

**HKVCA Annual General Meeting
Audio Conference
July 7, 2020**

Minutes

Board Members Present: Mike Babin, Lucette Mailloux, Barry Mitchell, Gerry Tuppert, Greg Auld, Carol Hadley, Mark Purcell, Mitzi Ross, Bernard LeBlanc.

Members Present: 18, we have the required number of members to form a quorum.

1. After brief information about the meeting and how it will be conducted and word of welcome.

Meeting was called to order by Mike Babin at 2 pm.

We are very fortunate to have on the phone, Hormidas Fredette, a 103 year old Hong Kong Veteran. Mr. Fredette thanked all for the work they are doing and remembering all veterans for all they went through. Thank you all.

Philip Doddridge could not join us today but he expresses his good wishes to everyone.

Mike recognized the Hong Kong Veterans who have passed away since our last Annual General Meeting in December 2018.

Robert Barter
Fred Cooper
Horace (Gerry) Gerard
Ralph MacLean
William MacWhirter
Douglas Rees

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

2. **Vote to amend our By-Laws** to permit this meeting to be held by electronic means.

Mike moved that the corporation's By-Law No. 1, paragraph 42 be replaced with the following:

42. Time and Place of Meetings. Subject to compliance with Section 160 of the Act, the annual meeting of the members and any other Special Meeting under paragraph 44, may be held fully or partly by means of a telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately. Seconded by Ian Englehart. Approved.

3. Presentation/Acceptance of Minutes from the last AGM held in Ottawa

Mike moved the following:

That the reading of the minutes of the corporation's last Annual General meeting held December 8, 2018 be waived, as they have been provided in advance to attendees. Seconded by Barry Mitchell.

It was then moved that the minutes of the corporation's last Annual General meeting, held December 8, 2018 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mark Purcell. Approved.

4. Financial Statements and Auditor's Report: Barry explains the need to appoint an auditor and

Moved that Paragraph 65 of the corporation's By-law No. 1 be deleted. For clarity this means that the financial statement of the HKVCA will not be audited by a Public Accountant. Seconded by Greg Auld. Approved.

Barry presented his detailed financial report for 2019. Approved as presented.

5. Election Report: Mike explained the Elections Committee Report by Kathie Carlson. We are required to hold an election every year. Twenty five (25) nominations were received and nine (9) nominees accepted the nominations for the BOD. As this is less than the maximum number of Directors, there was no need for an election. Since the nominations were finalized, one nominee has decided to withdraw due to health reasons, leaving 8.

Mike moved that the following be installed as Directors of the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association effective at the end of this meeting:

Greg Auld of High River, AB, Mike Babin of Toronto, Carol Hadley of Winnipeg, Bernard LeBlanc of Arichat, NS, Lucette Mailloux Muir of Granby, Qc, Barry Mitchell of Winnipeg, Mark Purcell of Bradford, ON, Gerry Tuppert of Duncan, BC

They were acclaimed for the incoming BOD members for the upcoming term to our Annual General Meeting in 2022. Seconded by Lucette Mailloux Muir. Approved.

Mike introduced the incoming Board and Executive: Gerry Tuppert (B.C. Director), Carol Hadley (Prairie Director), Mike Babin (Ontario Director), Lucette Mailloux Muir (Quebec Director), Bernard LeBlanc (Atlantic Director) Greg Auld Member at Large, Mark Purcell (Member at Large).

Board of Directors elected the 2020 Executive: Mike Babin, President; Mark Purcell, Vice-President; Barry Mitchell, Treasurer; Lucette Mailloux Muir, Secretary.

Congratulations to our newly appointed Directors, Phil Doddridge continues to be an ex-officio member of our Board, Gail Angel continues as Past-president and Jim and Anne Trick of Victoria will continue to bring you the quarterly newsletters with the opportunity of our Regional Directors to bring to you brief reports about their region's highlights.

6- Region Reports.

(Reports have been provided previously to attendees)

Gerry Tuppert from BC Region. Presented the highlights of his report.

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

Lucette Mailloux Muir of Quebec Region gave a brief report on their activities.

Bernard LeBlanc of Atlantic Region presented his report.

Mark Purcell representing Mike Babin of Ontario Region gave a brief report on their activities.

7. Remarks by President

As President since our last Annual General Meeting, it has been a privilege for me to serve. I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time and all members in support of our mission and to honour our veterans. Perhaps our most significant single project since the inauguration of the Hong Kong Veterans Memorial Wall in Ottawa has been our project to install commemorative plaques across the country. To-date over 50 have been unveiled, with more to come. Before too long, not a single veteran will remain with us. Without them to inspire us, it will be entirely up to us to ensure that they and their colleagues are never forgotten.

8. Questions

From Ian Englehart, do we have news or volunteers for the August 15 Commemorative Ceremony at the Memorial Wall.

Mike replied yes, we do have a volunteer. Will pass Ian's name (with thanks) to the organizer. Hopefully it will be possible for Ottawa to allow gatherings of more than 10. Will follow-up as time gets closer.

No other questions.

Mike requested that all members on August 15, VJ Day, liberation date be recognized by all members across the country in whatever way possible. Submitted pictures of your activity will be posted on our web site.

9. Having no other business to be brought forward, Mike declared the meeting concluded at 2h45 pm Eastern time.