

1st Hussars Association

London

Meeting 24 September 2017

Recorded by Ann Wilkinson – Secretary.

- 1) Welcome Back from Joe. “Only as good as our Last Trace”
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable. A motion to dispense reading was made by R. Nutt and seconded by N. Thiel. Carried
- 3) Good and Welfare – Ron Watt doing much better – back in the nursing home.
Joe had surgery and is walking again.
Al Englehardt is house bound and communicating on Facebook now.
Deaths – Merv Abram, Ron Stewart, June Rice
- 4) Remembrance Service at Holy Roller 1030 on 5 November 2017. Father Frank Leslie will conduct the service. There will be a lunch served at the Byron Legion following the service. Dress is Reg’t Mufti.
- 5) Treasurer’s Report - Bill McTavish - for the period from 31 March to 31 August 2017.
New balance is \$3584.85. D-Day dinner came in at a loss.
Motion to accept the report as given – W. McGregor, seconded by S. Liggett
- 6) Kit Shop – Ron Janus – up and running in new space. Inventory is up.
About \$10,000 – researching new source for Pewter steins.
- 7) Holy Roller – Perry Kitson – report on opening of tank. Winmar cleaned debris from inside.
Power point photos of interior. With ID numbers exposed, much has been learned about where and when it was manufactured.
Thanks to Perry for the report.
May take up to three years to decide on plan for restoration\preservation.
Ad Hoc committee to examine all options from running restoration (\$250,000) to proper preservation (\$100,000)
- 8) Boots on the Beach – goal is \$16-20,000. 3 November 2017 at the London Ukrainian Centre Adelaide Street S. \$300 per table (\$30 per person). Raffle for door prizes.
Al E has purchased a table for the troops.
- 9) Cavalry Troop – 9 riders, 4 support pers will take part in the re-enactment of the March of | Canadians. Multi-national group – September 12-23, 2018. Budget for trip is approx \$60,000
Fanshawe looking into doing a film about the Troop
- 10) Christmas Dinner – Sarnia, 9 December 2017. 1600. Gifts to be purchased for the troops.

- 11) Museum – S. Liggett. Two students for the summer – Andrew and Alicia – did a great job
Funding received only covered half of the time required. Museum paid balance.
Approx 1200 people toured the museum during the summer.
Participated in London Doors Open on 16 & 17 September. Lowest turn-out in years.
112 & 91 people. There was no outside draw. The only map available was on-line. No support
from Regiment.
Open Saturdays only until 11 November.
- 12) LAV Project update. Things have slowed. City of Sarnia is changing all the lighting. The project
will cost between \$62,000 and \$92,000 depending on the type of lights they choose.
Park is being upgraded to a Class “A” park.
Money is still coming in but will finish soon. A new account will be opened to provide
a maintenance fund. The rock seating to be placed soon.
A quote has been received for the new plaque.
- 13) Sgt Coukell and MCpl Phoenix took part in the Back to the Beach trip
Two students came here.
- 14) The AGM will take place on 15 October at the Byron Legion.
New time will be 1330.
- 15) New Business -
Proxy for elections to be submitted to Ann prior to the AGM.
Ken will ensure forms are available.

Ken made a presentation to Steve (the Museum) of boxes of artifacts
from the Oxford Rifles and North Waterloo Regiment.
They were donated by a family. Ken will get the donation form to them

Gene and Ron P are working on a project to honour veterans.
Banners will be sold for \$250. They will line the streets of Peterolia
from 15 October – 15 November 2018.

In Sarnia, a smoker is planned for the troops following the Assoc Meeting
on 12 Oct 17.

Ron Prior presented a model of a Sherman tank with the screen up.
Cataraqui – tank of Bill McCormick.

Nick Corrie and Michelle Lundy have been interviewing families of 1H veterans.
They are compiling the bios. To date, there are 5 completed.
Nick asked about the best way to get these out to people.
Wayne will create a page on the website.

Al Finney – focus on recruitment – Sarnia – There is a limit to how many the Regiment
can take in. There is a co-op beginning in January.
The Association has expressed an interest in helping.

A trip to France is in the planning stages. Rather than go in 2019, focus on 2020, when crowds will not be so large.

In honour of the 75th Anniversary, celebrate here. Gala, parade, etc.

Ron P – 8000 Christmas cards have been donated to send to soldiers deployed. They have been sent out to schools to fill out. When ready, they will go to Belleville to be sent overseas.

Motion to adjourn – Steve L. 1445