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**Annual General Meeting Minutes, November 18th, 2008
Denny's(Days Inn) HWY 401 & Division St., Kingston, ON**

1. **ATTENDANCE:** 18 – Active 10 – Associates - 4 Guests
2. **CALL TO ORDER:** 13:15 hrs
3. **MINUTE OF SILENCE:** #29412, Thompson, C.R. S/Sgt. RCMP (Ret) passed away in Brockville, ON, on the 25 OCT 08. All RCMP and Canadian Forces Personnel who have lost their lives serving their Country. 'May they Rest in Peace' 'They Will Never Be Forgotten'.
4. **WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT:** President Kraus welcomed all members and guests. President Kraus introduced guest speaker Sandy Ramos, RCMP 'Force Historian' from Ottawa. Vern Coburn introduced Ron Holton and his son Murray. Ron is a member of the Ottawa RCMPVA. Jack Hickman introduced Cpl. Lloyd Osborne from the Kingston RCMP Detachment.
Sandy gave a short Presentation on her current RCMP 'Oral History Project' and requested our input/cooperation. See attachment.
President Kraus thanked her for attending and advised her that her request would be circulated and reported on.
5. **MINUTES OF September 16th., 2008 MEETING:** There being no errors or omissions to the minutes they were adopted as presented.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
FSNA – 'On Guard' – Fall 2008
E-MAIL – TV Crime Show Looking for Retired Officers Experiences
E-MAIL – Job Offer
E-Mail – Update on VIP(E-Mail sent 21 NOV 08)
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom Petch, copy attached.
Payment of 2008 Annual Dues - \$40.00 (by 31 DEC 08) see attachment.
8. **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**
SOCIAL:
Formal Dinner/Dance 17 OCT 08 – Thanks to Lloyd and his determination, this event at MacNiel's Landing in Gananoque was socially a success. The meal was excellent, the music (Spare Change) – of our 'era' – and vocals by Michelle and again this year attendee Cliff Edwards (used to be member of "The Bells" singing group in Quebec in the 50's/60's) was first class.
Annual Wine/Cheese – 07 DEC 08 (SUN) – **Jim/Jane Stephenson's Bath, ON**
details to follow.

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Stephenson

Transfer of Jim Ball from KRD RCMPVA to Ottawa Division RCMPVA.

Transfer of Francis(Betty) Gough from Calgary Division RCMPVA to KRD RCMPVA.

Frank is a Life Member.

Giles Allan has retired from Corrections Canada and moved back to NB.

Presentations: Don King was presented with his Life Membership Certificate and Service Bar.

Jim Stephenson was presented with his Life Membership Certificate and Service Bar.

New Member: Denise Revine was sworn in by President Kraus as a Honourary Member of KRD RCMPVA and presented with the RCMP Veterans' Lapel Pin.

Veterans Ombudsman – E-Mail sent 06 NOV 08

EAST: Dick Dickins - Unable to attend.

WEST: Rick Lee – Not in attendance

WEBSITE: - Jack Hickman – Sponsorship renewals due for DEC 08 – Buds on the Bay, Brockville(Dick Dickins).

VISITATION REPORT - Jack Hickman

Mike Clarabut is home recovering from a recent colon cancer operation. Bob talked to Mike and he was in good spirits in view of his challenge. Mike gave a very positive Accounting. A card was passed around for signatures.

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

9. OLD BUSINESS:

Ron/Bev Miller report that everything is on course for the joint Fall Formal in association with Vimy Officers Mess CFB Kingston and ourselves, on SAT 26 SEPT 09. Ron requested a cheque for \$250.00 to reserve the 'dance music' and it was approved.

RCMP GRAVE VISITATIONS – 2008 - All completed and report submitted to Kingston RCMP Detachment. We received positive feedback on the small Vets' Flags we placed at the gravesites this year(1 call from Ottawa).

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Division Past President Medallions have been ordered for our Former Presidents – Bob Leduc (founding President) and Jack Wylie.

RCMPVA Voting Process at RCMPVA AGM – This matter was discussed and our members voted in favour of Option #2 – 1 Vote per Division.

The Divot Group (joint ventures between "O" Division and RCMPVA Divisions in "O" Div.). This Group will be administered by a Joint Management Group (2 members from "O" Division and 2 members each from Toronto and Georgian Bay RCMPVA Divisions). The Constitution is being circulated to each RCMPVA Division for signature.

RCMP Musical Ride Toronto Boutique Kingston 05 JUL 08. Our members staffed the boutique (Jim Miller, Jack/June Hickman, Nic Robinson, Ron/Bev. Miller, Gene/Bev. Montgomery, Stu Pete and Wes Rideout.). Thanks to our members we received a cheque in the amount of \$419.80 from Toronto Division.

At the request of Brockville Downtown Business Assoc., Gene Montgomery and President Kraus signed an agreement with them to set up a RCMP souvenir boutique for the RCMP Musical Ride performance in Brockville 03 SEPT 08. Proceeds for RCMP Cst. Doug Scott Foundation.

Gene made arrangements for stock and other necessities to operate the boutique. As we had to sell 50% of the stock, Gene had to arrange to sell the remaining stock at other venues in Kingston. Gene was fully employed for the month of SEPT. Arrangements were made with the Kingston Police Service to share the North American Police Equestrian Championship booth at Ft. Henry 19 SEPT 08 (RCMP Musical Ride performance). By sharing their booth, we saved \$500. table rental fee from Ft. Henry. Finally Kingston Tourist Office purchased \$1227.29(at cost) from us to meet our sales agreement with the wholesaler in Ottawa.

Thanks to the following members that helped Gene during this 'experience'. Bev Montgomery, Jack/June Hickman, Ron/Bev Miller, Nic Robinson, Jim Miller, Rob Elston, Pete Pedersen, Dick Dickins, Ron LaMarsh, Stu Pete and Bob Kraus.

TOTAL SALES: \$8073.29 PROFIT SHARE: Brockville DTBA \$300.00 – N. AM. PEC \$501.55 – KRDPVA \$938.97.

GENE, thank you very much for your patience and stamina in this undertaking on behalf of our Division.

Tom Petch and two members from Kingston RCMP Detachment attended the Memorial Service at the Cenotaph in Gananoque Nov. 11 in memory of Cst. Doug Scott and other RCMP employees who lost their lives in service to our Country.

NEXT MEETING:

There will be no meeting in DEC – Wine & Cheese – Stephenson's SUN 07 DEC 08.
JAN 20th., 2009 – Details will follow in due course(EXECUTIVE MEETING ONLY).

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Jim Stephenson – 14:30: hrs.

Bob Kraus, President

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

DECEMBER: Cliff Ruttan

JANUARY: Vern Coburn, Bunny Empey, Ghislaine Hastie and Frank Scotti

FEBRUARY: Brian Abrams, Earl Dickson, Don King, Peter Pedersen, Leo (Bud) St. John and Mark Tinlin

MARCH: James Adlington, Ron LaMarsh, Ron Miller, Denise Revine and Frank Zielski