

FRIENDS OF THE ASHTON ARMOURY MUSEUM

Minutes of Executive Meeting held at 09:35 hrs 9 Sept 2017 at the Ashton Armoury.

Present	President	Chris Preston
	Secretary Treasurer	Doug Braun
	Director	Wayne Dauphinee
	Director	Paul MacNeill
	Museum Director	Ted Leaker
Absent	Vice President	John Ducker
	Director	Bill Rowbottom
	Immediate Past Pres	Peter Laursen

The President called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

Old Business – The Museum Director discussed the need to complete the Loan Agreement between the museum and The Friends as soon as possible. Chris is gathering vehicle data and pictures. Nancy Dauphinee has completed an extensive inventory of display items.

Financial Report: The Secretary Treasurer provided a financial update. In this year we have received over \$2400 in donations and over \$3200 in artifact sales. We will be receiving another \$500 for participating in the Victoria Foundation Community Days on 16 Sept.

Reports:

President

The President advised the meeting that discussions have taken place between an organization on the mainland that has two Iltis ambulances and may be interested in trading one for our MUTT ambulance. (The Iltis was the ambulance used by both Regular and Reserve units. The MUTT ambulance was never used by the Canadians.) The executive agreed in principle and further discussion will take place.

Events – The Base Family Fun Day and the Victoria Foundation community day both on 16 Sept. Chris Preston is the OPI for the Base Fun Day and Doug Braun is the OPI for community day.

The Museum Director advised that the Army Reserve is holding a nationwide open house on the 30 Sept and all military museums have been requested to be open.

Discussion was held in regards to our participation in Remembrance Week events. Our participation at various ceremonies as to all vehicles at Saanich will be investigated. Further discussion will take place about participation in the event on the Legislature Lawn prior to 11 Nov.

Museum Director

The Museum Director advised that he has received his NPF acquisition card. The museum can use allocated funds for maintenance of equipment and operating expenses. He cannot procure new items. The museum and the Friends will continue to discuss all purchase requirements.

New Business

Uniforms

The matter of uniforms to be worn by members participating in various events was discussed. It was decided that the following guideline will be used:

Parades – drivers and co-drivers will wear OG 107 Combat Clothing with the black ball hat, with a museum insignia appropriately displayed.

In House Events – members will wear the black golf shirt and appropriate trousers/pants. The Secretary Treasurer will ensure that there is sufficient stock on hand for all volunteers. The acquisition of a long sleeve style shirt will also be investigated.

Weapons Acquisition

A Brown Bess 1800s flint lock musket is available to The Friends. The executive agreed to purchase the rifle and loan it to the museum.

Possible DND Funding

The museum director advised that there has been a proposal made at the National level to provide all military museums with some form of public funds to support core activities. The museum has been asked to provide some figures as to how much they could use on a recurring basis to support activities. This would take some of the pressure off the Friends who currently provide most of funding our museum needs. The executive and museum director will be working on the numbers to provide to NDHQ.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 hrs.

J.D. Braun

Secretary-Treasurer