

FRIENDS OF THE ASHTON ARMOURY MUSEUM

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12 January 2019

Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours. 19 regular members were in attendance.

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 minutes of last year's meeting were reviewed.

A motion to adopt as read by Diane Braun, seconded by Dick Reynolds.
Carried

Reports

President:

Members of the Friends of the Ashton Armoury Museum – we have come to the end of 2018, and I wish to thank all of you who have contributed to the Museum during the past year. Your efforts and time put into the Museum have contributed greatly to improving the operation of the Museum, and to the events and functions we take part in.

Last year saw The Friends and the Museum support or participate in the following events through the newly formed Greater Victoria Military Museums Working Group - GVMMWG, along with a number of events we usually participate in. The new events through the GVMMWG included several requests for technical assistance to the Fort Rodd Hill staff, static displays assisting the Maritime Museum of BC, Macaulay Point Park, the Victoria Family History Centre, the BC Aviation Museum, the CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum Annual Open House, and two events at Fort Rodd Hill – “Water Gun Wars” in August, and the 100th Anniversary to the end of the First World War in November. Members also attended and supported the annual Vimy Ridge Memorial Dinner, the Victoria Day Parade, British Car Show on Father's Day, Canada Day Parade in Sidney, the UN Peacekeepers Parade, Military Appreciation Night for a Nanaimo Clippers Hockey Game – in Nanaimo, with two vehicles, four media interviews in November pertaining to the 100th anniversary to the end of the First World War, Remembrance Day Parade in Saanich, one school visit with 45 students in November, and participation with Western Command in the annual Esquimalt Christmas Truck Parade. The Museum and “The

Friends” also sent three members to last year’s week long symposium organized by the Organization of Military Museums of Canada, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Last year “The Friends” applied for membership with Peninsula Co-Op to take advantage of the membership re-imburement program that Co-op provides to registered members, as another source of income to The Friends. While this is expected to generate a source of additional funding we have yet to see results as members must ensure they have our Membership Number with them when purchasing fuel. This will be corrected for 2019. Our excellent relationship with the “Everything Old” Antique Store in Brentwood Bay continues to generate funding and assist the Museum and The Friends with disposal of surplus items held by both organizations.

Vehicles are being repaired and returned to operation as quickly as possible, and steps are being taken to dispose of surplus vehicles and vehicle related materials as quickly as possible. Outside in the yard, The Friends, have almost completed building a covered outdoor working space between the two Sea Containers belonging to The Friends, complete with power and lights. This will allow members to work on vehicles under shelter throughout the year.

Last year 11 Svc Coy approached the Museum and The Friends, expressing an interest in using our vehicles as training aids on Unit Training Nights, under the direction of Sgt Allisdair Stewart. The intention was to have 11 Svc Coy mechanics train on our vehicles, starting with the rebuild on the engine for the Ordinance Corps Jeep, with the work being done on unit Training Nights. This is still being negotiated.

Displays are being updated and corrected where necessary, for better historical accuracy and authenticity by Nancy and Wayne Dauphinee. This ongoing work by the Dauphinees has seen a significant reduction in surplus artifacts that were taxing our allocated storage spaces, and their dedication and hard work has resulted a significant financial contribution to The Friends and the Museum’s finances. This in turn has greatly assisted The Friends in our successful application for BC Gaming Commission grants last year.

I wish to thank all of you for the hard work and dedication that you have constantly displayed over the last year. We hope to see all of you throughout the coming year. See you at this year’s Annual General Meeting.

Question - How do we get the Co-op Number?

Answer - we will send it to everyone.

A motion was made by David Jackson to adopt the report as read, seconded by Dick Reynolds.

Carried

Vice President:

No report provided.

Secretary:

Mail was received and given to appropriate persons.

- a. We received some email and hard copy Christmas cards
- b. Received Shaw bill and gave to treasurer.

A motion was made by Diane Braun to adopt the report as read, seconded Ayrton MacArthur
Carried

Treasurer:

The Treasurer presented our 2018 Financial Statement including 2017 Actual, and 2018 Proposed Budget.

Financially, 2017 was a good year. We received a Gaming Grant of \$15,000 in June. We continued to sell surplus artifacts and we received two reimbursements from NDHQ, one for travel in 2017 and one for office supplies.

In 2018 we will continue to raise funds through as many means as possible including the sponsor a vehicle or display project. We hope to develop a relationship with local businesses that can provide service for us in return for publicity. We also invite member's ideas on how to increase our revenue and would like to develop a permanent fund raising committee to explore other opportunities. We cannot continue to depend on the Gaming Grant.

You have copies of our 2018 Financial Statement including Actual and 2019 Proposed Budget. You also have the balance sheet for the year end.

Question - Did we get a claim on the accident?

Answer - No, we were responsible but there was no cost.

Question - Can we sell stuff on E-Bay?

Answer (from Vice President) we have tried, however Everything Old does all the work and we make more money.

A motion was made by Doug Braun to adopt the report as read, seconded Victoria Horner
Carried

Other Directors:

Museum Director:

Bart Dennis thanked everyone for their financial assistance and for all the volunteer hours put in to the museum.

There is nothing new on the proposed move to the range. We have no money from DHH and will not get any for the next two years. We are working with GVMM. We are asking the other lodger units for support. We would like to have a committee to address the uniform issues. We would like uniformity to be present when we go out into the public.

Ted would like help with the Archives.

Answer - about the uniform issue - Ronnie volunteered.

Old Business

- a. The question was asked last year as to how we will let the members know when there is something for sale. We will put it on email to all members. Vice President also said they will try to have a “garage sale” when possible.
- b. It was pointed out that there is a table with books on it for sale.
- c. Treasurer let all know that the amendments for the constitution and Bylaws that were passed last year have been done.

New Business

- a. Secretary talked about Volunteer Sign-In sheets and how important they are.
Question - can we get them emailed to the members as sometimes we work at home?
Answer - yes
Question - sometimes we are still here when the museum is closed. Can we put the sheets outside somewhere?
Answer - yes, we will hang them up on the Bulletin Board by the elevator.
- b. Amendments to the By-Laws: The following changes to the existing by-laws are proposed to clarify the role of the Society, the Executive Committee composition and voting guidelines. After discussion, it is hereby resolved to amend the By-Laws as follows:

By Laws:

Under Membership:

Para a. Replace existing Para with new Para:

- a. Membership is open to any person who supports the objectives of the Society and who has paid membership dues. Membership will be for a one year term.**

Para b. Replace existing Para with new Para:

- b. Active Membership will be \$20.00 and will entitle the member to assist in the maintenance, operation and display of equipment,**

Para c. Replace existing Para with new Para:

- c. Active Members who provide thirty six (36) hours or more of active service per year will have their membership dues waived for the following year.**

Para d. Replace existing Para with new Para:

- d. Museum volunteers will normally be drawn from active membership and will be offered duties commensurate with their personal skills, knowledge, availability and willingness to participate.**

Para g. Replace existing Para with new Para:

- g. Members of the Society are reminded that the LGen E.C. Ashton Armoury Museum is a lodger unit and operates within an active military establishment. Members are thus required to adhere to Armoury policies and procedures and respect the customs and traditions of the resident military units.**

A motion to adopt the changes as read was made by Wayne Dauphinee, seconded by Victoria Horner.

Carried

Points from the Floor

Question - Museum is locked up when we leave, what do we do with Museum keys?

Answer - Put it in the Ferret right front storage compartment.

Question - Can someone come out every now and then to check up on us?

Answer - Yes, we will set up a system to do that.

Question - Can we rearrange the vehicles? Put them where they should belong, outside or inside?

Answer - yes, we will work on that.

Question - The building needs repairs. The lights in places do not work. What can we do?

Answer – CE (the new name is CFB Esquimalt Real Property Operations - "RP Ops") is the only people that can do that. We have a form we can fill out and they will fix the problem. Give Bart the paperwork and he will submit.

Question - can we have the forms?

Answer - Yes.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1056 hrs. and the Election of officers commenced.

____Original Signed
C Preston
President

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D. Braun
Secretary

List of Active Members attending:

1. Doug Braun
2. Diane Braun
3. Nancy Dauphinee
4. Wayne Dauphinee
5. Barton Dennis
6. Mike Dymond
7. Gord Enquist
8. Rick Ferrill
9. David Jackson
10. Victoria Horner
11. Peter Laursen
12. Ted Leaker
13. Heather Linton
14. Ayrton MacArthur
15. Chris Preston
16. Dick Reynolds
17. Veronica Tory
18. Zsuzsanna Toth
- 19. Colin Wyatt**

Election of Officers

The following members were elected to the Executive Committee:

President – Chris Preston;

Vice-President – Wayne Dauphinee;

Secretary – Diane Braun;

Treasurer – Doug Braun;

Directors - Paul MacNeill, Peter Laursen, Veronica Tory.