

**HKVCA Annual General Meeting
Audio Conference
April 26, 2022**

Minutes

Board Members Present; Mike Babin, Lucette Mailloux, Barry Mitchell, Gerry Tuppert, Carol Hadley, Mark Purcell, Bernard LeBlanc and Gail Angel..
I will introduce Stephanie Mitchell later during the meeting.

Members Present: Approximately 20 members were present, including the BOD members. We have the required number of members to form a quorum.

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

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

Welcome everyone. Unfortunately Phil Doddridge, President of the HKVA could not attend today's meeting but has asked me to offer his greetings and to express his good wishes to everyone attending.

George Peterson, the last surviving member of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, passed away last September at the age of 100. I would express our profound gratitude to the members of "C" Force. Only four of these amazing men and women remain alive today, but they leave an unparalleled legacy in our country's military history.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

- 2 **Approval of Minutes of last AGM, held June 29, 2021.** In order to dispense with reading them, I move, That the reading of the minutes of the corporation's last Annual General meeting, held June 29, 2021, be waived, as they have been provided in advance to attendees. Seconded by Gerry. Bernard proposed to accept the minutes as presented. Carried.
- 3 **Presentation of the 2021 Financial Statement:** Barry presented his detailed 2021 Financial Statement. Receiving no questions.
- 4 **Election of Directors:** The election committee, chaired by Kathie Carlson, solicited nominations and received fewer nominations than there were Director positions available, therefore, we are submitting the same slate of Directors for members approval.

It was moved that the following be installed as Directors of the HKVCA effective at the end of this meeting.

- 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

Lucette seconded the motion. Carried.

Thank you and welcome to Stephanie our newest member and thank you Mark for your several years of service..

5 Appointment of Officers:

The Officers of the association for the upcoming term will be: Lucette Mailloux as Secretary, Barry Mitchell as Treasurer, Bernard LeBlanc as Vice-President and Mike Babin as President.

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

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 representing Mike Babin of Ontario Region gave his report on their activities.

7 President's Remarks: Obviously, some of our activities have been curtailed due to the pandemic. Most of our commemorative and educational activities have been slower. Our members have been able to find ways to continue to keep our members informed via the newsletter, our web site and more recently, our virtual events series via Zoom are very well received. Attendance has doubled with many from around the world and brought in many new HKVCA members. The Military Institute of Toronto represents very well our Men and Women of Hong Kong nursing sisters Kay Kristie and May Waters.. George MacDonell has also donated his medals to the Institute. A new project on Indigenous Veterans is under way and will keep you posted as work progresses. Pam Heinrichs is

working to honor our Indigenous Veterans. Thank you Pam. We also partnered with the War Museum of Ottawa and produced a great video, both in French and English, on Hong Kong. Thank you Gail Angel for your work on this project.

We are always in need of new volunteers. If you have time and/or can help in any way, please do not hesitate to step forward and let us know.

Thank you Jim Trick, our Web Master and Newsletter Editor, for your very helpful web site. It is great help to answer questions on our association and for the quarterly newsletter to keep us informed.

- 8 **Questions or Comments** – Thanked Mike for the wonderful Zoom Events with much great info and at times new info. Thank you for your leadership.

- 9 Receiving no other questions or comments from members the Meeting concluded at 2h 45 ET.

HKVCA National Secretary

Lucette Mailloux Muir