

Minutes of the 2017 AGM
The King's Own Calgary Regiment (50 CEF / 14 CTR) Association
April 23, 2017
The Dining Hall, Mewata Armoury

Attending: Dick Cruickshank – President / Director
 Sandee Baker – Secretary/Director
 Roy Boehli – Membership Chair/Director
 Denise Cruickshank – Newsletter Editor/Director
 Patricia Murphy – LO WWII Vets/Director
 Ron Senior – Vice President/Director
 Jim Bauert - Membership Committee Member/Director
 Jocelyn Roberts – Treasurer/Director
 Darrel Sundholm – Past President/Director

Regrets/Not Attending:
 Dick Hessler - Director

Info: Regimental Council:
 Commanding Officer of the Regiment - LCol Chris Hunt
 RSM of the Regiment - CWO Sandy Cruickshank
 HCol of the Regiment – HCol Douglas Mitchell
 HLCol of the Regiment – HLCol Michael Lang
 Chairman of the Regimental Funds Foundation – BGen (Ret'd) RS Millar
 Auditor- Maj(Ret'd) Mark Soehner

CO 2512 (KO Calg R) Royal Canadian Army Cadets – Capt Johnny Mo
 KO Calg R Museum Curator – HCapt Al Judson

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DATE
1	<p><u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>The 62nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) was called to order by Dick Cruickshank at Mewata Armoury on April 23rd, 2017 at 1:30 pm.</p> <p>Welcome Address: was conducted by Dick Cruickshank, President.</p> <p>A quorum was determined to be present; 34 paid members including 9 Directors.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting of April 2016 AGM were read by Secretary Sandee Baker.</p> <p>Motion made to accept the minutes: Ross Wickware Seconded by Wayne Zylak. Motion was carried and the Minutes were passed</p>	
3	<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <p><u>Financial Report:</u> The 2016 year to date Financial Report was provided by Jocelyn Roberts. The 2016 financial records have been audited and approved by Mark Soehner. Please reference the attached 2016 Financials File inclusive of the 2016 Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 2016 and the Statement of Activities for the period January1-December 31, 2016. Motion to accept the 2016 Financial Statements was made by Brian McCully and seconded by Einar Davidson. Motion carried.</p>	

Annual King's Own Calgary Regimental Events:

Dick Cruickshank provided an overview of 2016's events in which the Association participated in Regimental sponsored functions.

The Association will continue to host the AGM and the luncheon, and to include the Regiment in support of the Regimental Family concept.

Numerous events throughout the year are attended by the Association's Executive such as the:

- 2016 AGM and participation in the Regiment's St. George's Day events, April 23
- Change of Command Parade, June 4
- King's Own Calgary Regimental Cadets ACR, June 5
- Attendance at the Peacekeeper Ceremonies, August 8
- Dieppe 74th Commemoration at TMM, August 14
- Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Battalion Park & TMM, November 11
- Participation of Association Executive members in The King's Own Calgary Regiment Soldiers' Christmas Dinner, December 3

2016 The King's Own Association's Executive Activities:

Dick Cruickshank spoke of the executives' activities in 2016, not only inclusive of the above mentioned events, but also of the following more administratively focused tasks and the ever important liaison with our veterans:

- Completion of Administrative tasks
 - Assignment of secondary duties to Directors of the Association.
 - Creation and population of Association Tab on the Regimental website "kingsown.ca"
 - Publication of Spring and Fall 2016 Newsletters
 - Ongoing population of Association nominal role to include email addresses.
- Moral support to bereaved regimental family members
- Visitation by Association members to Regimental members in Hospital; Bob Lovo, Michael Hornburg
- Travel assistance for Veterans to Regimental Events
- Bylaw Updates

Last Post:

Dick Cruickshank noted the loss of the following comrades and/or comrades' spouses in 2016.

- Hon Col (Ret'd) Neil Stewart, 5 April
- Marj Olive (wife of Sgt Bill Olive, WWII Dieppe Vet), 21 July
- Capt (Ret'd) Casey DeLeeuw, 1 September

New Business:

2017 Operating Budget:

The 2017 Operating Budget was presented by Jocelyn Roberts.

Upon review of the 2015 and 2016 Budgets, we were able to establish the 2017 Operating Budget based upon the historical data. Please reference the attached 2017 Operating Budget file.

The 2017 Budget is straightforward and despite the Regiment's gracious funding of the Reunion Luncheon today, there is still an underlying need to generate more funds. The activities and future growth of the Association remains curbed when there is a two hundred dollar balance post expenses.

A motion to accept the 2017 Operating Budget was made by Joe Howard and seconded by Ray Hessler. Motion was passed.

2017 Association and Regimental Events:

Dick Cruickshank reviewed the upcoming 2017 Association's and Regimental events listing as follows:

- Association President at Vimy 100 in France' April 6-12

- There will be a full written and pictorial report in the next newsletter
- Vimy 100 ceremonies in Calgary, April 8 and 10th
 - On Saturday April 8th, The King's Own Calgary Regiment, led by our Band, headed up the parade of over 300 soldiers as they marched through the streets of Calgary to Poppy Plaza. The parade included a contingent of almost 100 soldiers from the British Army Training Unit in Suffield
 - On Monday April 10th, the Regiment honoured Private John George Pattison of the 50th Battalion winning the Victoria Cross at the Battle of Vimy Ridge, in a small ceremony by the Pattison Bridge in downtown Calgary. We were privileged to have several of Private Pattison's descendants present at the ceremony
 - The ceremony at the Pattison Bridge was followed by another event at the 137th Battalion monument in Glenmore Park. During this ceremony, a 100 year old bottle of champagne which Sgt Blaine of the 50th Battalion had brought back from France and directed that it be opened on the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, was opened and poured on the 137th Battalion monument. Once more, we were privileged to have descendants of Sgt Blaine present at the commemoration
 - The ceremonies of April 10th were followed by a champagne reception at the Military Museums, where soldiers and family members toasted the Regiment with bubbly from the same vintner who had produced the 100 year old bottle.
- AGM and participation in the Regiment's events, April 23
- Participation at Peacekeeper Ceremonies, August 13
- Association Battlefield Tour to Europe, including Dieppe 75, August 16-26
 - Dedication of the new King's Own Calgary Regimental Monument in France; overlooking the actual beach landing
- Dieppe 75 Commemoration at TMM, August 19
- Remembrance Day ceremonies at Battalion Park and TMM, November 11
- Participation of Association Executive members in The King's Own Calgary Regiment Soldiers' Christmas Dinner, date to be confirmed

2017 Membership Update:

Jim Bauert presented the data on the current membership statistics:

- 82 Paid Members currently vs. 100 in 2016
- Annual dues are required by April 1 to ensure active membership
- It was noted that if dues are not received by June 30, then the membership is considered to be inactive
- Any updates to personal contact information are requested to be forwarded to Jim Bauert via the Association's email address at: kocalgrassociation@gmail.com. Jim will then update the address list.

Bylaw Changes:

The Association was approached in 2015 for the creation of a third type of membership; that of a "Life Member". The following Motion was posted 21 days in advance of the AGM to the King's Own Calgary Regiment's website in accordance with the Bylaws.

To this end, the following motion was presented at the 2017 AGM;

- *'Move that The King's Own Calgary Regiment (50 CEF/14 CTR) Association introduce a third membership type, that of Life Member, and that the Life Member be provided a "Life Member" nametag badge.'*
- Dick Cruickshank read the Proposed By-Law changes: (proposed changes in red font)

Section 2 (d). New By-Law would read; "**Save for a Member holding the designation of Life Member**", a Member will automatically cease to be a

Member if membership dues are not received by the Association on or before 30 June in any year.

- Insert a new Section 3(b). New By-Law would read; "In addition to the membership categories listed in para 3(a) hereof, a Member may also become a Life Member by paying one-time dues in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). A Life Membership may also be gifted to an individual by majority vote of those in attendance at any meeting of the Executive, whether pursuant to a nomination by an Executive Member, or pursuant to a nomination by any other Member, and delivered in writing to any Member of the Executive. Upon becoming a Life Member, the Member will be provided with a Life Member name tag."

Discussion was held, ultimately resulting in the motion being defeated. It was moved by Wayne Zyluk and seconded by Mark Soehner to table the motion until the 2018 AGM with the following recommendations being considered and/or incorporated:

- Present the motion in three separate sections; a Life Membership; the associated fee for that Life Membership; and the defined criteria that must be met in order to qualify for consideration of a "gifted" Life Membership
- A vote was held with 17 voting "for" the proposal as it was presented and 12 voting "against" the proposal. Since the proposed motion was not carried with a 75% "for" majority, there was a motion from the floor to table the proposed change made by Wayne Zyluk and seconded by Mark Soehner

Volunteers Required:

Dick Cruickshank and Roy Boehli directed anyone interested in volunteering at The Military Museum, to please contact the registration desk as there is a great need for volunteers to assist not only in the general museum area but also in the King's Own Calgary Regiment's Gallery. A statement of appreciation was given to TMM for their wonderful efforts on the King's Own Calgary Regiment's Gallery. Roy Boehli made a special note that Pte JG Pattison's Victory Cross from the Vimy 1917 Battle is on loan from the Glenbow Museum and available for viewing at the Museum.

Call for the Election of Officers:

Despite the resignation of one of the Directors, Ann ten Pierik for personal reasons, no election was required as ten (10) Directors still sit on the Board in accordance with the Bylaws.

The 2017 Board positions are held by:

	Role	Nominee
1	President	Dick Cruickshank
2	Vice-President	Ron Senior
3	Past-President and Director	Darrel Sundholm
4	Secretary	Sandee Baker
5	Treasurer	Jocelyn Roberts
6	Director	Roy Boehli
7	Director	Jim Bauert
8	Director	Patricia Murphy
9	Director	Denise Cruickshank

10	Director	Dick Hessler
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Adjournment:

Mark Soehner moved for the AGM to be adjourned; seconded by Joe Howard.
Motion was passed and the 2017 AGM adjourned at 2:15pm.