

# **FRIENDS OF THE ASHTON ARMOURY MUSEUM**

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**14 January 2017**

### **Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours. 21 regular members and 1 associate member were in attendance.

### **Minutes of Last Year's Meetings**

The minutes of last year's meeting were reviewed.

A motion to adopt as read by Doug Braun, seconded by Chris Preston..

Carried

### **Reports**

#### **President:**

The President welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked them for their continuing support and reminded all members to sign in at the door.

The President gave a review of the major events of 2016 and hoped that we may continue to participate as much or more this year. He was encouraged by the participation of local schools in our museum and the number of tours we had. (Spectrun School - 120 participants.

He advised that there has been no new on our anticipated move to the rifle range.

A motion was made by Peter Laursen to adopt the report as read, seconded by Dick Reynolds. Carried

#### **Vice-President:**

The Vice-President advised that in addition to our regular activities we participated in a number of new events including:

Wounded Warrior Run;

BC Aviation Open House;  
West Shore Navy Days;  
Vancouver Island Shakespeare Arts;

Several of our previous commitments were changed:

Remembrance Day Display at the legislature was changed to coincide with Public Service Remembrance Day Service on 10 November;  
Our participation in the Oak Bay Tea Party was cancelled;

He advised that we have revised our approach to parade and events, in that whenever possible vehicles and displays were tied historically to the event. For example any of the peacekeeping events involved the UN Jeep and the Ferret which are vehicles that were used during UN operations. This approach is more relevant to the event and provides a better opportunity to relate our units to the events.

At the same time, rather than trying to put 14 vehicles on the road we have reduced our participation to 5 or 6 vehicles. This means we can concentrate on proper maintenance and not put vehicles on the road that might not make the trip.

As part of our efforts to help make the museum displays more accessible, we have created a number of static displays of uniforms, accessories, weapons and photographs. Wayne and Nancy Dauphinee have been the driving force behind the project and are to be congratulated for bumping the rest of us out our fixation on ancient trucks. They were also the organizers of our Military Collectibles Sale which generated more income that we had from one event in many years.

Thanks to John Ducker, our Facebook page presence is expanding, is current, and is entertaining. This ties us to the activity of many other sites, such as CFB Esquimalt.

Our vehicle maintenance program continues as we make sure that all the vehicles we put on the road are in good condition, not just good enough. If we fix them properly the first time it will be easier to keep up the regular maintenance. Congratulations to Alisdair, Mike and Ben, for their efforts.

Placing more emphasis on static display material will greatly assist in getting the message out to the public of the history and activities of our units.

Our relationship with the units has improved significantly and we need to continue to build on that relationship so the younger people understand that we are a part of the units and their historical guardians.

A motion was made by Al Horner to adopt the report as read, seconded by Ronnie Tory.  
Carried

**Secretary:**

The Secretary advised that the executive board continues to meet once a month to bring everyone up to date on events, vehicle situation and plan future activities.

Our formal name change to The Friends Of Ashton Armoury was approved by the Societies Registry and we are in the process of update our documents.

Our new constitution and by- laws were filed and accepted by the Societies Registry.

This year the Societies Act has changed significantly and the Secretary is going to be taking the action required to convert our policies and procedures to conform to the new act. We must have this completed by Nov of this year.

A motion was made by Doug Braun to adopt the report as read, seconded Wayne Dauphinee. Carried.

**Treasurer:**

The Treasurer provided copies of the Financial Statements for 2016 including 2016 Budget, 2016 Actual and a proposed budget for 2017.

Financially 2016 was not a bad year. We did not our gaming grant until June, half way through our fiscal year. So we had to budget it to carry over in to this fiscal year.

Thanks to two major events our financial picture at the end of our fiscal year was much better than it has been for a few years:

Participation in the Tourist In Your Own Hometown event, brought over 200 visitors to our museum and through a silent auction, sales and donations we received over \$700.00

The Military Artifacts Collectible Sale in Oct brought in over \$5000 and established a number of contacts with other military collectors.

Well done to all of the friends that helped with these two events.

In future we must continue our efforts to raise funds through as many means as possible including he sponsor a vehicle or display project. Our asset holdings will continue to be reviewed and surplus vehicles and equipment will be disposed of.

A motion was made by Doug Braun to adopt the report as read, seconded by Louise Leaker. Carried.

### **Museum Director**

Ted Leaker thanked everyone for their financial assistance and for all the volunteer hours put in to the museum. We get many compliments on our museum exhibits and displays and that is almost entirely due to the Friends efforts.

The past year has been a challenge with the move in of the Signals unit. We have had to reorganize our space in the building and in the compound and this will continue. Our move to the old range has not been resolved.

The main focus for the upcoming year will orienteering the museum to the history of the four units we represent and their predecessors. This will entail completion of the review of our holdings, disposal of items not relevant to our mandate, redesigning exhibits, improving interpretation throughout and establishing archives. Development of a collection plan and an operating manual is a necessary part of this. We would also like to organize our library and set up a lending system.

We have to get volunteers to work on the display part of the museum now. Colin and Peter need help redoing the weapons exhibits, Wayne and Nancy need help with the inventory management and maintenance as well as redoing the historical exhibits. We need at least one archivist and at least one librarian. We also need a conservator. Training is available for all of these positions.

The best recruiters are the members of the organization, so talk to your friends and see if you can interest or blackmail them in to helping out.

Once again thank you for efforts and I look forward to your continuing efforts on behalf of the museum.

### **Old Business**

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## **New Business**

Chris Preston gave an update on the drivers license status. Our current vehicle insurance plan provides a discount if all drivers have at least 10 years clean driving record, as proven by a drivers abstract. The executive decided to go with this and as of now anyone who wishes to be a driver must provide the abstract. It is free and can be mailed directly to the Friends.

## **Points from the Floor**

None.

## **Election of Officers (Conducted by Diane Braun)**

Diane explained the election process to the membership

**President;** Peter Laursen and Chris Preston to stand. Nominations from the floor - None.

Chris Preston elected.

**Vice-President;** Al Horner has decided to step aside as Vice President and a Director. John Ducker and Wayne Dauphinee to stand. Further nominations from the floor - None.

John Ducker elected.

**Secretary/Treasurer;** Doug Braun to stand, Nominations from the floor – None. Doug Braun reelected.

**Directors:** Bill Rowbottom, Wayne Dauphinee and Paul MacNeill to stand.

Nominations from the floor: None

Bill Rowbottom, Wayne Dauphinee and Paul MacNeill elected.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Preston, Seconded by Dick Reynolds. . Carried. The Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 hrs.

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C. Preston  
President

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D. Braun  
Secretary Treasurer

List of Active Members attending:

1. Doug Braun
2. Diane Braun
3. Wade Collins
4. Nancy Dauphinee
5. Wayne Dauphinee
6. John Ducker
7. Mike Dymond
8. Gord Enquist
9. Al Horner
10. Diane Langley
11. Peter Laursen
12. Louise Leaker
13. Ted Leaker
14. Heather Linton
15. Ben Manning
16. David Newton
17. Chris Preston
18. Dick Reynolds
19. Bill Rowbottom
20. Allisdair Stewart
21. Ronnie Tory

Associate Members attending: