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HOME STATION REGIMENTAL SENATE (HSRS) MEETING, 16 JANUARY 2020

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

Members in attendance:

LGen M.K. Jeffery (Ret'd) (dial in)  
Maj J.R. Fisher (Ret'd) (dial in)  
Maj M. Marshall – BC HQ and Svcs Bty 1 RCHA  
Maj H. Nelson – Deputy Comd Home Station  
Maj C.F. Walker – Secretary (dial in)  
Capt L.M. Greenwell – Acting Treasurer

Members unable to attend:

BGen R.W. Goodyear  
LCol J.L. Cochrane – Vice-President  
LCol J. Lyttle – Comd Home Station  
LCol R.T. Stimpson – CO 1 RCHA  
CWO C.A. Rigby – RSM 1 RCHA

1. Item 1 – Welcome Opening Remarks
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 1005 hrs CST by the Chair.
2. Item 2 – Confirmation of Agenda
  - a. There being no additions, the President confirmed the Agenda.

3. Item 3 – Approval of Previous Minutes. The Minutes of the 26 Sep 19 meeting were approved.
4. Item 4 – Actions arising from previous Minutes.
  - a. No issues at this time.
5. Item 5 – Election/Appointment of Executive Members
  - (1) No discussion points at this time.
6. Item 6 – Home Station Regimental Fund Update
  - a. Maj Jackson will be deployed from April to October 2020. Capt Greenwell will act in the position of Treasurer during this time. Capt Greenwell will have an update on the Home Station Regimental Fund in the near future. **Secretarial Note:** Capt Greenwell subsequently provided an update that the Fund remains at \$2000.00; and
  - b. The President would like a ‘Donate’ button on the RCA website ([www.rca-arc.org](http://www.rca-arc.org)) for the Home Station Regimental Fund, in order to better enable donations. He is discussing this matter with the Col Comdt and will advise the Senate as to progress on this issue.
7. Item 7 – Future activities potentially meriting Senate support
  - a. Maj (Ret’d) Fisher provided an update for a militaria auction, an initiative designed to raise monies for the Home Station Regimental Fund. He believes that March 2021 would be the best time for the auction. The auction would require four months of promotion to ensure success. He requires tax receipts for the donations from the Treasurer;
  - b. Maj Fisher (Ret’d) will spend the next year getting more auction donations. He will require volunteers from across Canada to help gather more donations in their local area;
  - c. The President asked if it would be worthwhile to put this in the RCAA newsletter. The President will work with the Editor and Maj Fisher (Ret’d) to run a periodical update. The Shilo Stag and Base newspapers are recommended venues for more publicity; and
  - d. The Home Station Regimental Fund supported the Op HUSKY 2018 battlefield tour, enabling a member of 1 RCHA to attend at no cost. There is another such tour planned in April/May 2020 to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands (<https://m365-cmarketing-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/images/rcaa/Dec%202019/RCA%20Holland%20Trip%20English%20191206.pdf>). The President asked 1 RCHA if this will be funded in a similar manner. The President also asked if C Coy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cdn Div Trg Centre might also receive RCA-level funding in order to enable attendance by unit members. **Secretarial Note:** in subsequent discussions with 1 RCHA and with C Coy, it was forecasted that there will be no attendance by members of these units in this tour.
8. Item 8 – Expansion of Senate Role to Include Advocacy for Home Station Issues
  - a. This issue was originally raised by BGen Goodyear and was discussed at the 26 Sep 19 meeting, specifically the challenges posed by the significant shortage of accommodation for single soldiers in the Shilo/Brandon area;
  - b. The President had previously talked to the Commander Home Station this issue and had linked him up with a representative in the real estate development field, in order to gain

further advice. The President wanted to recommit that the Senate is available to provide advocacy if required, while also ensuring that the chain of command was respected, and that no conflicts of interest would arise; and

- c. LGen Jeffery discussed his understanding of the limited funds at the national level for accommodations. This will require years to solve. He believes that the Senate may have a role in this issue. There might be room for a private enterprise to serve that need. The President said he would look further into this and to provide updates to the Senate.  
**Secretarial Note:** The President discussed this issue with the Commander Home Station following the 16 Jan 20 Senate meeting. The Commander Home Station is engaged with his chain of command and with local municipal leadership on this issue and currently foresees no advocacy role for the Senate.

9. Item 9 – Communications Strategy. LCol Cochrane was not available for this discussion. The President discussed the links on the RCAA page. Maj Fisher (Ret'd) will develop online resources for the auction in order to better publicize it.

10. Item 10 – Update on 150th Anniversary of A & B Bty. The Secretary gave an update. 1 RCHA stated that as part of their plans, they would like to run the Kingston Cup in Brandon. The President stated that once RCA plans are approved, the 1 RCHA plan could be published with Minutes of future meetings.

11. Item 11 – Other business.

- a. 1 RCHA will change command in 2020 and the CO designate is LCol D. Brassard;
- b. elements of 1 RCHA, including the CO and RSM, will deploy and lead a future rotation of Op UNIFIER in Ukraine (early-April to mid-October 2020); and
- c. LCol F. (Fred) Wolanski, a former BC C Bty, 1 RCHA has finished his chemotherapy and would welcome any outreach from Gunner colleagues. His contact details can be obtained from the President.

12. Item 12 – Date/time of next meeting. Mid-June, TBC. Details will be promulgated in due course.

13. Item 13 – Adjournment

- a. The Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 1047 hrs CST.

Approved Not Approved



P.J. Williams  
Colonel (Retired)  
President

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