the actual revenue stream was on par or a little better than expected.
7. As for the expenses incurred in 2016, Capt McLean noted that all the Society Troops were either on par with or under budget.
8. LCol (Ret'd) Stuckart advised the AGM that the presented 2016 financials are unaudited. The audited reports will be circulated to all regular voting members when received.
9. The Board and Finance Committee are looking at a number of options for sources of revenue and the overall way of business. For example the Finance Committee recommended ways that the financial presentation could be cleaned up so that it is neater and actually reflects what is spent and received. They have also been asked to look at options for CFCF. He stressed that the AGM membership will always be advised and will ratify the decisions of the Board.
10. Capt McLean wrapped up his presentation by advising that the Society hopes to be applying for a grant in 2017 and the Society Operations Adviser is looking to grant experts for assistance.
11. **A motion** was made by Maj Wong, **seconded by** Col (Ret'd) Megill that the 2016 unaudited Financial Report be accepted as presented with it being noted that the audited report will be circulated electronically for AGM approval when received. **CARRIED**
12. The Vice Chair noted that the Society has used Jay Noden for a few years and he has given invaluable advice during that time. There is no reason we should not appoint him.
13. **A motion** was made by Capt McLean, **seconded by** Capt Ross that Jay C. Noden Professional Corp be appointed as the 2017 auditor with remuneration being set by the Society Operations Adviser based on costs from the previous year.

**Appointment
of Auditor for
2017**

**Annual Reports
Board of
Directors**

14. LCol (Ret'd) Stuckart indicated that the 2016 meetings of the Board of Directors have been successful. They looked at a number of issues through the established committees. These committees include Governance, chaired by Col (Ret'd) Cade, Strategic Plans, chaired by BGen (Ret'd) Hilton, and Finance, chaired by Mr. Prokopy. These committees meet separately from the Board based on tasks that they receive.
15. The Vice Chair advised the AGM that the Board will be entering a cycle of where they will be meeting 4 times during the operational year. The operational year runs from January to December and each meeting will focus on specific areas. The meetings are not as long as they used to be, but there is still considerable discussion before decisions are made. All members of the Society are permitted to reach out to seek clarification on Board decisions. The Chair has stressed that he is available to discuss items with the membership if asked.

Museum

16. Maj Wong drew the AGM's attention to slides 10-15 which highlights the Museum Annual Report including steady state, 2016 review, 2017 goals, long term plans and areas of concern.



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17. He highlighted that 2016 saw some flood damage occur in the Museum which meant that NPP had to expend funds to fix. He noted that approximately 60 % of the repairs have been completed.
18. He also highlighted the handover of the curator responsibilities. WO Ted MacLeod is retiring in 2017, and Capt Phil Webster will be our Museum Officer. We also have an application in through 3rd Canadian Support Division for a civilian Museum Archivist. He had no further information at this time regarding the archivist.
19. The main goal of the Museum in 2017 is to secure grants through DHH to better tell story as well as focus on the mobile display cases for MW 2018.
20. The Vice Chair reminded everyone that we have been very fortunate to have a curator stay at museum for this long. WO McLeod will be retiring soon, but has worked hard on our behalf. While Capt Webster is still on active strength, it is great news that he will be taking over.
21. He also reminded everyone that Sgt Giberson has also been at the museum for a long time. CWO (Ret'd) Wonderham and the Calgary Association provide support for the museum with volunteers which is helpful and appreciated.
22. The Museum can always be improved but we have come a long way over the years. In the long term we need to spend more time and money on our gallery, and not underestimate the amount of time and effort from WO McLeod and Sgt Giberson on providing us a first rate gallery.
23. Maj Wong drew attention to slide 16-21 which shows the steady state, 2016 season review, 2017 season goals, long term plans and areas of concern for HVT.
24. He highlighted that the biggest challenge for HVT is that transportation is very expensive and they do not yet have a corporate sponsor to assist with offsetting the cost. They do continue to look for ways to overcome this obstacle to ensure they get into the public eye.
25. LCol (Ret'd) Stuckart noted that members need to understand that HVT is a way of telling our story and is often a highlight when it appears in public. We ask soldiers to donate their time for this initiative, but it is important that we continue to offer support for this troop. As we move forward mechanized vehicles will become more and more popular.
26. Maj Wong drew attention to slide 22-27 which shows the steady state, 2016 season review, 2017 season goals, long term plans and areas of concern for the Pipes and Drums. He drew attention to the fact that a good portion of the members listed on the steady state are currently deployed on operations.
27. The benefit of the Pipes and Drums is that they are relatively easy to get out into the public eye. As an example, Maj Wong indicated that he received a last minute request from Spruce Meadows for Pipers and Colour Party when they were in a bind. Members were able to jump in a vehicle and help Spruce Meadows out in very short order.
28. The 2017 season is currently up in the air as we are waiting to know what our official Canada 150 tasks will look like.
29. Maj Wong stressed that recruitment and longevity of the Troop remain as areas of concern as well as honourariums. They are working on ways to generate revenue and hope to present a more concrete plan by the next AGM.
30. The Vice Chair noted that Pipes and Drums are another of our great communication piece. It only exists because the Society supports it and the Troops volunteer. It is much easier to move this troop around but the Society needs to continue to maintain and support as well as try to find a financial backer so we can expand our horizons.
31. CWO (Ret'd) Wonderham advised the AGM that the Regimental Association is doing well and remains socially active. Membership is down by about 60 members to 230. The National Association Executive meets 5 times a year and posts their minutes on the Regimental Society website.

**Historical
Vehicle
Troop**

**Pipes &
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32. There are various events that take place throughout the country and 2018 will see regional dinners as well as participation at Regimental events.
33. CWO (Ret'd) Wonderham noted that MWO (Ret'd) Falls, Chair of the Edmonton Branch, has been asked numerous times if there will be a reunion. In the next few weeks Association members will be asked to see if there is any interest to hold a reunion during the Change of Command in 2018. The date of the Calgary Branch MW 2018 dinner will be on March 31st, 2018.
34. CWO (Ret'd) Wonderham's term as National Association President is over in January 2018. Col (Ret'd) Hug thanked him for his time and effort for the Association noting that it remains successful due to his leadership.
35. **A motion** was made by Maj Wong, **seconded by** Capt McLean to accept the annual reports as presented.
CARRIED

New Business

By-Law Amendments

**Civilian
Board
Member
Voting
Privileges**

36. The Vice Chair drew the AGMs attention to the email that they received on March 30th, 2017. The proposed bylaw amendments come from the recommendations of the Governance Committee, who have looked at this in great detail, and the current Board of Directors. The Governance Committee and Board of Directors continue to look at ways that the Society can do business better.
37. We have asked a great deal of our civilian board members noting that these individuals have been long time supporters and friends of the Regiment. The Board is unanimously recommending that these civilian members be given voting privileges.
38. Col (Ret'd) Hug went on to say that we have made significant strides in updating the governance for the Society. The civilian members have been extremely supportive and are a great asset to the Board.
39. LCol (Ret'd) Stuckart advised the AGM that votes and proxies had been received from the majority of the voting members prior to the meeting today. Proxies were given to the follow voting members:
Maj Wong – 9 proxies
LCol (Ret'd) Stuckart – 3 proxies.
40. **A motion** was made by BGen (Ret'd) Hilton, **seconded by** CWO (Ret'd) Wonderham that based on the recommendation of both the Governance Committee and the current Board that the term "non-voting" be deleted from the bylaws in relation to civilian Board Members.
Opposed – 2
Abstained – 0
In Favour – 60
No Vote Received – 10
The motion is **CARRIED** with 83.33% in favour.

**Board and
AGM
Quorum
Amendment**

41. The Vice Chair noted that in previous years the recognized quorum for deciding changes for the Society had been a very low number of people. The Governance Committee again recommends and the Board supports, that the quorum be changed to a threshold of at least 51% of eligible voting members. Attention was drawn to the current Society bylaws which highlights who the Regular (voting) members of the Society are.
42. **A motion** was made by Capt Ross, **seconded by** CWO Laughlin that based on the recommendation of both the Governance Committee and the current Board that the quorum for both Board Meetings and Annual or General Meetings be raised to 51% of those eligible to vote.
Opposed – 3
Abstained – 0
In Favour – 59
No Vote Received – 10



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The motion is **CARRIED** with 81.94% in favour.

**Election of
Board of
Directors
2017/2018**

43. The Vice Chair drew the AGM's attention to the previously the distributed proposed list of Directors for the 2017/2018 year. He noted that there is a nomination process to elect members of the Regimental Family to be part of the board.
44. The current Board is apprised of 18 members as one of the previous CO positions is currently vacant, but it is anticipated that the Nominating Committee will begin their search to fill it in the not too distant future. The Board of Directors serves from July to July because our AGM is usually held in June. He also noted that this is not a life time commitment. The intent is to maintain continuity but to also to obtain a fresh outlook with active and engaged directors.
45. **A motion** was made by Col (Ret'd) Megill, **seconded by** MWO King to authorize the Board of Directors for 2017/2018 as presented. **CARRIED**

**Open Discussion
New Business**

46. Sol Rolinger indicated that the Provincial Gov't is having a reception and presentation on the weekend in which he has been invited. He noted that when he attends these types of events in his capacity as HLCol of 1 MP Regt, many think he is there representing the Strathconas. He did want the AGM to know that while he does correct them, he also uses the opportunity to promote the Regiment and the Regimental Society whenever he can.
47. LCol (Ret'd) Stuckart reminded everyone that MW 2018 is coming quick and we need to remember to promote our activities to raise interest. As this is an important piece of history, the Regiment, the Society and the Regimental Association must continue to work together to generate interest and ensure the various initiatives are successful.
48. Maj Wong indicated that the plan for the Edmonton events will take place the week prior to March 30th 2018 and will consist of a sports day on Tuesday, parade practice on Wednesday and the actual parade will be on Thursday. Details regarding the dinner are still being worked on, but it is anticipated that it will be held on the Thursday with as many people as possible invited.
49. The France events are expected to take place during the week of Moreuil Wood. Many people have shown an interest in going to France. CWO Talty and Maj Wong are working on a package for a battle field tour. The intent would be for anyone interested to meet at an airport in France at a certain time and they would be given a seat on a bus and accommodations for a fee. This fee would also include being in attendance at the Freedom of the Town of Moreuil and the ceremonies on March 30th at the battlefield. Maj Wong indicated that more details are to follow and will be published on the website by end of April 2017.
50. Maj Wong also noted that he plans on going to France with CWO Talty very soon to do the necessary legwork to put everything in place with the MW land owner, town officials as well as work out details with Framingham College Society regarding Flowerdew's VC.

Adjournment

51. Col (Ret'd) Hug drew attention to the work that LCol (Ret'd) Stuckart, Maj Wong and Capt McLean have done and thanked them for their efforts. He gave a special thank you to Capt McLean and wished him well going forward.
52. He went on to say that we are in pretty good shape, but there is always room for improvements. Going forward the Society is going to focus on working on updating/developing our strategic plan, identifying key projects that we want to have in place for the next 10 years, and identifying funding sources and strategies. We need to have a longer term view as a Society instead of one year at a time. As noted we will have a new Regimental history that will be coming forward, a mobile museum, and we need more of a presence in Edmonton to support the Regiment and our upcoming projects.
53. Please continue to support the Society, as it is our intent to be as open and transparent as possible. This Society only works if people stay involved, so if you have a specific area of interest, don't hesitate to come forward to volunteer. This could include volunteering on a short term project or something longer term. Please let us know.



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54. The Vice Chair advised that we will communicate results of this meeting via email and through the Society Newsletter so the entire family is aware. We encourage the Family to utilize the Society website as this is where most information will be published. June 2018 will be a busy time in Edmonton. A number of activities will be taking place including the next AGM, so please spread the word.
55. **A motion** was made by Maj Wong, **seconded by** CWO (Ret'd) Wonderham to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 AM. **CARRIED**

Maj A. Wong
Society Operations Adviser

Approved

Lt Col (Ret'd) J.A. Stuckart
Vice Chair (on behalf of the Chairman)

Documents circulated prior to meeting

Email from Chair and Vice Chair dated 30 March, 2017

Email from Recording Secretary dated 4 April, 2017 which included:

Society AGM Agenda

2015 Society AGM Minutes dated June 2016

2016 Unaudited Society Financials

2016 AGM Society Slides (includes Troop Reports, financial breakdown and proposed 2017/2018 Board of Directors)

Document included as attachment

List of eligible 2016 Society AGM voters.