

**HKVCA Annual General Meeting
Audio Conference
April 25, 2023**

Minutes

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

Regrets; Stephanie Mitchell.

Members Present: Approximately 20 members are 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.

Since our last meeting, we lost three (3) veterans, Eugene Laplante, Philip Doddridge and most recently George McDonnell. We have only one (1) of these amazing men and women remaining member of the Royal Rifles of Canada, Hormidas Fredette, living in Nova Scotia.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

The “Sunset Clause” will be executed.

- 2 **Waiver of reading of the Minutes of last AGM held April 26, 2022.** 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, 26, 2022, be waved as they have been provided in advance to the attendees. Moved by Mike Babin, seconded by Carol. Carried.
- 3 **Approval of Minutes of last AGM, held April 26, 2022.** Be it moved that the minutes of the last AGM dated April, 26, 2022 be approved. Moved by Mike Babin, seconded by Bernard. Carried.
- 4 **Presentation of the 2022 Financial Statement:** Barry presented his detailed 2022 Financial Statement. Receiving no questions. Accepted.

- 5 **Election of Directors:** We are required by our by-laws to elect our Directors each year at the AGM. We hold nominations every two (2) years, the slate will consist of our existing Directors. We will need to vote to confirm the slate of Directors until our Annual General Meeting in 2024

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

Carol seconded the motion. No vote against. Carried.

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)

The quarterly newsletters are put together by Jim and Anne Trick of Victoria. They keep everyone up-to-date on happenings and the activities of our members across Canada. Our Regional Directors have the opportunity to speak to you about their region's highlights.

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.

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

President's Remarks: Although the pandemic now seems to be more or less behind us, there is still reluctance to attend public gatherings, and this

resulted in fewer face-to-face events. If anything good has come from COVID, for us it would be the introduction of virtual events. It has enabled us to reach people who otherwise would not be able to attend an in-person event due to travel or other constraints. We will continue these in the coming year.

Also in the “virtual” arena, Jim Trick has begun a redesign of our already excellent web site. This will make it even easier for those seeking information about the Battle of Hong Kong and “C” Force members to find out what they need.

Linked to this will hopefully be the proposed introduction of a QR Code at our Memorial Wall in Ottawa. QR Codes are the small squares that can often be seen on advertisements that can be easily scanned with a mobile phone and link automatically to further explanatory information. When operational, visitors will be able to quickly access a wealth of information about “C” Force and the Battle. Gail Angel and Derrill Henderson are leading this project.

We have initiated a project to identify “C” Force members who have Indigenous heritage and to document their stories. We applied for a grant from the Métis Veterans Legacy Project to fund this work, and I’m very pleased to announce that our application has just been approved, and we will be receiving \$119,000 from them to pay for this work. Pam Heinrichs is leading this very important project

Lori Smith has been leading an effort to place a grave marker on the gravesite of each Veteran. Barry and Carol have done excellent work to find a new supplier of these markers.

The teachers Zone on our web site, although very useful, it is in need of updating. We would welcome a volunteer to help with this important work.

Our regions have been doing stellar work in spite of the COVID restrictions I mentioned earlier, and I’d particularly like to single out the Prairie Region under Carol Hadley’s leadership. They have held a number of large, well-attended events over the last year and in my opinion are leading the country in commemoration!

This is not to minimize what other regions are doing, and I ask each of you to continue to do your utmost to keep our veterans’ memory alive.

8. **Questions or Comments** – Gail Angel asked the treasurer to explain the cause of the \$ 1,000 discrepancy between the income and disbursements.
A. The cause was the retainer of a law firm for the Indigenous Project, which will be re-imbursed by the grant we received.

Carol Hadley suggested that from previous experiences, we could possibly hire an education student to help on the Teachers Zone.

9. Receiving no other questions or comments from members I declare the meeting concluded at 3 h 10 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