



Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

**Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting
9 November 2022 via ZOOM at 1630 MST**

Present:	
Ted Giraldeau	Director / President
Terry Loveridge	Director / Vice President / Heritage
Jake Flanders	Director / VP West
Greg Ferguson	Director / VP East
Jim Croll	Director / Treasurer / Casino Chair
Terri Orser	Director / Secretary
Gord Keener	Director / Cadets
Don Dalziel	Governance Chair
Herb Kenny	Membership Chair
Paul Hale	Past President
Regrets:	
Tim Penney	Director / HGMF Education Bursary Vice-Chair
James Stanton	Director / Communications
Fred Horsman	Director / Veterans and Family Support Member

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
1.	<p>Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1530 (MST) hours, with a declared quorum.</p> <p>A moment of silence was observed.</p>	President
2.	<p>Opening Remarks: Ted said this meeting will be a dry run before the CoP's meeting at the end of Nov 22 and to get updates on the BoD's committees and projects.</p>	President
3.	<p>Approval of the Agenda: It was moved by Greg Ferguson and seconded by Jake Flanders to approve today's agenda. <i>Carried.</i></p> <p>.</p>	
4.	<p>Approval of Minutes from 12 September 2022: It was moved by Gord Keener and seconded by Jim Croll to approve the Minutes from 12 September 2022. <i>Carried.</i></p>	

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5.	Old Business: (Items that were started in June 2022)	
	5.1 – Financial Management – Resolution 07-22: Note: Resolution 07-22 is on hold until the Branch of the Bank of Montreal is identified.	President / Governance /Treasurer
	5.2 – Demographics Survey Update: No work since last report. The survey is ready to go, Greg will get survey monkey activated but needs the email addresses of the CoPs so the survey can be launched at the same time to everyone. Terri O will get the updated information to Greg once it has been completed.	Vice President East
	5.3 – Website Development / Launch Update: Should be out within the next few days.	Director Communications
6.	New Business:	

	<p>6.1 – Committee Updates / Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>President – Ted Giraldeau conveyed that Terry Loveridge attended the Regimental Guard meeting on Ted’s behalf in early Sept. They have gone back to meeting twice a year. Ted attended the Regimental Executive committee meeting today, the first one in 18 months. They want articles submitted for the Patrician by mid Dec. Ted will get more information on how they want them submitted.</p> <p>CoR (Honorary President of the Assn) changeover is still on hold, the Minister has not signed off on Gen Romses appointment. They are also looking for a suitable occasion to do the change of command, both Ted and Paul suggested that maybe it could be done at the Assn AGM in May next year.</p> <p>RHQ is fully manned except for the RM who is off on a French course and will not be back until Dec. They have a Regt Adj, a new Regt WO and a new NCO at the museum. They are soliciting ideas for how the Regt wants to celebrate the 110th anniversary in 2024. The Assn and HGMF plan on running their AGMs at the same time as the celebration is going to occur.</p> <p>There is a new op plan coming out of NDHQ which may complicate the 110th event. The original plan was to present the three colours but that may be delayed from the ripple effect of the passing of Queen Elizabeth, more to follow.</p> <p>CoR brought up that the old officer’s mess in Calgary is now “the Inn on Officers’ Garden.” It has been transformed into a boutique hotel but there is very little PPCLI memorabilia there. They want to get Patricia plaque to put by the fireplace and establish a relationship with the Patricias where they can hold meetings, etc. Jim and Ted will work together to establish a relationship with the Inn.</p> <p>Membership – Herb Kenny. See attached slide.</p> <p>Finance – Jim Croll. See attached slides-2023 budget will be put out administratively before the CoPs meeting.</p> <p>Heritage – Terry Loveridge reported that Volume VI of the Regimental History is being worked on and should be going to press by Spring 2023. Still deciding on a Publisher but down to three prospects.</p> <p>The presentation in Korea is coming up in April. Paul will be going there at his own expense and will represent the Assn.</p> 	<p>- Committee Chairs</p>
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Still having a tough time finding a suitable artifact to present to them. One of Terry's recommendations is to present a copy of the War Diary of 2 PPCLI from Kapyong. There is someone in Ottawa who may be tasked with this project, she has the photographic equipment, is very enthusiastic and has been duplicating this sort of thing since the 80's on behalf of the archives in Ottawa. The quality is remarkable, just like the original document. Unfortunately, it has not been digitized and would cost \$12.50 a page. He is going to check with RHQ as well to see if they have a copy. There were many ideas from the BoD's as to who else may have artifacts. Terry will look into it.

- **Cadets** – Gord Keener has had one request from the Edmonton Cadets for 25 cap badges and should titles. He also sent out an e-mail to all the Cadet corps to get an article into the Fall newsletter. Terri O asked Gord if he could cc the Branch presidents when he sends something to their cadet corps to prevent duplication of requests. Paul is going to assist Gord with the score sheets and the MOU. Gord asked if the BoDs attend the CoPs meetings. Ted informed him that the Directors are also members of the COPs and attend those meetings.
- **Communications** – Jim Stanton's priority is to get the newsletter out, hopefully by Remembrance Day, and then work getting the website launched.
- **Governance** – Don Dalziel is getting everything up to date.
- **Veterans and Family Support** – Ted said that there has not been a lot of requested support given to Veterans lately, at least not one that has reached the National level. There is one that is ongoing for a member at the Chartwell Colonel Belcher retirement residence. The Calgary VPP rep is coordinating with RHQ to ensure he is cared for and has visitors.
- **Transformation Team** – Ted reported that there were not really any updates except the HGMF and the Foundation have the agreed to an MOU and are in the process of going out and contracting an accounting firm that will help them put together their charitable objects and their bid to CRA. Paul Hale said that the HGMF "Needs Analysis Team" met and has proposed a series of new charitable objectives. The Team consists of Donna Campbell, Mike Goodspeed, Walter Semianiw, Guy Derrick (from the Veterans Society

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	<p>foodbank), Jeff Virgo, Charles Redeker, Chuck Reese and Paul Hale, who identified a number of gaps. One major gap that was identified is the physically disabled paraplegic and quadriplegic veterans. These veterans need much more assistance. We are more focused on the mentally disabled. The HGMF Board of Trustees met two weeks ago, and they all accepted the proposed improvements to the charitable objectives. The direction from Dave Pentney to Quinton was make this happen in six months. The HGMF is moving forward to improve our charitable objectives now.</p> <p>There is also an issue with the Foundation who is not providing financials to the transformation team and therefore the transformation is in a stalled position right now.</p> <p>Paul will give a HGMF SITREP in the Fall newsletter.</p>	
	<p>6.2 – Branch President Eligibility:</p> <p>This topic has come up because Jed Kazimierz, Mid-Island Branch, has been doing most of the executive tasks for six years now and needed to pass the torch to someone else. At their AGM, no former Patricias in the Branch would step up. A partner of one of the Branch members, who works for 422 Sqn in Comox and is also a member of the Branch but was not affiliated with PPCLI, has volunteered to lead the Branch for a year until someone else is willing to take over. His name is Brad Marriot. One question that came up was “can a non-Patricia” be the president of a Branch. It was determined that in fact he can, as long as he is a PPCLI Assn member. The constitution does not disallow it. However, the other question was “can a non-voting Assn Member” become the President if they cannot vote at National level. It was again determined that yes, they can as they are representing their whole branch and the vote that the branch would want, not their individual vote. In this case it was also determined that Brad was a full member, entitled to vote. Ted said that in the future we may have to amend our bylaws/constitution to be flexible enough to allow for non-Patricias and non-fully Assn mbrs that are non-voting mbrs to run branches.</p>	<p>President</p>

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	<p>6.3 – Succession Plan and Nomination Team:</p> <p>The nomination committee for the BoDs at the AGM consists of the Past President and the VPs of East and West who will looking for new directors. Paul said he would also be bringing in the outgoing and incoming RMs. He will be making the point with the Regimental strategy, about leadership after retirement.</p> <p>Also with the CoPs, they will be encouraging Branch Presidents to start thinking of a succession plan and look within their branch for leadership to fill positions at National level.</p>	

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7.	<p>Open Forum:</p> <p>Ted, on Don Dalziel's behalf, told the BoDs that Ottawa has their own Remembrance Ceremony and they read off the list of those Patricias who have fallen in the past year. They invite family members to attend. This year, as a trial run, they are going to try to get the ceremony on Zoom as well to include more families and see how that goes. It is taking place at 1330 EST. If anyone is interested, let Don know and he will send out a Zoom invite.</p> <p>Paul said that the Sydney Frost Battlefield tour recce went very well. We will not put a memorial at Villa Rigatti because the town of Ortona is planning to place several different memorials commemorating what the Canadians did. A Remembrance Day ceremony will take place.</p> <p>The Leonforte Memorial will go in early because Steve Gregory with OP HUSKY is putting in a memorial there in July 2023. The Deputy Mayor said to put the request in at the same time, so they only have to handle one request.</p> <p>The Battlefield Tour advertising will begin in December and people can start booking in March. The number of people will be capped at 80. Hoping to get 12 Cadets and two chaperons on part II only. The cost for each Cadet is approx. \$4,000 and the applicable Corps should raise \$1,000 for each one. If we do not meet the 56k, attendance will be reduced accordingly. Some Branches do support their Cadet Corps so may be able to get some money from that source. Herb is going to ask First in the Field to see if they will support the cadets. We have invited the Reg Forces to send six serving members.</p> <p>Paul has a meeting with the CEO of Special Travel International next week.</p> <p>Gord Keener brought up challenge coins for the Cadets. Ted said a request came to the Assn about a PPCLI challenge coin. One was designed and is very cadet specific. It would have to go to all the Cadet corps to see if they are interested. We would have to see how it would be funded and how much it would cost. Herb said the Cadet Corps in Edmonton already has a challenge coin and they raise their own funds. Ted said he would send Gord the original proposal that came out of the Winnipeg Branch.</p> <p>Herb Kenny said that when he sends out the notice to each president of a Patricia that passes, they should send it out to their membership.</p> <p>Greg Ferguson reported that the survey is ready to go, Terri O will send him the current list of Presidents. The Assn Anniversary coins will be going on the open market this week.</p>	

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8.	Date of Next Meetings:	President
	8.1 – Board of Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 January 2023 • 8 March 2023 	President
	8.2 – Council of Presidents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 Nov 2022 • 29 Mar 2023 	
	8.2 - AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-14 May 2023 – Southern Ontario (Niagara Falls) • Aug 2024 – Edmonton (110th Anniversary) 	
9.	Adjournment: The President thanked the Board for their participation. There being no further business or objections, the meeting was adjourned at 1808 hours MST.	

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 Nov 22

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 Jan 23