

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Membership for 8 August 2019 at Saint Albert's Inn, Saint Albert, Alberta at 0900 hours (Mountain Daylight Time).

Executive / Board of Director	s Present:
Mr. Paul Hale	Director / President / Fund-raising
Mr. Dougal Salmon	Director / Vice President / Cadets / President Victoria Branch
Mr. Jim Croll	Director / VP West / Treasurer / Casino Chairman
Mr. Fred Goldring	Director / Membership
Miss Terri Orser	Secretary
Council Present:	
Mr Herb Kenny	President Edmonton Branch
Mr Dennis Johnson	President Fraser Valley Branch
Mr Darcy Parker	Vice President Saskatchewan Branch
Mr Greg Ferguson	President SW Ontario Branch
Mr Glenn Ryan	Vice President Atlantic Branch
In Attendance:	
Madame Adrienne Clarkson	Colonel-in-Chief
BGen Vince Kennedy	Colonel of the Regiment
Mrs Wendy Kennedy	Ottawa
LGen Wayne Eyre	Senior Serving Patricia
Col Kirk Gallinger	Vice President Regimental Strategy / BComd CFB Kingston
Maj Slade Lerch	Regimental Major
WO Shaun Peterson	Regimental WO
Mr Ted Giraldeau	Mid Island
Mr Pete Leger	Ottawa
Mr Tim Penney	Edmonton
Ms Sherri Casey Petersen	Edmonton
Mr Nick Kerr	Edmonton
Mr John DeMerchant	Edmonton
Mr Norm Pryce	Edmonton
Mr Gord Descoteaux	Edmonton
Mr Mike Bludd	Edmonton
Mr Ken Jobin	Edmonton

Mr Scott Langford	Edmonton
Mr George Arndt	Edmonton
Mr Ray Romses	Lethbridge
Mr Ray Crabbe	Winnipeg
Mr Bill Bewick	Calgary
Mrs Tes Bewick	Calgary
Mr Art Bochu	Cypress Hills
Mr Mike Hodsgon	SW Ontario
Mr John McGregor	SW Ontario
Mrs Sandra McGregor	SW Ontario
Mrs Diana Cardoni	SW Ontario
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Mr Stephen Bartlett	Director/ President Atlantic Branch
Mr Jim McMillan-Murphy	Director
Mr Dave Pentney	Kingston / Finance Chair / VPP Facilitator
Mr Marv Makulowich	President Kingston Branch
Mr Jed Jednorog	President Mid Island Branch
Mr Don Dalziel	President Ottawa Branch/ Governance Chair
Mrs Jan Dalziel	Ottawa
Mr Bill Hewson	Ottawa
Mrs Nora Hewson	Ottawa
Mr Bill Plouffe	Ottawa
Mr Don Reibin	Ottawa

Item	Discussion	OPI /Action
1.	Call to Order:	President
	The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours MST with a quorum.	
2.	Minute of Silence.	President
3.	Opening Remarks: Paul welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced the Colonel in Chief, Madam Adrienne Clarkson for opening remarks.	President

4.	Opening Remarks from the Colonel in Chief: Madam Clarkson gave a brief history about her family and their involvement in the Military. Her Father in Law served with the PPCLI after World war 2. He was in the first wave on the D Day landings. Her first duty as the Colonel in Chief, was to visit Kosovo where the Patricia's were rotating out.	Madam Adrienne Clarkson
	Madam Clarkson thanked Jay Lapeyre for the work he has done on the Regimental Memorials. She stressed the importance of keeping the past alive.	
	Madam Clarkson stated that we are at the forefront of helping people understand that mental health, mental illness, suicide awareness and that treatment for people and help for families that have experienced suicide is very important. Very proud of the Association for the work being done to continue on the support and the outreach, cadets, bursaries and all the centers that we have are very import to her.	
	Suicide is a very troubling issue in our society, not just the Armed Forces. One story Madam told was of a soldier who killed himself with a Kruger that he had taken from a German and 25 years after his death his wife was asked how she wanted to report his death, by heart attack or by stroke because you should not report it as a suicide.	
	She said she is very proud of Paul Hale for taking this on and that we must make sure we are adequately funded.	
	To close she told the Association that she was delighted that we have expanded the Association BoD to include women and she believes it will add another dimension and a roundedness to our activities.	
	She was very happy to have LGen Wayne Eyre at the AGM and said she was so proud of him and what he has achieved. He will assume command of the Canadian Army on 20 Aug 2019.	
	Presentation of SW Ontario Branch challenge coin to the Colonel in Chief:	
	Mr. Greg Ferguson informed everyone that earlier in the year Paul Hale challenged each Branch to raise funds to help support the Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Awareness sessions. The SW Ontario Branch created a challenge coin. On one side it has the PPCLI Association Moto "Once a Patricia, always a Patricia" and on the other side it has "PPCLI Veterans Still Kick ??? and on the edge "Leave no one behind" He presented the Colonel in Chief a challenge coin and said that it is a token of the respect that the SW Ontario Branch has for her.	
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5.	Approval of the Agenda: It was moved by Fred Goldring and seconded by Herb Kenny to approve the agenda. <i>Carried</i>	President
6.	Approval of the Minutes of the 70 th AGM of 26 May 2018: It was moved by Tim Penney and seconded by Bill Bewick to approve the Minutes of the 70 th AGM of 26 May 2018. <i>Carried</i>	President
7.	Reports: 7.1 Presidents Report See attached slide.	President
	The Mental Health video will be shown under new business.	President
	We has approached CRA to determine if the HGMF would be able to fund alternate therapies such as Equinine, Virtual Reality and Service Dogs (it unlikely that we would be able to fund the \$20,000 it costs for each dog but will be able to provide a portion of the cost).	
	The other object is to be able to cover medical expenses not covered by either VAC or Provincial Health Care. CRA has advised that we cannot do a fundraiser for an individual. Fundraisers must be for the organization general activities. Under New Business he will speak about updating the Association Purposes and Fundraising.	
	Paul thanked the Calgary, Edmonton and Wainwright Branches for all the work they have done in support of the Calgary Casino which raisied\$62,000 and which will be used to support Regimental activities within Alberta.	
	Paul presented a \$10,000 cheque on behalf of the Association to Valour Place.	
	He thanked some of our departing members, Mike Austal (who could not make) has been on the Board since 2010. He was the Student Bursary Coordinator, Secretary, President and Past President. Fred Goldring was the Membership and Last Pos Coordinators and has stepped down as Director. Art Chase (who could not be here) will also be stepping down but will keep an eye on Patricia Park.	
	7.2 Finance Committee Report See attached slide.	Finance Committee Chair
	Madame Clarkson asked who the Association investment coordinator is? Dave Pentney explained that it is Marv Fenrick who controls the investment portfolio out of Kamloops and has done an amazing job, and although we have a conservative portfolio, we have a very good return. He has been doing this for some 20 years now and across that time he has produced very good results.	

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	7.2.1 – Current Financial Position (see attached slides)	Treasurer
	- Association Operating Fund as of 30 Jun 19	
	- Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund as of 30 Jun 19	
	7.2.2 Financial Statements (unaudited)	Treasurer
	- Association Operating Fund - (see attached slides)	
	Paul mentioned that under expenses on slide 16, the travel portion of \$25,309.75 were mostly the funds used to pay for the Mental Health/Suicide Workshops travel in 2018 when we did not have the authority from CRA to pay spend HGMF Funds. For info, one individual made a private non-tax receipted donation of \$12,500. - Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund - (see attached slides)	
	Casino Report (see attached slide)	Casino Chair
	Jim Croll explained that there is a time limit of which to expend Casino funds. Specifically, we have 24 months in which to expend the funds. The limitation on Casino funds is that must be spent in Alberta except for \$5,000 that is transferred to Student Bursaries with the approval of the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission (AGLC). Funds cannot be used for travel, meals or accommodation. Casino funds can be spent on veterans' support, cadets, museum, see attached slide.	
	7.4 Membership Report – (see attached slide 21)A complete picture was given by Fred Goldring.	Membership Chair
	Must keep inactive members on the books for seven years which includes deceased members. Some branches, before being advised had deleted their inactive members.	
	Membership is slowly increasing.	
	Paul mentioned that on the Association Facebook page we have over 4,200 members. On the page there are a series of questions for people who want to sign up, one is the connection to the Regiment the other one is "Are you interested in joining a Branch". If they press yes, they can get more information. About one in five actually follow through and join a Branch. It's a slow process but there are new members joining and the majority are the new generation. The other people on that site are sisters, mothers, parents, wives, daughters and serving soldiers.	

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	7.5 - Governance Report (see attached report)Paul thanked Don Dalziel for his hard work and outstanding advice with respect to Governance.	Governance Chair
	 7.6 - Fundraising Report (see attached slide) In 2018 a total of \$12,322.71 was donated to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF). This equates to 47.4% of our target of raising \$26,000 from private donations. In addition, \$5,000 was transferred from the Casino Account to the HGMF in support of student bursaries. Due to the poor results of our fundraising campaign, the HGMF had a net deficit of \$16,986.60 for 2018. For 2019, we have set a fundraising goal of \$22,000 from private donations. As of 31 May 2019, a total of \$9,220.24 or 42% has been privately donated to the HGMF. In addition, \$5,000 has been transferred from the Casino Fund to the HGMF in support of Student Bursaries and \$8,086.91 was received as a grant from True Patriot Love in support of the Winnipeg Mental Health and Suicide Awareness workshop. Unless there is an increase in private donations there is a strong possibility that we will not be able to fund all of the Student Bursaries and the Mental Health training in 2019. The increase in expenditures is primarily due to the success and interest in the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Workshops. Requests have been submitted to General Dynamics, Cubic, Calian and the Patricia Fund for grants in support of Mental Health training. At this time, we have indication of a \$2,500 donation from Cubic and \$5,000 from General Dynamics. A request has been submitted to True Patriot Love for funding of Mental Health training in 2020. We must expend 3.5% of the capital in the HGMF annually in order to retain our charitable status. We do our best not to touch the principle but try to use the interest and donations. The goal is to increase the HGMF to 1.5 million. 	President

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	 7.8 Volunteer Patricia Program - Dave Petney (see attached slide 25) Dave advised that everything is working well within VPP, and it reinforces that we have as a Regimental family. It is a good program and is assisting people get the help they need. Madame Clarkson asked how many Veterans are homeless and Paul said that VETS Canada has some stats and that he would send her the power point. One thing that VETS Canada has noticed is an increase in homeless Female Veterans and most have children with them. VETS Canada is doing an outstanding job and can get someone into accommodation within 24 hrs or less. They have referred a fair amount of people to Association. Paul thanked Dave Petney for his outstanding work at the VPP Facilitator. 	VPP Facilitator

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	7.9 - Student Bursary Report (Tim Penney has taken over for Mike Austal) Tim thanked Mike Austal who has been doing the Student Bursaries for the past nine years. Tim has been working with Mike for the last two years and said that it has been an honor.	
	This year we had NCOs from 1 PPCLI assist in reviewing the Bursary applications and they provided a conference room at no cost. The applications go through a merit board type of review. Everyone on the board assessing the applications has to be within ten points of each other and there were no discrepancies.	
	Tim said that the scoring will change slightly for the Distance Learning Bursary Applications for next year as they are now eligible for bursaries. He looks forward to working with 1 PPCLI next year. The Committee will continue to physically meet each year. A conference call is not feasible for reviewing all the applications.	
	7.10 - Cadet Report (see attached slide – Dougal Salmon)	Vice President
	The Association will not expand the program past hat badges and shoulder titles however individual Branches are encouraged to assist where possible. For example, sashes can be bought at the Regimental kit shop at cost.	
	It cannot be understated that if cadet corps wants a donation, they must need to send a letter to the Association. Parents play a vital role in this as they are the ones doing the fundraising.	
	7.11- Regimental Major's Update (see attached slides)	Regimental Major
	Maj Slade Lerch, RM provided an update on current activities and deployments. He reinforced that as Patricia's release they are urged to join the Association.	c ·
	Volume 6 of Regimental History is being worked on and a contract will soon be in place to hire an author. The Regiment has been encouraging Patricia's, wives and other family members to put their stories on the ppcli.com website.	

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8.	New Business	
	8.1 – 2020 Association Operating Fund Budget (see attached slide)	Finance Chair
	It was moved by Jim Croll and seconded by Ray Romsies to approve the 2019 Assn Operating Fund Budget. <i>Carried.</i>	
	A request has been sent to True Patriot Love for a donation of \$14,000 and we should have an answer by end Sep. A request has gone to the Patricia Fund for steady state funding for Mental Health, hoping to get an answer in Sep. Requests have gone to the PPCLI Foundation and will also be sent to the Legion. Unfortunately, we missed the window for the VAC Wellness Grant so that application will go in for 2020. A donation was received yesterday for \$7,500 for the HGMF and that has paid for the Mental Health Video. Paul believes that the video will draw more donations in.	
	We do not wish to reduce Student Bursaries or support to Cadets.	
	8.2 – Appointment of Associate Auditors (see attached slide)	Treasurer
	It was moved by Jim Croll and seconded by Bill Bewick that the firm BDO Canada (in Calgary), Professional Accountants be retained as the Association Review Accountants. <i>Carried</i> .	

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	8.3 – Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Video	President
	The following are the donations that were given after the video was shown:	
	-\$1,600 from Atlantic branch to HGMF -SW Ontario Branch has raised \$2,300 through their challenge coins and presented a cheque in that amount to the HGMF -General Dynamics to HGMF \$5,000	
	Where do we go from here? Various options were discussed yesterday, and this was the Option that was supported by the Mental Health Workshop Discussion Group.	
	Option 3 * fund 50 individuals per year for ASIST - \$12,000 *Even years, fund Regional Workshop Eastern Canada- \$9,000 *Odd years, fund Regimental Workshop Western Canada - \$9,000	
	It was moved by Paul Hale and seconded by Vince Kennedy (CoR) to execute mental health workshops in accordance with the option above. <i>Carried</i> .	
	The next workshop will be held in Merrit, BC because there is a big gap in that area. Will look at a 2020 workshop in Northern or North Western Ontario.	
	Madame Clarkson gave a few suggestions regarding the video and how to make it more impactful.	
	8.4 – Regimental Memorials Sicily and Italy (See slide)	President
	Currently there are no Regimental Memorials in Sicily or Italy Paul will come up with a plan and brief it at the AGM 2020. The goal is to hopefully have Regimental Memorials up for 2023, the 80 th anniversary of the landings in Sicily.	
	An initiative has been started by the Colonel of the Regiment to locate as many Patricia WWII and Korea Veterans as possible.	
	8.5 – The Fallen - Three Year Membership (See attached slide)	President
	The Board of Directors has been reviewing this issue and will propose a motion at the next AGM to grant a free three-year membership to Families of the Fallen. It will require amendments to our bylaws, articles in our newsletter to ensure our membership know what is happening, doing up all of the special Resolutions and passing it through the Council of Presidents so that it can be voted on at the 2020 AGM.	

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	8.6 - Ordinary Resolution 01-19 Updated PPCLI Association Purposes. (See attached slides).	President
	It was moved by Paul Hale and seconded by Dougal Salmon to approve Ordinary Resolution 01-19 - updated PPCLI Association Purposes. <i>Carried.</i>	
	8.7- Resolution 02-19 - Extension Term of Office Current Directors. (see attached slides).	Nominating Committee
	It was moved by Paul Hale and seconded by Greg Ferguson to approve Resolution 02-19 - Extension Term of Office Current Directors for terms of 4 more years for:	
	Jim Croll Jim McMillan-Murphy Dougal Salmon	
	Carried.	
	8.8 - Resolution 03-19 Election New Directors. (see attached slides)	Nominating Committee
	It was moved by Paul Hale and seconded by John McGregor to approve Resolution 03-19 Election New Directors of two or four years.	
	Brittany Laramie (ON) – four years Sherri Casey Petterson (AB) – four years Ted Giraldeau (BC) – two years Pete Leger (ON) – two years Terri Orser (BC) – two years Tim Penney (AB) - two years	
	Carried.	
	8.9 - Resolution 04-19 President and Vice President (see attached slides)	Nominating Committee
	It was moved by Fred Goldring and seconded by Darcy Parker to approve that Paul Hale and Dougal Salmon be re-elected as President and Vice President. <i>Carried.</i>	
	8.10 - AGM Saskatchewan Branch Presentation 2020 (see attached slide).	Vice President Saskatchewan Branch
	Darcey Parker gave an update about the 2020 AGM that will be held in Saskatoon. They are looking at Four Points Sheraton in the Stonebridge area for accommodations. They are planning to do the meetings at either the hotel or the Western Development Museum. For the meet and greet they are looking into a river boat cruise on the South Saskatchewan River.	Diancii

9.	Open Forum	
	7 Aug 19 was the PPCLI Foundation's AGM. The Foundation President LGen (Ret'd) Day's position believes that the Regiment is too small to run multiple organizations. He felt there should be a closer partnership with Association and perhaps the Foundation should become part of Association fundraising component	
	The PPCLI Foundation Board of Trustees Executive empowered LGen Day to establish a framework, in principle, to examine amalgamation of the Foundation and Association. It will be discussed tomorrow at the Regimental Strategic Planning Session. There has to be some direction issued by the Regimental Steering Council on the road map ahead and how we are going to get there and to define some of the challenges. It will be a three to five-year process. This may require the dissolving the Foundation and transferring its assets to the Association which will involve CRA, legalities of how to close it and the Association will have to go to Corporate Canada and look at our purposes and our own charitable fund and all of the other logistics involved. In the end the goal is to get one team that reinforces what the Association is doing and makes it that much more powerful for serving the retired component. Paul said he will commit himself to that process until it is completed.	
	Jack Debrune, former Association President, turned 90 on 13 July. He is in the hospital in Vancouver recovering from a broken hip and doing well. RHQ is going to send Dougal a 90 th certificate that he will present to Jack, hopefully with Larry Gollner (former Col of the Regt) in late August.	
	Murray Edwards – WWII and Kapyong Veteran turns 100 in Jan 20 Dougal will get a special certificate and someone appropriate to present it.	
	Gordon Smith, Sicily Veteran turned 100 and he was already presented with a certificate.	
	Stanley Baird, from the Fraser Valley Branch, turned 95 and the certificate will be worked on.	
	Madam Clarkson suggested giving John and Murray a certificate from the Commander in Chief and the Governor General and Dougal will look into it.	
	Glen Ryan asked if there was anything being done at the National Level to recruit more Assn members. Paul said that there is a letter that RHQ does that goes out to every soldier. It is from the President of the Assn describing what the Assn does, where the Branches are located and once they are settled, they are welcome to	

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	join a Branch near them and get a Information is also in the Assn Pa		
10.	Date, Location and Host Branch	President	
	-Saskatoon 22 – 23 May 2020 - Sas		
	-Moncton 30 Apr – 1 May 2021 – 2	Atlantic Branch	
	-Kingston 20 – 21 May 2022 – Kin	gston Branch	
11.	Closing Remarks:		CoR
	The Colonel of the Regiment than for all of the hard work in ensurin activities were successful.		
	He also thanked those who are de the their dedication and support to for all outstanding work for past of who was key to maintaining the Dbase of Patricias who have serve		
12.	 Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1210 hrs MST hours on a motion by Glen Ryan. 		President
	Prepared by: Terri Orser National Secretary 15 October 2019	Approved by: Paul Hale National President 15 October 2019	