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**Minutes General Luncheon Meeting, June 16, 2009
Vimy Officer's Mess CFB Kingston, Kingston, ON**

1. **ATTENDANCE:** 17 Active – 9 Associates – 2 Guests
2. **CALL TO ORDER:** 13:00 P.M.
3. **WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT:** President Kraus welcomed all members and guests. Ron Miller introduced Col. C.M. "Spike" Hazleton, CO, CFB Kingston who in turn welcomed us all to the Vimy Officer's Mess. He also thanked us for choosing the 'unwritten' partnership, camaraderie, that has existed with the CAF and the RCMP since 1873, as the theme for the Heritage Ball 26 SEPT 09.
4. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** President Kraus advised receiving regrets from A/Commr. McDonnell, CO "O" Div., who was unable to attend and asked Supt. Jennifer Strachan, newly appointed Officer in Charge of the Kingston area to attend on his behalf. Sgt. Glenn Trendell of Kingston Det. attended to pass on regrets from Supt. Strachan who was out of town.
Clarke Elston attended with his Dad.
5. **MINUTES OF April 21, 2009 MEETING:** There being no errors or omissions to the minutes they were adopted as presented.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - E-Mail FM. N.S. Division – Books for Sale
 - E-Mail FM. National Secretary 2009 AGM Agenda Whitehorse
 - E-Mail FM. National Secretary BOD May News & Views
 - E-Mail FM. National Secretary 2009 Annual Report
 - Director Cal Small 2009 Annual Report
 - Director Dave LeBlanc 2009 Annual Report
 - Letter FM. Governor Generals' Office Rideau Hall
 - FSNA On Guard Summer 2009
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom Petch, copy attached.
8. **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**
 - SOCIAL: Vacant**
 - Update on Heritage Ball arrangements was circulated 04 MAY 09.
 - Heritage Ball 26 SEPT 09 – Ron/Bev advise that plans are right on track. **There will be a meeting with the Military on 23 JUN 09 and all unsold reservations will be turned over to them for selling to their members and guests.**
 - We will no longer have any reservations for sale for our members and guests as our closing date for reservations and payment was 16 MAY 09.**
 - A letter will be sent to Commissioners Office to request that a Certificate/Scroll be prepared to respectfully present to the CAF on this memorable occasion.

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Stephenson – Not in attendance.

Nice to see you back with us Brenda!!

New Nominal Roll has been circulated.

Bryan Neville is currently in Edmonton on his B.C. Mile 0 to Nfld/Lbrd Mile 0 bicycle trip.

You can follow him on www.bneville.ca Click on **Bryan, so you think you can ride.**

President Kraus presented Rob Elston with his 10 yr. Service Bar.

EAST: Dick Dickins -

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

Dick will be sending an invitation to the Perth RCMP Veterans to attend our BBQ

WED 15 JUL 09.

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

WEST: Rick Lee – Not in attendance

WEBSITE: Jack Hickman

Visit our website www.rcmpvets-kingston.ca for events and our latest website sponsors.

Jack advises that he has been in discussion with Bryan Neville to have our website listed
with our National Office in Ottawa to offset the rental website costs. President Kraus
checked this out with the National Executive while attending the AGM and they advised
they have enough room for all the Divisions. Will get Bryan to proceed with this when he
returns from his Cross-Canada bike ride.

VISITATION REPORT: Jack Hickman

Condolences and cards were sent to the following.

Rob Elston – Mother passed away 03 MAY 09

Earl McClare – Mother passed away 30 MAY 09

Gary Coulter – Wife "Tina" passed away 10 JUN 09 - Special thanks to all those that
attended Tina's Funeral on 15 JUN 09.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Luncheon 20 MAY 09 – Caiger's Resort, Thousand Is. – Report Circulated

7. NEW BUSINESS:

AGM Whitehorse 2009 – The results of the Resolutions:

1. Divisions can grant voting privileges, on local issues only, to Associate Members, if they wish.
2. The resolution to increase spousal pensions was withdrawn as spouses now receive between 55 and 64% of unreduced pensions. 50% spousal pension is determined when employee retires and increases each year with pension indexing. As Veterans, we only sit on committees with serving RCMP employees in these circumstance as our Association has no bargaining rights with Government. We can only express our issues with RCMP and they either agree or disagree.
3. The tartan tie and bow tie are now part of our official uniform.
4. The cost of annual Association Insurance is now included in the per capita fees to Ottawa. Dues to Ottawa will now be \$24.00 annually, reducing our current portion to \$16.00 annually.
5. After much debate, Transitional Membership (approved at the AGM in 2008) was upheld and will continue. Transitional Membership is optional for each Division to decide its use.
6. The resolution to ask the RCMP to replace Morneau Sobeco was withdrawn as we were advised by our Executive Director that the Committee is working on moving our pension administration to Public Works along with the Military and Public Service.
7. The resolution to accept the new by-laws was tabled for study by a new Committee established to consider the Governance of the Association, including the way we do our

business and turning the AGM into a Convention with training sessions and more emphasis on social activities. The required AGM business could be conducted mostly in advance by telephone, email or correspondence reducing the AGM to final acceptance of the resolutions and election of Officers as is the practice with most major Corporations and Associations like ours.

Our Marketing Committee is in the process of negotiating discounts with Avis, Budget, Apple Auto Glass, Tip Top Tailors, Aviva Auto Insurance and Nerds On Site a computer company. We will be advised when they are in place.

NOTE: As Peter Pedersen advised the President after the meeting, Division Photo I.D. will have to be updated for our membership. This will be a Fall committee project.

A/Comm'r Keith Clark (Comm'r unable to attend) made an excellent presentation on the work the 'Change Management Team' (49 Task Force Recommendations) are working on improving the operations of the RCMP by filling vacancies, addressing workloads, providing timely and effective training, improving communications and reducing bureaucracy. All very much required to ensure efficient and effective operation of the RCMP. He invited input from the Veterans so if you want to contribute, write to A/Comm'r. Clark Ottawa. He also advised that VIP approval for those RCMP Veterans receiving 'qualified' disability pensions should be in place by the Fall of 2009.

Sandy Ramos, RCMP Historian was present and advised that she would be starting her interviews with Kingston, Ottawa and Toronto Divisions this Fall.

AGM 2009 REGISTRANTS : 131 members 106 associates/guests

AGM 2010: 'Return to your Roots' – Regina Division RCMPVA – Regina, Sask.
03 > 06 JUN 2010 inclusive

NEWS ITEM: Commissioner Elliott was interviewed on a TV talk show recently and advised that the Commissioner of the RCMP should always be appointed from within the ranks of the RCMP itself and that will be his recommendation.

8. NEXT MEETING:

There will be no Meetings in **JULY and AUGUST**
Meeting in SEPT. if necessary (Ball 26 SEPT 09)

NEXT SOCIAL MEET: Annual BBQ WED 15 JUL 09 – Dickins Maitland, ON
Notice of this event will be circulated in usual manner.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Jack Hickman – 14:00 hrs.

Bob Kraus
President

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

JULY: Gene Montgomery and Dave Sandey

AUGUST: Herbert Bradley, Rob Elston, Robert Holtom, Chuck Graham and Bryan Neville.

SEPTEMBER: Lloyd Dunham, Pete Johnston, Paul Leduc and John Tait.

OCTOBER: Jim Butler, Jack Hickman, Barry Howe, Richard Lee, Peter Phillips and Maureen Powers.

