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HOME STATION REGIMENTAL SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, 18 JAN 18

Chair: Col (Ret'd) P.J. Williams

Members in attendance:

Col (Ret'd) C.G. Simonds (dial-in)

LCol J.L. Cochrane (dial-in)

MWO (Ret'd) M.R. McEwan (dial-in)

Members unable to attend:

LGen (Ret'd) M.K. Jeffery

Maj (Ret'd) C. Larocque

MWO (Ret'd) C. Gibson

Attending as an Observer:

LCol M.J. Draho (dial-in)

Ex Officio in attendance:

LCol S.G. Haire

CWO M.G. Campbell

1. Item 1 – Welcome/Opening Remarks
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 1000 hrs by the Chair; those present and dialed-in made introductions; those unable to attend were acknowledged.
2. Item 2 – Confirmation of Agenda
 - a. The Chair inquired if any members present had additions or remarks for the proposed meeting; no additions or remarks were brought forth
3. Item 3 – Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. The Chair inquired if any members present had questions or remarks for 29 Sep 17 meeting minutes; no questions or remarks were brought forth.
4. Item 4 – Actions Arising from Previous Minutes
 - a. The Chair inquired if there were any comments on actions arising from the previous minutes, bar the later discussion as part of Agenda Item 6; no further points were brought forth.
5. Item 5 – Election of New Executive Member
 - a. The Chair introduces Col R.W.H. Goodyear, Comdt CFSU(O), and a former Commander Home Station (2011-13) as a nomination for one of two open Executive positions of the Senate.
 - b. The Chair requested comments or objections to this nomination; none were brought forth.
 - c. Col Goodyear was appointed as an Executive Member.
6. Item 6 – Potential Senate Financial Management Framework
 - a. The Chair reviewed the discussion from previous meeting of the long-term financial options for the Senate and the possible mechanisms to manage financial resources, which were:
 - (1) Possibly setting up the Home Station Regimental Senate (henceforth “HSRS”) as a not-for-profit charity,
 - (2) Establishing the financial management of the HSRS through Non-Public Funds (“NPF”) frameworks; or
 - (3) Leveraging already existing funds (RCA Fund, Heritage Fund, etc)
 - b. Col Simonds discussed the options and the frameworks through which the above could be accomplished, along with the difficulties of fundraising, and identifying financial targets:
 - (1) The merits of incorporating HSRS funds were compared to the option of setting up a not-for-profit organisation; possible hurdles with legislation in establishing a the HSRS as a corporation; further research is needed into what Manitoba’s provincial requirements would be for fulfilling this aim,
 - (2) Reminded that NPF fund are controlled by the CDS which limits employment of funds, but there are benefits to this route; and

- (3) Setting up a charitable organisation through CRA, which would not be provincially regulated; slower process that can take 1-2 years; previous examples exist with the RCA Fund that can be followed. The volume of money to be managed will dictate what option is necessary. Col Simonds noted that this would be the best approach, though it would take some time to achieve, noting the Canada Revenue Agency processes which would have to be followed.
 - c. LCol Draho voiced support for NPF route, further discussed what restrictions exist for fundraising on base (per sponsorship policy). Indicated that there should not be an issue. Constitutional changes could be needed to enable financial management framework. Additionally there may be need to de-conflict with Comd CFB Shilo with respect to fundraising. LCol Haire discussed the difficulty of these concerns in a small community.
 - d. LCol Cochrane discussed possibility of starting with the NPF route and then switching to a charitable organisation once that process is open. He voiced concern over NPF link to CDS and potential for policy changes.
 - e. Conclusion to the discussion of Item 6:
 - (1) The HSRS will explore further options and continue due diligence in researching financial management framework opportunities, and will consider an interim policy. The HSRS may adopt one of the proposed options before switching to another (ex. NPF to charity), when later to-be-determined criteria are met, and the financial situation is further development; and
 - (2) Goals and objectives: The Chair provided outline of how financial capacity of the HSRS could be used in support of member welfare:
 - (a) Supplement existing funding mechanisms (RCA Regimental Fund, etc); and
 - (b) Target funds towards future initiatives (see Item 8),
- Col Simonds offered that supporting member welfare has many facets, refinement of goals and objectives may be needed.

7. Item 7 – Outreach to Senate Members in Order to Increase Engagement

- a. The Chair spoke of the various platforms that are being used to advertise the HSRS and its efforts along with other publications that could be used (*Brandon Sun*, *Shilo Stag*); Col Simonds discussed what electronic means could be used for targeting audience. MWO McEwan asked how broadly this engagement campaign would be done, if looking beyond the Western Manitoba area. **Secretarial Note:** Col (Ret'd) Williams was subsequently interviewed by *The Brandon Sun* on 13 February 2018: <https://www.brandonsun.com/westman-this-week/former-shilo-soldier-still-involved-with-local-base-474847683.html>
- b. Acknowledged that former Comd Team members of 3 RCHA and 3 Div TC Det Shilo should be approached about involvement with HSRS; LCol Haire made this a takeaway action for 1 RCHA.
- c. LCol Draho spoke of the opportunities presented by the artillery reunion this summer in Shilo. MWO (Ret'd) McEwan seconded the reunion as a way to advertise the newly

formed Senate and that a HSRS write-up will be part of the welcome package.

8. Item 8 – Future Activities Potentially Meriting Senate Support

- a. The 75th Anniversary of Op HUSKY in 2018 and possibility of providing financial support to send 1-2 pers for BGen D.A. Patterson's (Ret'd) Fields of Fire Tour (2-12 November, \$3000 less airfare/person); MWO McEwan seconded this idea; to be determined if public funds are available for support, and internal fundraising may be required. LCol Cochrane mentioned that an active 1 RCHA member and a retired member could be selected for this as it would provide incentive for the retired community to be involved with the Senate while increasing awareness and engagement.
- b. Upcoming 150th Anniversary of A & B Bty in 2021; different ideas were put forward by the Chair about how this event could be commemorated (ex. a book); LCol Draho recommended that the HSRS wait to see what announcements are made in the future by the RCA Senate and support those efforts. This recommendation was accepted.

9. Item 9 – Other Business

- a. The Chair brought forward for consideration the inclusion of 2 SSM Bty to the list of units to be part of the HSRS. Possible amendment to the Constitution.
- b. The Chair offered LCol Draho a position in the Senate; an immediate answer was not required or provided.

10. Item 10 – Date and Time of Next Meeting

- a. A tentative date was set for 21 June 2018 at 1000hr CST (TBC); this is during the handover week and would allow the incoming CO, LCol R. Stimpson, to participate.
Secretarial Note: In discussion with CO 1 RCHA, the date of the next Senate meeting was amended to Thursday 14 June 2018 at 1000 CST.

11. Item 11 – Adjournment

- a. The Chair provided tasks to be resolved:
 - (1) Contact information of Mike McKay to be forwarded to Col Simonds by Chair;
 - (2) Comd Teams for 3 RCHA, and 3 Div TC Det Shilo to be provided by 1 RCHA;
 - (3) LCol Cochrane and MWO McEwan to work together on ad campaign; and
 - (4) Comd CFB Shilo, LCol MacIntyre, to be invited to next Home Station Regiment Senate meeting.

Recommended

M.W. Riopelle
Major
Adjutant 1 RCHA

Approved

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P.J. Williams".

P.J. Williams
Colonel (Retired)
President

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