

1st Hussars Association

London

Annual General Meeting

15 October 2017

In Attendance:

Joe Murray, Ron Janus, Mike Steele, Steve Liggett, John Liestra, Richard Shaftoe, Wayne McGregor, Ric Shepherd, Barry Hogan, Ron Prior, Mike Sage, Michelle Lundy, Bill McTavish, Erik Morke, Pat O'Hagan, Nick Corrie, Ian Haley, Nick Thiel, Gerry Treble, Ann Wilkinson

Regrets: Chris Judd, Sheila DeJaegher, Gary Cambridge

1) The Act of Remembrance was observed.

Joe welcomed all in attendance.

2) Elections:

President – Joe Murray

Vice President – Ron Janus

Treasurer – Bill McTavish

Secretary – Ann Wilkinson

Nomination were requested from the floor – 3 times. None

No change.

3) The minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable. A motion to dispense with the reading was made by Ron P and seconded by Erik M. Carried

4) Treasurer Report – Bill McTavish

For the period 1 Sept – to 29 Sept 2017

Previous balance was \$3584.75. Current balance is \$3704.75. Expenditures upcoming – Men's Christmas Dinner and Sarnia Levee. \$500 has been allotted to the dinner. A motion to cover the difference that might arise if more people attend was made by Pat O and seconded by John L. Carried

5) Kit Shop – Ron Janus

The kit shop is fully stocked. There is \$10,000 in stock and \$1,100 in the bank.

Drill canes have been ordered for the Regiment and Cadets.

A new price list is being prepared. It will be posted on the web-site and in the bulletin.
Joe has the films, not in inventory. He will make them available.

6) Museum – Steve Liggett

The museum is open from 1300 – 1600 on Saturdays until 11 November.

A new sign to replace the one that was stolen, is being made. It will be plastic and aluminum.

On 20 Oct, the museum will have a display at Western Fair during the Veteran's Classic. Volunteers are needed.

7) Cavalry Troop –

The Troop will travel to France in September 18 to participate in the Pursuit to Mons. They will be part of the Commonwealth Contingent.

\$15,000 has been donated from the Cavalry Fund. Fundraising is on-going.

Rob Carver, head of Contemporary Film Studies, at Fanshawe College, is putting together historical footage. Participants will be interviewed and a go-pro may be available for the trip. A film crew may also go to document the experience.

John Liestra, is the first Sgt Sadler in the Regiment since 1939.

8) The bridge plaques have been installed. Ian reports that they look good.

9) LAV Project – Ron Prior

The Landscaping is done, stone seating is to be installed. There is \$20,000 left in the account. Veterans Park wants to install colonial style lighting around the park. The city has asked for help raising the money for this. (approx. \$90,000) CCTV has been installed.

10) Men's Christmas Dinner – 9 December 17

The dinner will take place at 1600 in Sarnia. The Cavalry Fund Meeting will be at 1300.

Pat O is acquiring gifts for the soldiers. Joe and Pat will meet with the CO for guidance re how many gifts are required, etc.

Joe encourages all to attend. Reminder from HCol Hogan that Sarnia is "World Headquarters" of the Regiment.

11) Back to the Beach Fundraiser

Our target is \$15 – 20, 000. Help is required to make this happen.

We need to get door prizes and get info packages out to businesses.

Sgt Knight has arranged for a band.

All are encouraged to "show up".

\$10,000 has been raised so far.

New Business

McCabe's Pub is opening a new bar just south of the current location. Different areas in the bar will have themes based on the history of London. There will be a section with 1H memorabilia.

Nick Corrie, with the help of Michelle Lundy, has been doing interview with WW2 Veterans and their families. Jim Fisher, Iris Raeside, Ric Shepherd have been interviewed and others are being scheduled.

Good job to both of you.

John L. is working with Old Order Menonites, honing his saddlery skills.

Wayne reports that the Byron Legion Remembrance service will take place on 4 Nov. All are welcome.

Ian – 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. Plans are being made to commemorate the milestone.

Erik reports that Ron Watts is doing well. He's in a new room and has requested a new ball cap.

Remembrance Service at Holy Roller will take place on 5 Nov at 1030. Father F Leslie will conduct the service. Emily Putterbough will play the Last Post. Lunch will be served at the Byron Legion following the service. We will also celebrate Jim Fisher's 99th birthday.

Ownership of Holy Roller is in question. Perry and Joe will try to sort this out before any refurbishment takes place. Ian cautions that we should remain ambiguous about it for now, then offer to help.

Ron Prior attended a lunch at Olives Restaurant in Sarnia with the widow of Foster Stark (1856 – 1945). A book about 1H was presented to the Museum.

The shroud from the LAV dedication will be put in the display case at 1HWHQ!

Bill Chong of Hanes Printing in Sarnia has donated 8,000 Christmas cards to be sent to soldiers on deployment. The cards went out to local schools to be signed and have notes and pictures added. They are ready to go to Belleville to be sent.

The Legion in Sarnia has a banner program. For \$150 a photo and information about a veteran will be put up in November. After three years, the banner will be retired and presented to the family.

Next meeting will take place on 21 January 18 at 1300, Byron Legion. We will meet in the McGill Room. The following meeting will be 25 February 18 at 1300.

Motion to Adjourn – Steve Liggett at 1456

