

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association Minutes of the Virtual General Meeting (74th) of the Membership for 28 May 2022 at 1300 hours EDT via Zoom.

Executive / Board of Directors Present:		
Mr. Ted Giraldeau	Director / President / Cadets	
Mr. Terry Loveridge	Director / Acting Vice President / Heritage	
Mr. Jake Flanders	Director / VP West / Communications	
Miss Terri Orser		
	Director / Secretary / Acting President Victoria Branch	
Mr. Jim Croll	Director / Treasurer / Casino Chair / President Calgary Branch	
Mr. Jake Bickerton	Director / Veterans and Family Support / VPP Coordinator	
Mr. Fred Horsman	Director Incoming	
Mr. Gord Keener	Director Incoming	
Mr. Greg Ferguson	Director Incoming / President SW Ontario Branch	
Mr. James Stanton	Director Incoming	
Mr. Don Dalziel	Governance Chair / President Ottawa Branch	
Mr. Herb Kenny	Membership / President Edmonton Branch	
Mr. Paul Hale	Past President	
Council Present:		
Mr. Glen Ryan	President Atlantic Branch	
Mr. Marv Makulowich	President Kingston Branch	
Mr. Jesse Adair	President's Representative Man/NW Ontario Branch	
Mr. Julien McNulty	President Fraser Valley Branch	
Mr. Kazimierz Jednorog	President Mid Island Branch	
In Attendance:		
Madame Adrienne Clarkson	Colonel-in-Chief	
BGen Vince Kennedy	Colonel of the Regiment	
Maj Cory Foley	Regimental Major	
Mr. Glenn Nordick	Kingston	
Mr. Dave Pentney	HGMF President / Kingston	
Mr. Greg Bell	Ottawa	
Mr. Don Reiben	Ottawa	
Mrs. Norah Hewson	Ottawa	
Mr. Harold Carr	SW Ontario	
Mrs. Diana Cardoni	SW Ontario	

Mr. Ray Romses	Calgary
Mr. Nate Blackmore	Calgary
Mr. Gord Descoteaux	Edmonton
Mr. Kevin Crone	Edmonton
Mr. Scott Langford	Edmonton
Mr. Ok Schneider	Edmonton
Mr. Norm Pryce	Edmonton
Mr. Kevin Raper	Edmonton
Mr. Paul Schiller	Edmonton
Mr. Mike Schneider	Edmonton
Mrs. Dana Wick	Edmonton
Mr. Jay Zdyb	Edmonton
Mr. Andrew Stapleford	Edmonton
Mr. Nick Vickers	Edmonton
Mrs. Malene Blumb	Edmonton
Mr. Quintin Innis	Edmonton
Mrs. Taren Lolacher	e-member
Mr. Mark Lolacher	e-member

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1.	Call to Order:	President
	The meeting was called to order at 1303 hours EDT with a quorum of members.	
2.	Minute of Silence.	President
	There was a minute of silence for all those who passed away over the last year.	
3.	Opening Remarks:	President
	Ted welcomed and thanked everyone for participating in today's AGM and wished all a happy 75 th Anniversary of the Association. It is also the one time of the year where the Association can conduct and give the BoDs the authority to carry on the business required. Without the participation of the members, we cannot do that. Such things as electing new Directors and approving a budget are just a couple of examples. Ted then introduced the Colonel in Chief, Madam Adrienne Clarkson for her opening remarks.	

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4.	Opening Remarks from the Colonel in Chief:	Colonel in Chief
	Madam Clarkson said it is her pleasure to be with us again this year and stated how important it is to carry on the traditions and the meaning of what it is to be a Patricia.	
	She cannot believe that it is her 15 th year as our Colonel in Chief and said we would always have her devotion to the Regiment.	
	Madam is a child of WW II and cannot believe that the world would be in this kind of conflict again. She spoke of the need for armies and does not know what will be asked of the CF but is confident we will be prepared in any case. She spoke of a Russian friendship medal she received in 2021 while she was on a visit to Russia and her thoughts on the relationship now.	
	Madam said there are many changes happening in the world that make it feel things are coming apart at the seams. However, we have to be very strong and know that our training is in the service of order, our Nation, what we believe to be right, the principles of democracy, free speech, freedom for people to live the way they want to live and to defend those freedoms strongly, with force if necessary.	
	It is important that our Association continue helping people with PTSD and the other initiatives that have been started. She urged us all to get behind the Association and get more people involved.	
	She said how much she enjoyed working with Vince Kennedy, CoR, and how important that relationship has been to her. He has been outstanding through this terrible Covid and its' difficulties and has been an enormous support to her and she thanked him.	
	Madam again pledged her continued allegiance to the Association and the Regiment.	
5.	Approval of the Agenda:	President
	It was moved by Terry Loveridge and seconded by Terri Orser to approve the agenda. <i>Carried</i>	
6.	Approval of the Minutes of the 73 rd AGM of 1 May 2021:	President
	It was moved by Terry Loveridge and seconded by Terri Orser to approve the Minutes of the 73rd AGM of 1 May 2021 as reported. <i>Carried</i>	
7.	Reports:	

President

7.1 – President's Report:

Ted Giraldeau gave an overview of the past year and some of the challenges that were encountered such as the loss of the Association President which forced the Board of Directors to regroup fairly rapidly and get the new assignments and responsibilities underway. The resignation of two Directors for personal and health concerns left the BoDs short staffed. The Association operated with seven directors, two non-director chairs and the Past President.

Ongoing Covid challenges were also encountered which had major impacts on the BoD, the branch executives and all the activities across the Association, including this AGM. Back in January, February a decision had to be made regarding whether or not the AGM would be virtual or in person. There was still uncertainty and Covid was unstable in a lot of parts in Canada, including Saskatoon, so the decision was made to go virtual again this year. Hopefully next year, 12-14 May, we will be able to gather in person, which will be the first time in four years.

One of the biggest changes of the year was the relationship with the HGMF.

At last year's AGM, necessary decisions were made to split the HGMF from the Association and establish the HGMF as a standalone organization with its' own Board of Trustees. It is up and running and is working extremely well. It will continue to raise money and fund activities of the Association. The Association is working with the HGMF through a series of MOUs (memorandums of understanding), that allow us to carry on programs and act as their agents. They provide the funding and we are able to carry out programs such as support to our Cadets.

He spoke of the major ongoing projects for this year. One of them is a transition team has been assembled to look at Regimental charities. There are representatives from the HGMF, PPCLI Foundation, the Patricia Fund, which is for the serving component, and Ted sits on the team as the Association representative / observer. They have met several times throughout the year, and just recently got some direction from the Regt Steering Committee, which is our senior leadership and have agreed to move forward on a phased approach to combining the Regimental charities. Phase one will involve combining the HGMF and the PPCLI Foundation. The second phase will include the new organization with the Patricia Fund. The

transformation team has been tasked with coming up with a neutral agreed upon resolution that the HGMF Trustees and the BoD of the Foundation can agree on moving forward. Once those resolutions are approved, then we will be contracting a professional accounting firm which will have the knowledge to combine the charities and the CRA procedures and bring it all together. Still are several months away from getting this to the completion of phase one.

The next ongoing project is creating a new database at the national level and record-keeping. As a not-for-profit association, we are required by law to keep certain personal information on our membership. Throughout the years, personal information has been collected and grown and far exceeds what we need by law. So how do we secure people's personal information? We found perhaps what we need to do at the National level is minimize what we collect so we are keeping the bare minimum required by law. At the local branch level, they can choose to keep more information such as birthdate, spouses names etc. Record keeping again comes down to what is required by law, primarily a lot of financial records, statements, minutes of our meetings and AGMs and decisions made by our BoD. We have a team that are in the process of identifying exactly what we have to keep, how long we have to keep it where it can be secured, either paper form or electronically.

A new website is being developed that Jake Flanders will be reporting on later. It will be simpler in format and easier to update. One of the planned projects is enhanced communications that the new website is going to address and take more advantage of social media. What we are trying to do is attract more members, communicate internally to ourselves and externally to the general public and the wider military family. Also need to find those people within our membership who are willing to put in the time and take on leadership roles at both Branch and National levels. A new Branch will hopefully be established today, North Central Alberta Branch. Covid has had an impact on some of the branches. Wainwright is a good example. We are trying to revitalize that branch, but they need a leader to step up. The Victoria Branch was directly impacted by the death of Dougal. Terri Orser has stepped up to keep that branch alive but needs more people to step up.

We continue supporting our veterans through mental health initiatives, compassionate listening workshops that the HGMF ran, and the Association participated in and the VPP Program. As we go along, we will be trying to instill some new life and motivation to the VPP reps who do an incredible job when called upon. Ted said

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	he is happy to report that the BoD approved the gifting of a 75 th	
	Anniversary Association coin to mark our 75 th anniversary. Greg	
	Ferguson has done an excellent job of pulling this project together.	
	Ted showed the participants a picture of the front and back of the	
	coin. The first 800 coins are numbered, and they will go to every	
	Association member who has paid up by 28 May 2022. A number of	
	the coins will be available for sale that are not numbered and will be	
	used as a modest fundraiser. Will start to distribute them in the	
	coming weeks. Ted thanked everyone again for their participation.	
	7.2 - Finance Committee Report: (as per slides).	Treasurer
	Jim Croll showed some slides which illustrates the financial	
	statements that have just been completed by our accountant.	
	7.2.1 – 2021 Financial Statements as of 31 Dec 2021	Treasurer
	(unaudited).	
	- Association Operating Fund / Casino Fund (see attached slides)	
	Slides were reviewed as presented. No questions.	
	7.2.2 – Current Financial Position:	Treasurer
	- Association Operating Fund as of 30 Mar 2022 (see attached	
	slides)	
	Slides were reviewed as presented. No questions.	

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	7.3 – Membership Report: (see attached slide)	Membership
	Herb Kenny introduced himself and explained what his role is as the Membership Chair, Fallen researcher and President of the Edmonton Branch.	Chair
	He explained the Membership Chart (attached)	
	Membership in the past year has been good with new members joining each branch cross the country. But we have also seen some of your long-standing membership let their membership lapse. Not sure if both are due to the Pandemic or what. As of today, we have 722 paid up members. Congratulations to all branches for collecting their dues and getting them to National level and in particular to the Edmonton Branch, the Manitoba / NW Ontario Branch, the potential new North Central Alberta Branch (to be voted on today) and all the e-members who are all paid up.	
	As Membership Chair, Herb is usually the first point of contact for new members, when they apply on our web site. He gets their applications from the web site and puts them into contact with the branch they wish to be affiliated with. It is up to each branch to enter them into the database. He is also the first point of contact all those in the E-Membership Branch and acts, for a lack of better term, their information provider.	
	His second role, that he took over in 2019 at the AGM, is to search Canada and beyond for Obituaries of Fallen Patricia Family members. He asked that all branches contact him if they know of a fallen Patricia with has many details as possible. If in the obituary you mention PPCLI, Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry or Veteran of the Canadian Army, it will pop up on his search and he can then reach out to the family and let them know we care. He also asks them if they wish to be a Memorial Branch Member to renew their ties with the PPLCI (entitled to three free years of membership). So far there are ten Memorial members. The CoR also does this when he sends out his condolences.	
	Ted Giraldeau said that out of the 1410 members on the database, the 722 that have paid up are to be congratulated but at the same time there are a lot of people that we need to reach out to and bring back into the fold. Two months ago, there were about 200 less members that were paid up, so it is trending in the right direction, and he is encouraged by that.	

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	7.4 – Governance Report: (see attached slide). Ted thanked Don Dalziel for all the work he has done on the amendments. As we get into the new business there are quite a number of resolutions that we have to get through to keep ourselves in compliance with the Legislation we have to follow.	Governance Chair
	7.5 – Communications Report: Jake Flanders said that this year it was planned to have a new updated website, with better control, response time, more inclusiveness and simpler.	Communications Director
	Several other association websites were considered, and it was decided by the BoDs to go with the RCR model website because of its' inclusiveness. Their Regimental website and Association website were very much combined.	
	After a review of possible designers, it was decided to go with MAJAID, which happens to be the same designer that the HGMF uses.	
	The test website is currently under review and almost completed. The President of MAJAID (the web designer) has done a very good job. In terms of content and makeup it is very similar to the HGMF website. The President of MAJAID and the Association agree that, because in the past it was hard to get hold of the website designer, the President of MAJAID has agreed to have Administration team members not only from the Assn BoDs but also from four or five Assn members who are interested do some training with the President of MAJAID and then be able to access and change the website the way the Association deems necessary. This should be happening in the next month or two.	
	He thanked everyone for their contributions to the 75 th Anniversary Spring Newsletter and apologized to the 2483 PPCLI Cadet RCACC in Victoria for not getting their article in.	
	Ted thanked Jake for all the hard work he has put into the website and the two newsletters he has produced and taking that role on while he is also VP West.	

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	7.6 – Heritage Report: (see attached slide). Terry Loveridge highlighted the various Heritage plans that have been going on over the last year and continue on the attached slide.	Heritage Director
	Roger Chabot - There was consideration to commission a painting by him to support his project but after much investigation and discussion with the museum, a decision was made to use the designated monies to fund the 75 th Anniversary coin project.	
	Kapyong (Gapyeong) Hiking Trail – this was brought to us by the Defence Attaché in Korea through Paul Hale. In 2023 there will be a large celebration in Korea because it will be the anniversary of Peace Accord or the cease fire in Korea. There will be a number of functions occurring and one of the projects that is going to be set up is a hiking trail on the Korean Kapyong Field with pointed markers that indicate parts of the battlefield such as resting benches and a little architecture at the top. Anyone going and who is willing to hike that trail will walk the entire 2 PPCLI position less B Coy(private property). We will be involved in this and gain letters of support from various political functions. Senator Martin from DC is already involved, and we will bring in the CinC and CoR at the appropriate time to do some negotiations. The specific contribution that we will be working on before this happens is a gift to the Kapyong Memorial Museum and what we want to present is a meaningful 2 PPCLI artifact. This will be done in a presentation there with the Governor General, the CAF Central Band.	
	Jack Munro Memorial – is a memorial that the SW Ontario Branch raised the funds to produce. The granite has been selected and all that is left is a time and a place for its' mounting.	
	Kapyong Barracks Memorial Stone – Manitoba / NW Ontario Branch wants to do a Kapyong Barracks Memorial Stone much like the one for Work Point Barracks.	
	Regimental History Vol VI – the Regimental Editorial Board, led by General Crabbe, has reviewed the first draft. The second draft will be back this summer. If everything goes well it should be published about this time next year. Still need to decide which publisher.	

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	7.7 – Volunteer Patricia Program Report: (see attached slide).	VPP Facilitator
	Jay Bickerton added that on 25 May it was announced that Homes for Heroes is making a new home in Winnipeg. It will consist of 20 small homes for Veterans and construction is to begin in 2023. Apparently, there is 160 homeless veterans in the Winnipeg area. This project will be in addition to the already built Homes for Heroes in Edmonton and Calgary. Jay encouraged everyone to have a look at the Homes for Heroes Canadian Website. There are places to donate and FAQs.	
	Ted thanked Jay for leading the VPP reps across the country and to all the VPP reps who rarely get recognition for their effort.	
	7.8 – Cadet Support Report: (see attached slide).	President
	7.9 – HGMF – (see attached slides).	

7.10- Regimental Major's Briefing: (see attached slides).

Major Cory Foley stated that there have been not changes with RHQ with regard to their main tasks. It has been a busy year starting with the Covid vaccine mandate.

RHQ went most of the year without an Adjutant, Clerk and numerous other staff. It has basically been WO Grady and Maj Foley holding down the fort.

Spirits remain high and they have started on a number of initiatives and cleanup within the Regt.

Some of the major projects include the Patrician which has been delayed a number of times. Normally the articles should be in by Christmas so that they can do the final touches and have it out by Regimental Day, but due to Covid it was pushed back several times. The editor for the Patrician has contracted Covid twice for example. Hopefully it will be out by Canada Day.

Maj Foley and BGen Fletcher have been working on new Colonel of the Regiment documents, which was started in 2020, with Gen Kennedy involved in some of the discussions. Working very close with the Army Commander and luckily the CDS is a Patricia. It is now at the Minister's office waiting for approval.

Gen Kennedy will act in the role for some time as the CoR until the Minister makes that approval. At an appropriate ceremony, Gen Romses will take over as the CoR.

The President of the Guard will change again 1 June. An official update will be made on their Facebook page. MGen Wright will take over for Gen Fletcher who will be retiring. This will be the third change in two years, from MGen Dawe to Gen Fletcher to MGen Wright. Should see a Deputy President of the Guard appointed in the near future, just waiting for a promotion.

Regimental staff training is going to be paramount. The present Regt WO will be retiring next month and transitioning out of the Army. Will get a replacement sometime this summer, a Regt Adjt will be posted in, and a Regt Clerk has just been obtained in the last month. This will enable them to increase their record keeping.

Maj Foley said he would be gone most of the summer with the US Marine Corps Staff College in California.

The official regimental history Vol VI (1958-2000) has an update this summer, just waiting on approval. Switching from assisted publishing to peer review and a professionally printed book. It has been suggested that the book will go to the McGill University Press for the peer review process. The Regt will hold onto the copyrights.

Regimental Major

With regard to Regt Stewardship, the Benevolent Fund is a great initiative to provide support to Patricias in need, although years ago it appeared there were handouts covering things for gambling debts and divorces, which were not in the best interest of the soldier's benevolent fund money. In 2018 some locks were placed on it through a panel of review so now in order to access the fund members need to apply, have their process vetted and then provide financial documents. A lot of personal financial information that goes before a board has been a been of a barrier to success. Some of the recommendations that Maj Foley is proposing is that the Regt Majors be able to make a minimum recommendation upwards of \$500 to a member through the support such as a food cards, Walmart card and gas card, something that has an immediate impact without going into a deep dive into the members personal financial status, which can be very embarrassing sometimes. They were finding that the members were getting immediate success through other venues which was stopping the process.

Digitization of files will need to be done and upgraded, the kit shop has already been upgraded this summer to a better and more protective environment and they want the Patrician to become a more digital accessible

Publication by the 110th Anniversary. The Patrician costs the Regt between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in print costs a year which is a big hit to the soldier's money. If they can digitalize them in the years to come and make it as a limited print, because some people still want a hard copy but are also finding many soldiers are throwing them out, it will reduce the cost to the Regt and the soldier's money.

Battalion update – 1 PPCLI – last May, went from Ex MAPLE RESOLVE to Op LENTUS in Whitehorse, YK and in some parts of BC to assist

in wildfires. They then went into a bit of a summer break and went into Combat Team Commanders course in Wainwright and then into Christmas leave. 1 PPCLI lost just under 20 soldiers due to the resistance to the Covid vaccine. Maj Foley said he does always urge them towards the Association and encourages retired Patricias, if they are in the position, to hire ex-Patricias who will always show up to work on time. There was a change in the CO and RSM simultaneously last summer, which is a big change as they are typically staggered postings which set up a new command team. The DCO has been moved out of 1 PPCLI to the Division. With the events in Ukraine, there was a time in the Bn where they were seeing who was ready to go overseas for support to Poland and also the deployments to Latvia geared up. Some soldiers are going over to Iraq, and some are going to support Latvia and Poland. Specifically, the Bn is getting ready for a Christmas tour in Latvia, taking over from 2 PPCLI.

2 PPCLI – working on 75th Kapyong Day preparations. Their A/CO is Maj Hartwig. LCol Jesse Van Eijk is on pre-deployment leave. A number of their personnel are also overseas and have gone

	C. F. WARWONG GRAPE.	
	from Ex KAPYONG SPADE to support the Manitoba wildfires right into preparing for deployments to support operations in Latvia, Iraq and Europe as well as IRU(E). There will be a specific article in the Patrician, initiated by the Director of History and Heritage, regarding the re-patriation of Lance Cpl Jenkins.	
	3 PPCLI – in the BPT – "be prepared to" mode. There are soldiers in Iraq. Some are in Poland on the NEO Task (non-combative evacuation operations) until July 2022. They continue to work on their skills, Basic para, Recce, TOW and PCF Snipers. More specifically their CO will change out this summer on 30 June to LCol Schmidt and they will have a company in the "be prepared to" task depending on what Europe looks like this coming Fall.	
	Museum and Archive – Maj Foley expressed the great work by Sgt Blackmore who will be ending his term this summer and going to 3 PPCLI. Sgt Blackmore just obtained another grant from the Federal Government for just over \$125,000 which will allow them to continue to spend money on archiving, electrical upgrades and go through the documents that exist in their vaults. The basement in the Museum in Calgary has a 100-150 M length by 10-15 M wide space with things that have not been incorporated in the Regt or Federal Government holdings. The archivists need to go through all the items and get receipted and on the documents. Interestingly, when RCMP across Canada receipt an item from a civilian organization or from a demolition in an older home, they will find things like lugers and other items that are illegal such as Nazi paraphernalia. These are usually from members that might have served in WWII for example that have taken them home and years later have been recovered. Those items come into the museum's possession, and we have one of the largest gun collections in Canada and continues to expand. For those involved in the airborne/para display, it is just about up and running.	
	PPCLI Kit shop – almost \$20,000 has been invested in upgrading computers and digitizing the software, which was very outdated, especially with regard to security. Maj Foley said to look for changes to the kit shop coming, specifically they are going into some high-tech gear that is supporting Patricias. There are some new black PT shirts with the Regimental honours and awards on them. Contacting some great Canadian companies such as	
	Ted thanked Maj Foley for his presentation and support to the Association, especially being so short handed. RHQ's continues support is very much appreciated by the Assn.	
8.	New Business:	

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	8.1 – 2023 Association Operating Fund Budget: (see attached	President
	slide).	
	Ted gave an overall picture of the 2023 Association operating budget. Some figures will change as per the Membership Chair's report earlier and Casino revenue coming in. The \$18,760 that is shown on the slide reflects money we have from previous casinos. Throughout Covid our casinos were cancelled so that revenue stream was essentially capped, but this is what is left over from previous casinos that we have to spend throughout the year. So that does not reflect our upcoming casino and just recently there was confirmation that there will be a casino in the fourth quarter this year. Sometime in mid December, the Calgary Branch will be running a casino for the Association. We will not see that money until the following year. Our share of the profit will depend on how many charities are sharing the profits from that quarter. The BoDs will take the necessary steps to make any adjustments to the operating budget. The AGM meeting subsidy of \$1,000, which is given to the hosting branch, is being looked at to increase that amount in the upcoming year as inflation, etc. is going up. It was moved by Jim Croll ad seconded by Terry Loveridge that the	
	2023 Association Operating Fund Budget be approved. <i>Carried</i> .	
	8.2 – Special Resolution 01-22 By-Law Number Five –	Governance
	A SR updating By-law Number Four: (as per attached slides).	Chair
	BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:	
	PPCLI Association members concur with the amendments made to By-law Four by the Board of Directors SR01-22, creating the attached By-law Number Five.	
	It was moved by Don Dalziel and seconded by Terry Loveridge that the PPCLI Association members concur with the amendments made to By-law Four by the Board of Directors SR01-22, creating the attached By-law Number Five. <i>Carried</i> .	

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	8.3 – Special Resolution 02-22	Governance
	A SR to approve financial review vice audit: (as per attached slide).	Chair
	BE IT RESOLVED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:	
	The PPCLI Association engage the public accountant to conduct a review engagement rather than an audit engagement for FY 2021 and FY 2022.	
	It was moved by Don Dalziel and seconded by Terry Loveridge to engage the public accountant to conduct a review engagement rather than an audit engagement for FY 2021 and FY 2022. <i>Carried.</i>	
	8.4 – Special Resolution 03-22	Governance
	A SR to approve the formation of a new Branch: (as per attached slide).	Chair
	BE IT RESOLVED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:	
	The application to form the North Central Alberta Branch and the award of the Branch Charter is approved.	
	It was moved by Ted Giraldeau and seconded by Terry Loveridge to form the North Central Alberta Branch and grant its' Branch Charter. <i>Carried</i> .	
	8.5 – Resolution 01-22	Governance
	A Resolution to appoint a public accountant: (as per attached slide).	Chair
	BE IT RESOLVED BY RESOLUTION THAT:	
	The Appointment of Mr. Andre Thibodeau as the public accountant of the Association for FY 2021 and FY 2022 is approved.	
	It was moved by Don Dalziel and seconded by Terry Loveridge to appoint Mr. Andre Thibodeau as the public accountant of the Association for FY 2021 and FY 2022. <i>Carried</i> .	

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	8.6 – Special Resolution 02-22	Governance
	A Resolution to establish annual dues: (as per attached slide).	Chair
	BE IT RESOLVED BY RESOLUTION THAT:	
	With effect the 2023 membership year, PPCLI Association annual membership dues for members and supporting members will be \$25.00.	
	It was moved by Don Dalziel and seconded by Jim Croll to approve that, with effect from the 2023 membership year, the PPCLI Association membership dues for members and supporting members will be \$25.00. <i>Carried</i> .	
	8.7 – Resolution 03-22	Nominating
	A Resolution to nominate new Directors: (as per attached slides).	Committee Chair
	BE IT RESOLVED THAT:	
	The PPCLI Association Board of Directors recommend the following members be elected as Directors of the PPCLI Association at the 2022 AGM for the terms indicated:	
	 Fred Horsman (BC) – three years; Gord Keener (BC) – three years; Greg Ferguson (ON) – three years; and Jim Stanton (NL) – three years. 	
	It was moved by Paul Hale and seconded by Ted Giraldeau that the nominated members be elected as Directors of the PPCLI Association each of three-year terms. <i>Carried</i> .	

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	8.8- Resolution 04-22	Nominating
	A Resolution to nominate the Chair / Vice Chair: (as per attached slides).	Committee Chair
	BE IT RESOLVED THAT:	
	Ted Giraldeau is recommended for election to the position of President of the PPCLI Association and the coincident position of Chair of the Board of Directors; and that Terry Loveridge is recommended for election to the position of Vice-President of the PPCLI Association and the coincident position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, both for a one-year term to expire on the date of the 2023 AGM.	
	It was moved by Paul Hale and seconded by Jake Flanders that Ted Giraldeau be elected to the position of President of the PPCLI Association and the coincident position of Chair of the Board of Directors; and that Terry Loveridge be elected to the position of Vice-President of the PPCLI Association and the coincident position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, both for a one-year term to expire on the date of the 2023 AGM. <i>Carried</i> .	
	8.9 – AGM 2023 – (see attached slide). Greg Ferguson briefed on next year's AGM which will be held in the Niagara area 12-14 May.	SW Ontario Branch

9. **Open Forum:**

Herb Kenny – Herb gave his opinion on attracting members to his Branch. Edmonton Branch is very active and feel that having as many events as possible in a month other than our meetings (nine events a year) makes us stronger. Some may say it is because they are closely located to 1 & 3 PPCLI. That may be so but not always true. If you have events that are at NO cost to attend, they well come. He has a side gig he calls the **Lunchcrew** where all local Patricias and those who served come to see and reflect with each other. It is not Association related but it gets young guys interested after release or while serving. He said that having Patricia Park by them is an advantage and they hold many events for the Association and his Lunchcrew there. He also plans Celebrations of Life there for fallen Patricias.

Getting liked minded people together, he has been told by several, is best type of support they can give to those struggling, in whatever way they can. There are many other organizations spread through their area such as CANACONECT and the veteran's food banks. It gets younger and middle-aged Association members to visit. His suggestion to maintain membership, which is always a topic and Herb has said for past 10 years, lets them know about events and does not pressure them or they will not come. If you also are always asking for funds at theses events, it will turn them off and away. The original purpose was to maintain spirit of the Regiment with those you served with and go back to basics and then we will thrive.

Greg Ferguson echoed Herbs remarks and it is one of the things they try to do in SW Ontario. They encourage the Patricias to set up their own gatherings and he tries to attend as many of their events as possible. He said he has a couple of initiatives which he will bring forward to the BoDs at their next meeting as we need to find ways to embrace the younger generation and get them back into the fold. Incorporating the Dirty Patricias may be a way as they have a following over 4,500.

Harold Carr – recommended CANACONECT for pain management.

Greg Bell asked Branches to please promote the annual fund-raising bike ride (which also incorporates other activities besides riding a bike). It is tentatively scheduled in for 7 Aug. Paul will be working on getting Race Roster up and running.

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	Paul Hale spoke about the Sydney Frost Commemorative Battlefield	
	Tour 16-31 May 2024. Details will come out in November after he	
	finishes the recce in September. The signature event is the dedication	
	of a Regimental Memorial at the Hitler line on 23 May 2024 which	
	happens to be the 80 th anniversary of the battle. The Regiment	
	started that day with 324 men and by 1600 hours, 77 were left	
	standing. It was the worst day for the Regiment in WW II and the	
	worst day for 1 Cdn Div. More to follow.	
	Fred Goldring said he is working on an unofficial project with	
	regards to the 75 th Anniversary. Besides the coin, he has been	
	working on an all-time list of the PPCLI Association since 1947. He	
	has over 5,400 names. A few months ago, he sent out a list to most	
	of the Branch Presidents explaining this project and asked them if	
	they could supply a list of all time members of their Branch so he	
	can amalgamate them and put them in the Fall Newsletter. No one	
	has responded except his own branch. He asked the Branch	
	Presidents to start working on their lists and get it sent into Fred. Just	
	need their name and when they were with the Association. He has	
	set a goal of 10,000 and wants to get it in by the 75 th anniversary this October.	
10.	Date, Location and Host Branch of next AGM:	President
	Niagara-on-the-Lake – 12-14 May 2023 - SW Ontario	
	Branch	
	• Edmonton – 8 – 11 August 2024 – Edmonton Branch	
	(110 th Anniversary / Presentation of three Colours).	
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President – Ted Giraldeau thanked everyone for attending. We got a lot of important business done today; it is important to have the membership involved. Looking forward to the new year with new directors coming in with a fresh outlook. He then introduced the CoR and Honorary Assn Chair, Gen Kennedy for his closing remarks.

COR – Gen Kennedy – he said it was a good meeting and that the Assn is obviously in good hands in terms of financials and BoDs and thanked the four new BoDs for stepping up. Membership is a constant issue and has been for decades. He said that Herb Kenny is right, if you do a lot of things to attract members without an obligation on their part, for example no pressure in attending meetings, etc. it really does work.

How can we better attract people besides the Dirty Patricia group? Get members from the Airborne Assn as well as the Queen's Own Rifles Assn who we should have deeper links with than we have now, especially in terms of exchanging information. All those organizations have Patricias in them.

Gen Kennedy stated that the Museum and archives are one of our most important assets. We have been struggling to see what the future of the museum and archives is. One thing is we either build 4000 sq feet more to display the Regiment's History like we do or find different ways to display the museums history. It has to be much more digital, interactive and hands on because if we are going to attract young people to the Regt's History, we need to do it in new ways. Archival support is very important, not only for the writing of history but for whenever there is a question about what happened and when. He asked the Association to continue to keep an open mind if and when we have a fully founded strategy for the improvement of the Museum and archives in terms of long-term funding. And we do know if the Regt ever loses the ability to put uniformed people into the Museum and archives, we will have to find more money for a completely civilian organization.

2024 is coming and Gen Kennedy said for the 110th Anniversary we already have a good start and foundation. We have the HGMF battlefield tour in Sicily and Italy. The serving component have agreed to have all three Battalions receive new Colours next year. We could have one major event in one major location where the Colours would be presented simultaneously, or perhaps two events, one in Edmonton and one in Shilo.

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	In terms of sixth volume of history, it takes time and money, but he is hopeful they will be accessible by 2024. The Association should discuss what else should we do and what else can we do to improve the impact of the 110 th anniversary.	
	The Battalions are now being pulled apart by the multiple commitments that we have got for overseas and a lot of those deployments require specialists. As Madam Clarkson said this is now a war of attrition in the Ukraine and a lot of changes are coming to NATO. So it may be that in 2024 it may be difficult to do significant large events and so may have to settle for something smaller.	
	He said the Association is in great hands and thanked everybody who participates and everybody who keeps phoning people or finding the odd Patricia and bringing them into the fold.	
	He thanked Madam Adrienne for being here today and adding to the AGM and thanked everyone of the participants today.	
12.	Adjournment:	President
	Ted thanked everyone for attending. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1541 hours EDT on a motion by Ted Giraldeau.	

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