

**HKVCA Annual General Meeting
Audio Conference
May 7, 2024**

Minutes

Board Members Present; Mike Babin, Lucette Mailloux Muir, Barry Mitchell, Gerry Tuppert, Carol Hadley, Stephanie Mitchell., Bernard LeBlanc and Gail Angel..

Guest: Derrill Henderson.

Since our last Annual General Meeting a year ago, we have lost our last Hong Kong Veteran, Hormidas Fredette. Now there are none. We will remember them – all of them. It's now our obligation to ensure they are not forgotten.

Mike Babin gave brief information about the meeting and how it will be conducted and word of welcome,

Members Present: Approximately 13 members are present, including the BOD members. We have the required number of members to form a quorum.

- 1 The Meeting was called to order by Mike Babin at 2 pm ET.
Welcome everyone.

- 2 **Waiver of reading of the Minutes of last AGM held on April 25, 2023.**
In order to dispense with the reading of them, be it moved that the reading of the minutes of the corporation's last Annual General Meeting held on April, 25, 2023, be waved as they have been provided in advance to the attendees. Moved by Mike Babin, seconded by Bernard. Carried.

- 3 **Approval of Minutes of last AGM, held April 25, 2023**
Be it moved that the minutes of the last AGM dated April, 25, 2023 be approved. Moved by Mike Babin, seconded by Carol. Carried.

- 4 **Presentation of the 2023 Financial Statement:** Barry presented his detailed 2023 Financial Statement. Receiving no questions. Accepted. Mike thanked Barry for his devoted and hard work during the last 20 years as treasurer of our association for well and accurately maintained finances. Enjoy a well deserved, good and healthy retirement.

- 5 **Election of Directors - Derrill Henderson -** We are required by our by-laws to elect our Directors each year at the AGM. According to the regulations for not-for-profit organizations, such as ours, all existing

Directors must retire at each Annual General Meeting. Therefore, our existing Directors are now declared retired, and we will elect a new slate for the upcoming year. Lucette Mailloux will be our Recording Secretary while we carry out the election. We solicited nominations via our March newsletter. We received fewer nominations than there were Director positions available, and so I will be asking you to endorse the eight individuals when I make the Motion.

I wish to apologize for the confusion on the ballots but, I must give Jim Trick a “thank you” for the effort he made to ensure the important text got out to all.

It is time to vote on the Motion to confirm the slate of Directors for the upcoming term, which will last until our Annual General Meeting in 2025.

- Mike Babin of Toronto, ON
- Carol Hadley of Winnipeg, MB
- Bernard LeBlanc of Arichat, NS
- Lucette Mailloux of Granby, QC
- Barry Mitchell of Winnipeg, MB
- Stephanie Mitchell of Winnipeg, MB
- Gerry Tuppert of Duncan, BC
- Mark Purcell of Bradford, ON

Stephanie seconded the motion. No vote against. Carried.

No questions at this time.

6 Region Report: (Reports have been provided on www.hkvca.ca)

Our Regional Directors have the opportunity to speak to you about their region’s activities.

Gerry Tuppert from BC Region presented his report.

Carol Hadley of the Prairie Region read activities held in their region.

Lucette Mailloux of Quebec Region gave her report on their activities.

Bernard LeBlanc of Atlantic Region presented his report.

Mark Purcell of Ontario Region, on behalf of Mike Babin gave the report on their activities.

7. **President's Report** - I think you'll agree that after hearing the region reports that our members have been super busy. It's very heartening to know that there is such passion for our Veteran's memories. In fact, it's that legacy that we will be commemorating and celebrating in 2025. I hope you will all make a special effort to attend our reunion in Ottawa in August 2025, for the 80th Anniversary of V-J. The loss in November of our last remaining Hong Kong Veteran, Hormidas Fredette, at age 106, in accordance with the wishes of the Veterans, we executed the sunsetting of the HKVA and notified the relevant authorities of this. We will remember them. It is now entirely up to us, the sons, daughters, grandchildren and other relatives and friends of these brave Canadians to preserve their legacy – a legacy of remembrance.

As you probably know, the HKVCA was established in 1995. Some of the members of our Board of Directors have been involved since the very beginning, if not before. One of our long-serving Directors is Barry Mitchell and has been our Treasurer for 20 years and has decided to tender his resignation for a well-deserved retirement. Thank You Barry. A real tribute to Jim Trick, our webmaster for his great work, for example, he has negotiated to digitize several books and essays on the Battle of Hong Kong and posted them to the site and introduced a revamped and very compelling new look to the site.

The feedback from our virtual events has been universally positive. Pam Heinrichs is spearheading a fascinating project to trace the lives of Indigenous "C" Force members. We have been provided with a significant grant by the Manitoba Métis Federation to carry out the necessary research and produce educational materials.

Thank you to many volunteers across the country and even abroad for their contributions to the legacy of remembrance.

8. **Questions -**

Receiving no questions or comments from members and at the end of our agenda., if you have no other business to be brought forward, I declare the meeting concluded at 2 h 40 ET.

Thank you for attending today.

Summer is rapidly approaching, and I wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable one.

HKVCA National Secretary

Lucette Mailloux Muir