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**Minutes General Meeting, March 20, 2007
Kingston Brew Pub – 34 Clarence St. Kingston, On.**

1. **ATTENDANCE:** 11 active.
2. **CALLED TO ORDER:** 1900 hrs
3. **WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT:** President Bob welcomed all to the meeting.
4. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS –** None.
5. **MINUTES OF January 16th, 2007 MEETING:** Adopted as read. (FEB breakfast meet in Gananoque).
6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

EMAIL from Wes Rideout RE: RCMP Auxiliary Cst. Glen Evely(killed on duty) Petition.
A letter will be drafted by Nicolas Robinson for President Bobs' signature and addressed to the National President asking that a discrepancy in the National Wall of Honour inscriptions be corrected to include Auxiliary Members killed on duty. See also memo on file.
Montreal Div. RCMP VA Newsletters – Jan. and Feb. 07.
Thank-you letter to Lorne Hall for his presentation on Vets.' Service & Benefits at Jan. GM with cc to National HQ.
Letter from CO "O" Div. inviting President Kraus to Kingston Det. LSA Ceremony.
Thank-you letter to CO "O" Div for inviting President Kraus to Kingston Det. LSA Ceremony, cc to NCO i/c Kingston RCMP Det.
National Presidents Newsletter Jan. and Feb. 2007.
Memo from National Secretary RE: Appt. of Nominating Committee for 2007 AGM Kelowna.
Memo from Insp. Guy Rochette OIC Uniform & Equip. Re: Purchase of uniform and cloth.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Petch**

Financial Statement adopted with no discrepancies. Copy attached.

8. DIRECTORS REPORTS:

SOCIAL

Breakfast meeting MacNiels Landing Restaurant, Gananoque 17 FEB 07. Twenty-four members/associate members and guests were welcomed by President Kraus. Ghislaine Hastie received her 20 yr. Service Bar and Mike Clarabut received his 10 yr. Service Bar. A very enjoyable time was held by all. Thanks to Lloyd for arranging the breakfast meet again this year!

Visit to CAF Base Trenton on 23 Apr 07 has now been finalized by Earl Dickson. Full particulars including directions may be found on our website. www.rcmpvets-kingston.ca Formal Dinner Dance has been confirmed for 2 Nov 07 at Glen House Resort and Lloyd Dunham is looking for a good turnout from the membership to ensure the future continuation of this fine event. Suggests we all bring another couple.

Summer BBQ – 18 July 07 will now be held at the residence of Dick and Judy Dickins, Maitland.

Ron Miller will be providing us with information to attend the Gananoque Legion Dinner Boat Cruise soon.

Perth monthly Breakfast Meeting is the first Tuesday of each month. Pat MacPhee informs some Perth members have been attending the Brockville Breakfast Meeting and we should consider returning the visit.

MEMBERSHIP:

Welcome back Bunny(Roy) Empey!!

Brian Neville who recently moved to Johnstown (near Prescott) will be joining Kingston Div. next January when his current membership with "J" Div. expires.

Frank Zielski (from Earl Dickson) reports a troop mate, Ron Grinham has recently moved to the Kingston/Gan area from Nova Scotia. Lloyd will track him down!

Earl(Brenda) McClare are in the process of transferring from the Golden Horseshoe Div. to our Div.

EAST: Dick Dickens - Reports his wife Judy is progressing well with her treatment and thanked everyone for their kindness and concerns during this trying period. Update memo from Dick on file.

WEST: Rick Lee No report

WEBSITE: - Jack Hickman – Camera Kingston, Kingston, is a new sponsor of RCMP Kingston Vets.' website. Jack says could use more sponsors and the cost is \$25.00 annually to advertise. Jack asks that all members check the website www.rcmpvets-kingston.ca for our sponsors and use their services when their type of service is needed.

VISITATION REPORT - Jack Hickman – Jack and Jim Stephenson will be making a visit to division member Greg Wagar, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Frank Zielski's wife, Vivian is recovering from back surgery. (Memo on file from Earl Dickson) President Kraus contacted Archie Barr and Archie advises that he has sustained some more complications, however, he and wife Beverley are meeting the challenge.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS: RCMP Vets.' Association Modernization Committee – Earl Dickson. Earl advised he emailed membership a copy of his latest update report and some feedback he has received has been included. Earl welcomes any input from the membership which is presently lacking.
See attachment.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

RCMP Retirement Lapel Pins – Application forms are available for retired members with 20 yrs. minimum pensionable service.

Asst. Commr Leif Crozier Gravesite – Belleville Cemetery, Belleville, On. President Bob reports the Sergeant Major “O” Division will undertake to obtain a plaque for the grave marker. He asked for a photo of the marker placed at the Walsh gravesite in Brockville. Jack Hickman says he has a photo on file and will provide same.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Some discussion took place to determine what needs to occur to encourage more attendees at Meetings and Social Events. The business aspect of our meeting is kept to a minimum so we can enjoy the fellowship and comradeship with the members in attendance. The RCMP VA(distinguished/recognized alumni) is one of the best avenues to maintain our association with the RCMP, its National Heritage and International(world wide) respect and admiration.. We decided to invite our significant others (associate members) to a luncheon meeting in May @ Smugglers Inn, 95 Ivy Lea Rd., 1000 Island Parkway(east of Gananoque). Details to follow.

12. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be a visit to CAF Trenton on Monday 23 Apr 07, Trenton, ON
Significant others included. Check website www.rmpvets-kingston.ca for details.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Wes Rideout at 2100 hrs.

Bob King
Asst. Secretary