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HOME STATION REGIMENTAL SENATE (HSRS) MEETING, TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2020

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

Members in attendance:

LGen M.K. Jeffery (Ret'd) (dial in)  
LCol D.Y.G. Brassard – CO designate 1 RCHA (dial in)  
LCol J. Lyttle – Comd Home Station  
Maj J.R. Fisher (Ret'd) (dial in)  
Maj H. Nelson – Deputy Comd Home Station  
Maj S. Youngson – A/CO 1 RCHA  
Capt LM. Greenwell – Acting Treasurer  
MWO J. Tomlinson – A/RSM 1 RCHA

Members unable to attend:

MGen R.W. Goodyear  
LCol J.L. Cochrane – Vice-President  
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.
  - b. The Chair reaffirmed that the Senate remains committed to supporting past and present members of the Home Station Regiment during the pandemic.

2. Item 2 – Confirmation of Agenda
  - a. There being no additions, the President confirmed the Agenda.
3. Item 3 – 1 RCHA Update
  - a. Maj Youngson provided the following update:
    - (1) 1 RCHA will hold a virtual change of command between LCol Stimpson and LCol Brassard on Thurs 18 Jun 20. It will be live streamed via the 1 RCHA and CFB Shilo Facebook pages. Details to follow;
    - (2) 1 RCHA conducted a successful rotation of Op PALACI Rotos 1 and 2 in Roger's Pass, BC in Feb 20;
    - (3) 1 RCHA has personnel deployed on Op UNIFIER Roto 9 in Ukraine. More members are expected to be deployed in the coming months;
    - (4) in anticipation of future operations, 1 RCHA will shortly be entering the "Build" Phase of the Adjusted Managed Readiness Plan (AMRP); and
    - (5) 1 RCHA was one of the first 1 CMBG units to be able to conduct unit level courses during the pandemic and anticipates conducting further courses this Fall.
4. Item 4 – Approval of Previous Minutes. As motioned by LGen Jeffery (Ret'd), seconded by Maj Nelson, and unanimously supported, the Minutes of the 16 Jan 20 Senate meeting were approved.
5. Item 5 – Actions arising from previous Minutes.
  - a. The President continues to pursue the option for 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. will advise the Senate as to progress on this issue. **Secretarial Note:** Subsequent to the meeting, the President spoke with the Colonel Commandant on this issue. Due to other priorities for the website, it is not possible to address this before 2021. The President will advise the Senate as to progress on this issue.
6. Item 6 – Election/Appointment of Executive Members
  - (1) Maj Fisher (Ret'd) has agreed to serve a further term as an appointed member of the Executive; and
  - (2) Elections for elected members of the Executive will be held prior to 29 Sep 20. Details will be published in advance.
7. Item 7 – Home Station Regimental Fund Update
  - a. Maj Jackson will be deployed from April to October 2020. Capt Greenwell continues to act in the position of Treasurer during this time;
  - b. Capt Greenwell stated that the Fund remains at \$2000.00;
  - c. for donations made to the 2021 militaria auction (See Item 8), the cost of shipping any items will be included in the amount of the tax receipt sent to the donor; and

- d. Capt Greenwell will inquire with CFB Shio NPF as to whether donations to the Fund can be made by Etransfer.
8. Item 8 – Future activities potentially meriting Senate support
- a. The Chair mentioned stated that such activities could include:
    - (1) support to members of the Home Station Regiment in need. No such cases were brought forward for discussion. The Chair reminded members of the new, RCA-level support resource, the Gunner Peer Support (GPS) Program: <http://rca-arc.org/emergency-assistance/> ;
    - (2) support to enabling junior serving members of the Home Station Regiment to attend battlefield tours in 2021 as was done for Op HUSKY 2018. A Gunner-themed tour to commemorate the 1945 liberation of the Netherlands is planned;
    - (3) supporting 1 RCHA activities related to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of A & B Btys (UBIQUE 150). The Chair asked Maj Youngson to contact Maj Jon Evans of the UBIQUE 150 National Coordination Centre stating that the Senate was prepared to support 1 RCHAs activities. The Chair also stated that he was prepared to help in communicating 1 RCHAs role in UBIQUE 150, including via the *Brandon Sun* and the *Shilo Stag*; and
    - (4) the 2021 militaria auction, an initiative designed to raise monies for the Fund. Maj Fisher (Ret'd) provided the following update:
      - (a) the auction would likely occur in Spring 2021; and
      - (b) he plans to initiate the communications plan in the coming weeks and will leverage the platform of the *Canadian Gunner News* newsletter and the *Shilo Stag* newspaper.
9. Item 9 – Expansion of Senate Role to Include Advocacy for Home Station Issues
- a. there are no issues requiring Senate attention at this time.
10. Item 10 – Communications Strategy. Discussion will be deferred until the next meeting.
11. Item 11 – Update on 150th Anniversary of A & B Bty (UBIQUE 150). In advance of the meeting, the Chair distributed the RCA Op Order for UBIQUE. It is available on the RCA website at: <http://rca-arc.org/heritage/ubique-150/> . Key points to note are:
- a. 1 RCHA has been tasked to execute Public Duties in the UK in 2021;
  - b. 1 RCHA planned activities include:
    - (1) a Freedom of the City of Brandon parade;
    - (2) a Family Day, including a capabilities demonstration in the Shilo training area;
    - (3) the Kingston Cup hockey game at Westoba Place, a public venue in Brandon;
    - (4) visits to the battlefields of Batoche and Cut Knife Hill, Saskatchewan;

- (5) Ex YUKON GUNNER to the Yukon, to commemorate the Gunner's role in the Yukon Field Force, 1898-1900; and
- (6) supporting the biennial Gunner Reunion in Shilo 2021. The Chair noted that the tentative dates for this were 2-4 Jul 21. **Secretarial Note:** The Chair subsequently passed the contact details of the Gunner Reunion organizers to Maj Youngson.

12. Item 12 – Other business.

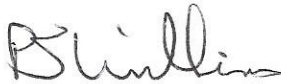
- a. LGen (Ret'd) Jeffery congratulated LCol Brassard on his impending assumption of command of 1 RCHA. This was heartily endorsed by members present;
- b. The Chair will circulate a letter to former Home Station Regiment unit COs/RSMs soliciting their engagement in Senate affairs. A draft will be circulated with the draft minutes of this meeting, for comments;
- c. the Chair will circulate a revised Constitution for Senate approval prior to the next meeting; and
- d. the Chair announced his marriage, scheduled for 20 Jun 20.

13. Item 13 – Date/time of next meeting. Sept 2020, TBC, ideally during the Regimental Leader's Crse. Details will be promulgated in advance.

14. Item 14 – Adjournment

a. As motioned by LCol Lyttle, seconded by Capt Greenwell, and unanimously supported, the Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 1045 hrs CST.

Approved  Not Approved

  
P.J. Williams  
Colonel (Retired)  
President

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