

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX AND KENT
SCOTTISH REGIMENT ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE TILSTON ARMOURY,
WINDSOR, ONTARIO, 15 OCTOBER, 2016**

BOARD PRESENT:

Bill Carruthers
Greg Childs
Pat Coughlin
Helen McCabe
Eric Skelton
Doug Skinner
Hardy Wheeler

REGRETS: Morris Brause
Mary Baruth
Blake Harding
Cathy MacDonald
Doug Pfeifer
Capt Pat Pakula

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LCol John Hodgins
Carol Childs
Andrea Grimes
Tom Friesen
Veronica Friesen
Roy Hare
Wilma Hardick
Pat Hare
James McFeggan
Brian Boland
Joe McNulty
Brian East
F. D. Woodall
Dennis Poole
Ron Bodnar
George Pringle

Pat Coughlin acted as chair and Helen McCabe acted as secretary for the meeting.

a. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS (including introduction of Special Guests)

The meeting was called to order by Pat Coughlin at 11:05 a.m. He declared a quorum, and the meeting properly constituted for business. The President welcomed all present.

b. READING OF THE ROLL OF HONOUR and MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pat read the list of our departed members and asked for a moment of silence for these departed comrades since our last meeting in November, 2015.

c. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pat introduced all the Board who were present.

d. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (discussion/approval)

As copies of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on the 19th of November 2015 were available for all to read, they were not formally read. On motion duly made (Hardy Wheeler) seconded (Joe McNulty) it was resolved **that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th November 2015 be approved with the following change:**

“f. TREASURER’S REPORT – Revenue at the end of the year is \$48,414.00”. Carried.

e. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None.

f. TREASURER’S REPORT

Copies of the Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2016 were made available and are attached to these Minutes showing Total Assets - \$54,572.00, Total Income \$59,187.00 and Total Expenses - \$37,232.00. The Financial Report ending September 30, 2016 – Bank Balance \$10,073.24 and Cashable GIC \$45,480.82.

(1) ANALYSIS and INTERPRETATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Doug Skinner spoke and read the figures from the reports.

(2) APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF AUDITOR

On motion duly made (Doug Skinner) and seconded (Bill Carruthers) it was resolved **that the Statement of Income and Expenses for the year ending March 31, 2016 and the Statement of Financial Position for the year ending March 31, 2016 be accepted. Carried**

(3) APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

The proposed budget is attached showing a Revenue of \$25,405.00 and expenses of \$25,400. On motion duly made (Doug Skinner) and seconded (Veronica Friesen) it was resolved **to accept the proposed budget. Carried.**

g. COMMANDING OFFICER’S REPORT

LCol John Hodgins spoke on the following:

- On November 11th, the troops will parade in Chatham.
- #1 priority is recruiting. #2 is NCO professional development. #3 is Collective training.
- Soldiers will be needed to represent our country on upcoming missions, and our soldiers will be deployed across the world.
- As yet, no direction has been received from HQ regarding 2017.

He thanked the Board and Delta Company for all their support.

h. HONORARY COLONEL’S REPORT

HLCol Dave Woodall spoke on behalf of HCol Phil Berthiaume and mentioned the following: TWTT and Family Day; November 11th Remembrance Day in Chatham; FINA Swimming Competition in December and the troops' participation in the flag raising ceremonies and medal ceremonies. Upcoming 2017 events including: the 100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge; 75th Anniversary of Dieppe; 150th Birthday of Canada; and 125th Birthday of the City of Windsor.

i. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(1) Board Activities

(2) Items previously outstanding or deferred

Pat spoke on the following Association's activities:

- The August 1st Edition of the Newsletter -- "Always Ready" prepared by Hardy Wheeler and Mary Baruth was sent out.
- The Applebees Pancake Breakfast
- A bequest was received from the Neville estate and as well as income from the Wild Fowl Dinner from the Bradley family
- We invested in the Soldiers' Christmas Party and our 61st Birthday celebration
- We donated funds towards the troops' boots for the Nijmegen march team
- We incurred costs for insurance on the artifacts and picture framing
- Attended CD presentation in London, England for our Col-in-Chief
- The dedication of the Bob-lo Island 1812 Block House
- Battle of the Raisin River in Monroe, Michigan
- Ansell Club golf tournament
- Field of Valour and Hochwald dinners
- Remembrance Day
- 2016 Reunion.

(3) Ratification of actions of the Board of Directors

On motion duly made (Bill Carruthers) and seconded (Dennis Poole) **that the actions of the Board for the preceding year are ratified, approved and confirmed. Carried.**

j. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANSELL CLUB

Doug Skinner spoke and mentioned that funds are raised for picture framing, artifacts and social functions. The mess is open on Saturday 2:00-6:00 p.m. and on Tuesdays evening at approx 9:30 p.m. when the troops are done training.

ARTIFACTS

Hardy Wheeler spoke about the web site and that he receives family inquiries every week regarding pictures, etc. We are to partner with Museum Windsor for an artifact exhibition and Kingsville Historical Park Museum for a virtual exhibition on the Dieppe Raid beginning in 2017.

MEMBERSHIP

As Cathy MacDonald was in the front lobby manning the reception desk, Pat reported that we have 223 members as of September 1, 2016 – 174 life and 49 regular. 64 are lapsed. Two new applications have been received from Kevin Fox and William F. Mahon. On motion duly made (Pat Coughlin) and seconded (Eric Skelton) **that we accept Kevin Fox and William F. Mahon as members of the Association. Carried.**

VISITATION

Nothing to report as this time.

SCOTTISH BORDERERS

Hardy Wheeler reported that the Scottish Borderers are the financial arm of the Regiment and give funds to the Regiment yearly.

k. NEW BUSINESS

(1) ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016-2018 and INTRODUCTION

On motion duly made (Pat Coughlin) and seconded (Eric Skelton) the following slate of Directors be elected for the 2016-2018 period: **Mary Baruth, Morris Brause, Bill Carruthers, Greg Childs, Pat Coughlin, Kim Gilliland, Blake Harding, Cathy MacDonald, Jim McFeggan, Doug Pfeifer, Kevin Shaw, Eric Skelton, Doug Skinner and Hardy Wheeler. Carried.**

(2) APPROVAL OF SOLICITOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

On motion duly made (Bill Carruthers) seconded (Eric Skelton) and carried it was resolved **that we appoint Melanie McWilliams, BA, LLB as the Association's solicitor for 2017. Carried.**

(3) APPROVAL OF AUDITOR

On motion duly made (Doug Skinner) seconded (George Friesen) and carried it was resolved **that we appoint Chatham Kent Accounting Services as our financial auditors for 2017. Carried.**

(4) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made (Jim McFeggan) seconded (Greg Childs) and carried it was resolved **that the meeting adjourn.**

Helen McCabe
Secretary

Pat Coughlin
Chair