

FRIENDS OF THE ASHTON ARMOURY MUSEUM

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11 January 2020

Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 1003 hours. 15 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 Bart Dennis.
Carried

Reports

President:

Happy New Year to all of you – we have come to the end of 2019, and 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.

2019 saw The Friends and the Museum participate in the following events: requests for technical assistance to the Fort Rodd Hill staff, static displays at Macaulley Point Park, the BC Aviation Museum, the CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum Annual Open House, and events commemorating the 75 anniversary of D-Day and the Allied invasion of Normandy, at the Bay St Armoury and Fort Rodd Hill. Last year also so the Ashton Armoury Museum supporting CFB Esquimalt's significant "Defence on the Dock" event at Ogden Point, with six vehicles and memorabilia on static display. Members also attended the annual Vimy Ridge Memorial Dinner, the Victoria Day Parade, the UN Peacekeepers Parade, Remembrance Day Parade in Saanich, and hosted several school visits to the Museum. The Museum and The Friends also supported 11 Field Ambulance with their recent "Change of Command" parade, and 12 Svc Coy in Richmond, BC, with their participation in last year's Chinese New Year Parade in

February. The Museum and “The Friends” sent three members to the 2019 OMMC conference in Edmonton, Alberta.

2019 saw our first rebate from Peninsula Co-Op, through the membership reimbursement program they provide, as an additional source of funding The Friends. Our 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.

Vehicles are being repaired and returned to operation as quickly as possible, and surplus vehicles such as the gutted CUCV and Dodge Ambulance are being disposed of.

Construction of a covered outdoor working space between the two Sea Containers is completed, allowing members to work on vehicles under shelter throughout the year.

2019 also saw the acquisition of a mobile field kitchen unit mounted on a purpose-built trailer, from a Royal Canadian Legion branch in the Lower Mainland. Details can be obtained from the Museum Director.

Last year 11 Svc Coy expressed an interest in using our vehicles as training aids on Unit Training Nights. This is still being negotiated.

Displays are being updated and corrected where necessary, for better historical accuracy, resulting in a reduction in surplus artifacts that were taxing our limited storage space, and continues in contributing to The Friends and the Museum’s finances.

I wish to thank all of you for the hard work and dedication that you consistently display, and hope to see all of you throughout the coming year.

A motion was made by Chris Preston to adopt the report as read, seconded by Gordon Enquist
Carried

Vice President:

No report provided.

Secretary:

- a. We received some email and it was sent to appropriate person.
- b. Received Shaw bill and gave to treasurer.

A motion was made by Diane Braun to adopt the report as read, seconded Allisdair

Stewart

Carried

Treasurer:

Financially, 2019 was a disappointing year. Although we did receive a Gaming Grant of \$15,000, our donations and sale of surplus artifacts were down. We kept our expenses within budget for the most part. The cost of parts for our antique fleet continues to grow, particularly if there is only one source of supply. We have started a Building fund account and we will continue to put at least \$1000 a year in to it with the hope of obtaining the range sometime in the future. We have been able to setup a donation platform, via Pay Pal, on our website which has brought in some donations. Feel free to check it out and donate.

In 2020 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. A submission will be made to obtain a Saanich Community Grant although past submissions have not obtained any funds. All avenues will be investigated.

This year we are also not sure exactly what funding we will be receiving to send members to the OMMC Museum Conference, so we have budgeted for the worst case scenario and we may not be able to send as many members as we have in the past.

On the tables you will find copies of our 2019 Financial Statement including 2019 Actual, and 2020 Proposed Budget (attached at the end of report). Are there any questions?

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

Other Directors:

N/A

Museum Director:

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

We, the Museum, work through the Curators relying on the Friends.

We are looking at getting rid of some money in our bank account. We are working on priorities.

A reminder that we are a lodger unit and if there is any conflicts, please bring them to me.

Old Business

- a. The Christmas Dinner went well. Some people had their food brought to them cold.
- b. There was a word missed when we did the By-laws. We will add it back in. It should read:
Para b, Active members will be \$20.00 annually and will entitle the member.....

New Business

- a. We are doing the “Be a Tourist” event and need volunteers for the following days, Thursday, February the 27th and Saturday the 29th from 9am to noon.
- b. The motor cycle that is a display item is going to be sold. Since Colin spent so much time on it, he will get first chance at buying it.
- c. Do we want to have a “Proxy” vote? Allisdair will be getting us the paperwork needed and then, we can look at it. It will mean changing our by-laws.
- d. Everyone has a Donation letter. Please try to hand them out to people or groups that may be able to help. If everyone gives out a letter, we may get more donations.
- e. We are having a “meet and great” a couple of times a year. This is to let us get together as a group and to invite others to come and see who we are and what we do.
- f. The next AGM will be January 16 (third Saturday) 2021 at 1000.

Points from the Floor

The Meeting was adjourned at 1039 hrs. The Election of Officers will commenced.

_____Original Signed
C Preston
President

_____Original Signed
D. Braun
Secretary

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 Campbell (nee Tory)

List of Active Members attending:

1. Doug Braun
2. Diane Braun
3. Nancy Dauphinee
4. Wayne Dauphinee
5. Barton Dennis
6. Allisdair Stewart
7. Gord Enquist
8. Rick Ferrill
9. Peter Laursen
10. Ted Leaker
11. Heather Linton
12. Chris Preston
13. Veronica Campbell (nee Tory)
14. Zsuzsanna Toth
15. Colin Wyatt

CATAGORY	2019 ACTUAL	2020 BUDGET	REMARKS
	INCOME		
GRANTS	15,000.00	15,000.00	GAMING GRANT
DONATIONS	800.00	2,000.00	
ARTIFACT SALES	2,381.44	3,000.00	
GIFT SHOP SALES	463.80	500.00	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	285.00	200.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	310.05	500.00	
TOTAL INCOME	19,240.29	21,200.00	
	EXPENSES		
OUTREACH PROGRAMME			
VEHICLES/COMMS	11,680.51	10,000.00	
DISPLAYS/STORAGE	1,225.77	1,000.00	
ARTIFACTS/UNIFORMS	-	500.00	
EVENTS, PARADES	279.98	300.00	
INTERNET/IT	927.21	1,000.00	
ADVERTISING	463.11	500.00	
SUB-TOTAL	14,576.58	13,300.00	
ADMINISTRATION			
LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,440.00	1,600.00	
MEMBERSHIP	65.00	100.00	
TRAVEL	1,740.70	2,500.00	
TRAINING	1,256.02	2,400.00	
OFFICE	1,402.14	1,000.00	
BANK / LEGAL	210.00	300.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	1,560.00	1,500.00	
SUB-TOTAL	7,673.86	9,400.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,250.44	22,700.00	
COMMITMENTS			
OMMC NEXT YEAR	3,000.00	3,000.00	
BUILDING FUND	1,000.00	1,000.00	