



**First Hussars Association
London**

MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, May 15th, 2016

As recorded by Michelle Lundy – Secretary

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| <u>In Attendance:</u> | Nick Corrie John Leistra Wayne McGregor Pat O'Hagan Ric Shepherd | Barry Hogan Steve Liggett Erik Morke Ron Prior Mike Steele | Ron Janus Michelle Lundy Joe Murray Mike Procure Gerry Treble | Ken Johnson Bill MacKay Ron Nutt Richard Shaftoe |
| <u>Regrets:</u> | Jeff Balicki Nick Thiel | Gary Cambridge Ann Wilkinson | Allan Finney | Bill McTavish |

1. Meeting was called to order at 1300 hrs. The Act of Remembrance was observed.
2. The Association welcomes members who came from Sarnia: Barry Hogan, Ken Johnson, Bill MacKay, and Ron Prior.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were read.
Moved by G. Treble and seconded by S. Liggett that the minutes be accepted as read.
Carried.
4. Treasurer's Report No Treasurer's Report as B. McTavish is absent.
5. Good & Welfare

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| Deaths: | No deaths to report. |
| Sick: | Al Englehart – recovering at home. Col Thompson – recovering from a fall. Ron Watts – Currently waiting for hip replacement. Currently in Alexandria Hospital in Ingersoll. E. Morke to report hospital info. |
8. Kit Shop

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| a) | \$7800.00 in the bank. |
| b) | Officer badges are still available: limited edition & numbered. Cost: \$140.00 |
| c) | Troops to receive solid brass buckles. |

- d) 300 coins were ordered for D-Day weekend Gala. Also to be available through Kit Shop at a cost of no more than \$15.
 - e) Joe purchased medals for Aris Domnas and had them mounted. Hope to present to Aris at Holy Roller in June. \$80 for mounting **Moved** by Ron Janus and Seconded by P. O'Hagan. **Carried.**
9. War Graves
- a) R. Shepherd reports that guys running this are getting old, and are unable to do 4 cemeteries. Any volunteers are advised to come forth. Consideration is given to the possibility of Cadet or school involvement.
 - b) Decoration Sunday will occur around Father's Day in June.
10. Regiment
- Deployed to Arctic Circle.
11. Museum
- a) Doors Open 2016: 1 Oct 2016 & 2 Oct 2016 1000 - 1600 hrs. A. Finney has assured vehicles, troops and Cav troop/outdoor display.
 - b) Canada Day: Museum open as usual with Cav Troop & Regiment in Harris Park.
 - c) Summer Students: Approval for 2 students at 8 weeks each. One from 6 Jun 2016 - 29 Jul 2016. The other from 18 Jul 2016 – 2 Sep 2016. Hours are from 1000 hrs to 1700 hrs with lunch break from 1300 hrs – 1400 hrs.
 - d) Staff hours differ. Wondering if we can subsidy them with an honorarium, but this may be a problem with the grant process. A provisional fund of \$800 is discussed. **Moved** by G. Treble and seconded by N. Corrie. **Carried.**
 - e) Museum will be staffed on 4 Jun 2016 (D-Day weekend) by S. Liggett from 1300 – 1600 hrs.
12. LAV Project
- a) B. Hogan reports K. Johnson, B. MacKay & R. Prior leading the project. B. Chafe is Construction Executive, and pad has been donated (rebar, concrete & transport)
 - b) Monument to be owned by City of Sarnia and contract was signed two weeks ago.
 - c) Approx. \$30,000.00 has been raised, and the project has been well supported. The Sarnia Legion has put forth \$5000.00
 - d) R. Prior reports bronze plaques with enamel colour are being manufactured at a foundry in Kitchener.

13. "Playing It Forward" a) In support of the LAV Project, The Sarnia Saints Rugby Club is holding their "Playing It Forward" dinner & auction, and men's/women's rugby games.
DINNER: St. Clair Corporate Centre on 22 Jun 2016. This event is close to sold out, and jerseys will be up for auction.
GAMES: Norm Perry Park on Jun 25 2016. One of the refurbished trophies: a 1916 rugby cup belonging to the Regiment will be presented and will go back in trophy cabinet in Sarnia Armouries. The possibility of a new ring added for engraving modern winning team's names is discussed.
14. Regimental Trophies Trophies/cups/silver has been refurbished at a cost of \$2734.00 \$1000 has been designated for the acquisition of new trophy cases for Stirrett Armouries in Sarnia.
15. Honor Rolls H. Chadwick along with the Sarnia Historical Society recovered Honor Rolls which had hung in Parkdale Church, Sarnia. They were discovered in the garbage in Toronto by a woman who researched the names and their significance. Honor rolls were then donated to be mounted in Sarnia.
16. Oktoberfest 2015 was the 1st year of 1H Oktoberfest fundraiser, which was held in Sarnia at the Armouries and spearheaded by MCpl Burkhart. It is hoped that this event will continue annually. Ron Prior has expressed his support to help with this event.
17. Cadets The Annual Ceremonial Revue is taking place on 1 Jun 2016 at 1900 hrs at the Petrolia Arena.
18. Family Day The trip to Canada's Wonderland had about 18 people signed up, and was cancelled for lack of interest..
19. Golf Tournament The Don Black Memorial Golf Tournament will be held in July on a Sunday at Caradoc Golf Course. There is no specific date as of yet. \$500.00 will be designated for prizes & swag. **Moved** by S. Liggett and seconded by R. Nutt. **Carried.**
20. Vimy Gala a) 1 Apr 2016 at London Convention Centre.
b) Association will have 2 tables.
c) Tables can be purchased online through the Vimy Legion.
d) 1H Cavalry Troop to participate in WWI uniforms & there will be a Museum display.
e) VIP's to attend include French Ambassador & Governor General of Canada.
f) Entertainment to include pipe & drum band.

21. Cavalry Troop Requesting \$5000.00 to acquire new equipment for Vimy Gala. Equipment to be inventoried and will belong to the First Hussars Association. **Moved** by R. Janus and seconded by G. Treble. **Carried.**
22. Tree Project J. Murray received request from John Cook to participate in the Veterans Memorial Parkway Tree Project. We will defer for the time being, and may revisit after LAV project is complete.
23. AGM The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, to be held 25 Sept 2016 at 1300 hrs. W. McGregor will check into Byron Legion availability, and the Messes may be an alternative.

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 1440 HRS – NEXT MEETING SEP 25 2016 – 1300 hrs