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**Minutes General Luncheon Meeting, September 16th, 2008
Aunt Lucy's – 1399 Princess St. Kingston, ON**

1. **ATTENDANCE:** 15 Active – 6 Associates
2. **CALL TO ORDER:** 13:15 P.M.
3. **WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT:** President Kraus welcomed all members.
4. **MINUTES OF April 15th, 2008 MEETING:** There being no errors or omissions to the minutes they were adopted as presented.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - E- MAIL – National President's Newsletter – April 2008
 - Letter from CO "O" Division Re: Anniversary Memorial Ceremony
 - Drowning of Members on Lake Simcoe June 7, 1958
 - FSNA – On Guard – Summer 2008
 - E-Mail – FM N.S. Division Re: Veterans Independence Program
 - E-Mail – RCMP Vets' Assoc. Board of Directors Meeting Min. – 06 JUN 2008
 - E-Mail – RCMP VA AGM Minutes – 07 JUN 2008
 - E-Mail – RCMP VA BOD Meeting – 08 & 09 JUN 2008
 - E-Mail – RCMP VA BOD – News & Views – No Date
 - E-Mail – J. Religa Re: KRD – Membership Statistics – 30 JUN 08
48 Active Paid Members & 7 Life Members TOTAL: 55
 - E-Mail – Ministerial Approval of Executive change – Elimination of NEC and
Establishment of nine person Board of Directors and the Establishment of
The National Council (Div. Presidents) of the RCMP VA.
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom Petch, copy attached.
7. **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**
 - SOCIAL: Vacant**
 - MAY Luncheon –**Caiger's Resort**, 5 Km. East of 1000 Island Bridge (1 Km. East of Rockport) www.caigers.com www.vacation1000islands.com/Dining.html
 - TUES 20 MAY 08 – Report Attached

 - JUNE Wine Tour – Picton – Earl Dickson/Bev Miller arranged for a days outing
 - THURS 26 JUN 08 – Report Attached

 - JULY BBQ – WED 16 JUL 08 – Dickens – Maitland – Report Attached

 - AUGUST – Corn Roast – SUN 24 AUG 08 – Cancelled

OCTOBER - Lloyd advises that the Fall Dinner/Dance is a go at the MacNeil's Landing Restaurant in Gananoque 17 OCT 08. Notice Attached.

DECEMBER – Wine & Cheese – Mike & Ida's – SUN 07 DEC 08

FALL FORMAL – SAT 26 SEPT **2009** – A committee has been struck to hold a Fall Formal at the Vimy Officers Mess CFB Kingston, ON, in SEPT 09. This will be a joint venture for RCMP Vets' and Vimy Officers Mess..

Ron Miller/Jim Stephenson.

Ron Miller reports that planning arrangements are on course for this event in 2009

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Stephenson – Not in attendance.

#22115, Ron Grinham & his wife Marilyn joined our Division at the Annual BBQ (former members of N.S. Division)

P.S. 8152, Denise Revine (husband Jim) granted Honourary Membership 17 JUL 08

Jim Ball has transferred to Ottawa Division. Jim was one of our founding Executive Members (2000). Jim and Judy will be missed. We wish them well with the Ottawa Division.

EAST: Dick Dickins -

Sandy Ramos, Force Historian wants to attend one of our meetings to discuss member input to her current project. She is currently accumulating historical member data back to the end of the Second World War(history seems to be well documented in the Force to this point). She wants to have personal input from members 'on the job experiences', that should be historically recorded. It is hoped she will be able to attend our AGM in NOV.

Brockville Breakfast Meet – 2nd TUES of each month @ Bud's on The Bay in Brockville 0:900 A.M.

Gananoque 'Detachment' – Coffee/Breakfast meet last WED in month. Locations will be announced by Wes.

WEST: Rick Lee

The Picton Yacht Club hosted the Musical Ride in Sept. and did not want any RCMP Souvenir Booth participation, they had their own souvenirs for the event.

Don King has recovered from his heart surgery and is around and about, however, could not make the meeting.

For those that know Randy Claxton, he is still receiving cancer care. Our thoughts are with you Randy.

WEBSITE: - Jack Hickman – Not in attendance

Check our website www.rcmpvets-kingston.ca for new events and sponsors.

VISITATION REPORT - Jack Hickman – Not in attendance

Earl McClare advises that he and Brenda had planned on attending the meeting, however, had to decline at the last minute. Brenda is doing fine and getting out and about again.

Jim Stephenson is currently hospitalized, undergoing tests. (Now at home).

Jack requests that everyone keep him posted on any members/wives that are having 'health issues'.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

Jack(June) Hickman was our Division Delegate to the AGM in Winnipeg – 06>08 JUN 08. See attached overview report.

RCMP GRAVE VISITATIONS – 2008 - All grave inspections have been completed by our members for 2008. We are still waiting word from Ottawa Division on the visitations they were doing on our behalf this year (because of distance).

We received some positive feed back on the flags we placed at the gravesites this year.

Thanks to those that donated towards Cadet Gord Stevenson's trip to England this year. He was presented with a cheque for \$600. Gord won many medals again this year, top Canadian Cadet participating and came second in the event (cadet from England won the top place). We had a luncheon for Gord and his Mom in Gananoque on his return. RCMP Musical Ride Kingston July 5th 2008. Thanks to the following volunteers – Jim Miller, Jack Hickman, Nic Robinson, Ron/Bev Miller, Gene/Bev Montgomery, Stu Pete and Wes Rideout. Phil Grossmith advises that he just finished his last ride of the year and will be determining our profit share next week.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

RCMP Musical Ride Brockville 03 SEPT 08. The Brockville Downtown Business Assoc. requested our assistance in selling RCMP souvenirs at the RCMP Musical Ride performance in Brockville, which was a benefit for the Cst. D. Scott Memorial Fund. Thanks to the following volunteers – Gene Montgomery, Bob Kraus, Dick Dickins, Jack/June Hickman, Pete Pedersen and Rob Elston. Kingston Fall Fair Souvenir Booth – Gene Montgomery arranged for a souvenir booth and we thank the following volunteers – Gene/Bev Montgomery, Jack/June Hickman, Nic Robinson, Jim Miller, Stu Pete and Ron Miller E-Mail from National Secretary on behalf of President requesting input on issues, concerns and changes that should be addressed on a national basis in the coming year. If you wish to respond to this request, your replies should be forwarded by 30 OCT 08.

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NOTE: I received one comment that needs consideration and may help increase our membership numbers: Less emphasis should be placed on 'retired RCMP members' and more emphasis made on "all former employees of the RCMP".

RCMP Musical Ride Kingston – 19 SEPT 08 – North American Police Equestrian Championships at Fort Henry. We will participate in a souvenir booth with the Kingston Police Service. Arranged by Ron LaMarsh and Gene Montgomery.

10. NEXT MEETING:

Luncheon Meeting – AGM – TUES 18 NOV 08. Venue to be determined. No meeting in OCT. Fall Formal Dinner/Dance Gananoque.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Peter Pedersen – 14:20 hrs..

Bob Kraus
President

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

OCTOBER: Jim Butler, Jack Hickman, Rick Lee, Peter Phillips and Maureen Powers.

NOVEMBER: Dick Dickins, Ron Grinham, Earl McClare, Bob King, Bob Kraus, Wes Rideout, Jim Stephenson and Keith Taylor

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