



**LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE (ROYAL CANADIANS)
CEREMONIAL MOUNTED TROOP FOUNDATION
2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes**

Friday 26 March 2021

Attendance-Virtual

Board/CO	LCol Eric Angell
Board/Former RSM	CWO Antony (Tony) Batty
Board/Civilian Mbr	Mr. Josh Bilyk
Board/Former RSM	CWO Robert Clarke
Incumbent-OC B	Maj Gordon Elliott
Incumbent-PMC Track Pad	Cpl Dane Frizzell
Incumbent-OC A	Maj Nathan Hevenor
Board/CoTR	BGen Craig Hilton
Incumbent-SSM HQ	MWO Benjamin Holmes
Board/2IC	Maj Matthew Johns
Board/RSM	CWO Kevin King
Former Strat CO-Other Reg Unit	LCol Vince Kirstein
Board/Regtl Col	Col Mark Lubiniecki
Former CO	Col Bill Megill
Incumbent-SSM A	MWO Nathaniel (Nathan) Mills
Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	CWO Kevin Mulhern
Incumbent-PMC Green Point	MCpl Kyle Nieuwhof
Board/Association President	Mr. Brad Norman
Board/Former CO	LCol Mike Onieu
Board/Civilian Mbr	HLCol Solomon Rolingher
Incumbent-Adjt	Capt Callum Smith
Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	Col Michael Snell
Board/Society Secy	LCol John Stuckart
Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	Capt Brian Talty
Incumbent-Ops O	Capt Blake Tapp
Incumbent-SSM B	MWO Chris Zubkowski

Proxies-LCol (Ret'd) Stuckart

Board/Former CO	Col Jamie Cade
Former RSM	CWO Jim Dorrance
Former RSM	Mr. Russ Ells
Serving & Former Gen, Col & CWO	Col Spike Hazleton
Board/Former CoTR	Col Greg Hug
Former CO	LCol Scott Long
Former RSM	CWO Doug Ross

Proxies-CWO (Ret'd) Batty

Former RSM	CWO Jim Chamberlain
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Proxies-CWO King

Incumbent-PMC Sarcee Rm	WO Derek Murdoch
incumbent-TQ	MWO Ken Shiells

Proxies-Maj Elliott

Incumbent-OC Recce	Maj Dan Gray
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Proxies-Maj Johns

Incumbent-OC HQ	Maj Mike Timms
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Proxies-MWO Mills

Incumbent-SSM Recce	MWO James Clarke
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Observers

Mrs. K.M. Batty – Recording Secretary Capt Webster (Museum) Cpl Eidt (Accounts) Capt Keewatin (HVT)

81 Voting Members

Total Yes & Proxy: 39	Regular Member represented 48.15%
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1. **Opening Remarks** – Maj Johns called for a roll call of participants noting proxies will be identified in the minutes.
2. **BGen Hilton** thanked everyone for taking the time to join the 2019 AGM of the Ceremonial Mounted Troop Foundation. He appreciates that 2019 is sometime ago, however we are legally required to get this done. The AGM is important for the Foundation to view the progress of the Mounted Troop and understand its mandate. It is vital to ensure everyone continue to share this information to all Strathconas, serving and retired.
3. **Review of 2018 Foundation AGM Minutes** - The previous minutes were circulated along with the agenda. The Ops Advisor asked for any errors or omissions.
4. **A motion** was made by LCol Onieu, **seconded by** Capt Tapp, that the 2018 LdSH (RC) Ceremonial Mounted Troop Foundation minutes dated December 2019 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**
5. **Foundation Operations Overview** – Maj Johns provided an operations overview of the Foundation indicating 2019 saw the Troop continue to be healthy overall. They are prioritizing high value activities over small locations due to funding constraints.
6. The Foundation Board continues to adopt best practices with regards to accounting and bookkeeping to enhance transparency and accountability.
7. **2019 Financial Reports** – Cpl Eidt provided an overview of the 2019 financial position as distributed in the pre-reading material provided prior to the meeting.
8. **A motion** was made by Mr Norman, **seconded by** CWO King, to adopt the 2019 Ceremonial Mounted Troop Foundation financial statement as presented. **CARRIED**
9. **Appointment of Auditor for 2020** – **A motion** was made by MWO Mills, **seconded by** LCol Angell, that Jay C. Noden Professional Corp be appointed as the 2020 auditor with remuneration being set by the Operations Adviser based on costs from the previous year. **CARRIED**

Annual Reports

10. **Board of Directors** – LCol Stuckart provided the AGM with an overview of the report provided in the pre-meeting material. Major highlights in 2019 included the realization that the riding area footing needs to be replaced as it is a health and safety issue, a new investment strategy and updated budget process.
11. **Strathcona Mounted Troop Report** – Maj Johns reviewed the Troop report noting 2019 was an excellent season with support to Spruce Meadows, Calgary Football Club games, and a highlight to the Calgary Stampede. Relationships continue to be developed and the Troop were the honour guard to the Grey Cup in Calgary in 2019, which was an excellent opportunity to showcase our story.
12. Currently, the Troop remains healthy, and two horses are expected to retire later this year, but plans are in place to replace. At the end of 2019, a carriage was purchased to give as a gift to SM and is in the process of being refurbished to be presented in 2021. 2020 Season goals were put on hold due to COVID, but the Troop remains training as COVID protocols allow, and much effort is expended on the footing and expanding custom leather products being sold in kit shop.



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13. A **motion** was made by MWO Zubkowski, **seconded by** LCol Kirstein, to accept the 2019 annual reports as presented. **CARRIED**

New Business

14. **Election of Board of Directors 2020/2021** – Maj Johns provided the list of names being acknowledged as being the 2020 Ceremonial Mounted Troop Foundation Board of Directors. The slate being acknowledged does not reflect the currently sitting Board of Directors.



Board of Directors 2020



Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)

Chairperson	BGen (Ret'd) Craig Hilton (<i>Colonel of the Regiment</i>)
Senior Regimental Advisor	LCol Eric Angell (<i>Commanding Officer</i>)
Foundation Operations Advisor	Maj Matt Johns (<i>Regimental Second in Command</i>)
Senior NCM Advisor	CWO Kevin King (<i>Regimental Sergeant Major</i>)
Former Colonel of the Regiment	Col (Ret'd) Greg Hug
Senior Serving Strathcona	MGen Trevor Cadieu
Regimental Colonel	Col Mark Lubiniecki
Former Commanding Officer	Vacant as of 01 Dec 19
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Former Regimental Sergeant Major	CWO Bill Crabb
Former Regimental Sergeant Major	CWO Tony Batty
Former Regimental Sergeant Major	Capt Walt Laughlin
President of the Regimental Association	Brad Norman
Chair – Guild	Mr. Josh Bilyk
Civilian Directors	Mr. Sol Rolingher
	Mr. Ross Prokopy
	Mr. Sean McMaster
Treasurer	Capt Colin Peterson
Vice Chair/Foundation Secretary	LCol (Ret'd) John Stuckart

15. A **motion** was made by MWO Mills, **seconded by** MWO Holmes, to acknowledge the 2020 Board of Directors as presented. **CARRIED**

Open Discussion/Adjournment

16. **New Business** - A call for new business resulted in no new business being brought forward.

17. **Adjournment** – BGen Hilton indicated 2019 was the last full year for the Mounted Troop but they are ready and willing to get back in the saddle once COVID restrictions are lifted. The horses are being exercised, groomed, and looked after, so be assured the herd has not suffered in their care.

18. The Strathcona Mounted Troop is a very long-term project, first of the Society, then the Foundation. It is unique within the Canadian Army and tells our story and relays a portion of the CA's history. The rides at SM are second to none for the 60,000 viewers and the countless others watching the broadcast. The Troop takes a lot of work to maintain, and the Board remains committed to keep this work going and ensuring SMT is ready for Celebration 2025. Please continue to spread the word.

19. The 2020 AGM is expected to be held in June 2021, but more information will follow.



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20. A **motion** was made by CWO (Ret'd) Batty, **seconded** by Col (Ret'd) Megill, to adjourn the meeting at 1010 hrs.
CARRIED

Documents circulated prior to AGM

- CMT 2018 AGM Minutes_Dec 19
- CMT 2019 AGM Agenda_Mar 21
- CMT AGM Presentation Mar 21
- CMT BoD Report_Mar 2021 AGM
- CMT BoD Slate_Mar 2021 AGM
- Strathcona Mounted Troop Saddle history

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BGen D.C. Hilton, OMM, MSM, CD, (Ret'd)
Chairman

LCol E.D. Angell, CD
Senior Regimental Advisor