



1180-1 (President)

9 November 2023

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HOME STATION REGIMENTAL SENATE (HSRS) MEETING, 03 OCTOBER 2023

Chair: Colonel P.J. Williams (Ret'd) – President

Members in attendance:

LGen M.K. Jeffery (Ret'd)
Col S.G. Haire
Col T.R. Young (Ret'd)
LCol J.P. O'Donnell – CO 1RCHA
LCol C. Wood
Maj L. Jackson – Regt Maj, RCA
Maj M. Marshall – OC Coy, 3rd Cdn Division
Training Centre
MWO M. Reinders (Ret'd)

Members unable to attend:

Col D.Y.G. Brassard
Col R. Stimpson
Col S. Taylor
LCol D. Cronk – Commander Home Station
LCol J. Cochrane
LCol U.J.F. Wolanski (Ret'd)
Maj A. Curr – 2IC 1RCHA
Maj J.R. Fisher (Ret'd)
Maj S. Kiropoulos (Ret'd)
Maj H.B. Nelson
Maj S.D. Youngson – COS CFB Shilo
CWO E. Leclair –RSM CFB Shilo
CWO S. McGowan – RSM 1 RCHA

References: A. Final Agenda for a Meeting of the Home Station Regimental Senate.
B. The Constitution of the Home Station Regimental Senate, Revised January 2022.
C. Email - President of the Senate – Draft Agenda for a Meeting of the Home Station Regt Senate: Tues 3 Oct 23.
D. Letter – CO 1RCHA – 1 RCHA Association, dated 5 Sep 23.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1300 hours Central Standard Time.

DISCUSSION

ACTION BY

2. Item 2 - Confirmation of Agenda. The President confirmed the agenda as published. No action required
3. Item 3 - Actions Arising from Previous Minutes. There were no actions to consider. No action required
4. Item 4 – Election/Appointment of Executive Members. The chair confirmed his intention not to seek re-election as the President of the Senate and asked if any of the attendees if they were willing to fulfill the duty? As none of the attendees were willing to stand, the President made a resolution that he would remain in the position until 31 December 2023 to ensure a smooth transition as the Senate moves forward. It was unopposed. No action required
5. Item 5 – Future of the Home Station Regimental Senate. The president informed the group that of the four courses of action provided in his email at Reference C, course of action 2 – evolve the Senate into an Association(s) in accordance with the RCA Family Strategy was the most supported option. He then turned over the floor to CO 1 RCHA to review his 5 September 2023 proposal to evolve the senate into a 1 RCHA Association at Reference D. CO 1 RCHA
Comd Home Stn
OC C Coy
- a. LCol O'Donnell made a short presentation summarizing the proposal made in his letter.
 - b. Col Young (Ret'd) asked a question regarding how the 1 RCHA Association would bridge the support provided by the Senate to the other two units that make up the Home Station Regimental Senate? LCol O'Donnell expressed that all Gunners in the Shilo area would be able to become members of the 1 RCHA Association.
 - c. LCol Wood followed up with a question regarding the possible support to the greater community and not just Gunners. Col Young (Ret'd) provided an example concerning a line of support to soldiers and families in need that are not Gunners but part of the two other units supported by the organization. LCol O'Donnell said that he would look into this as they further develop the concept.
 - d. The Chair brought forward four points for consideration with the plan to evolve into an Association:
 - (1) Deconflicting the reach of the Association with Senate of 26th Field Regiment, RCA in Brandon.

- (2) The Gunner Peer Support (GPS) Fund (<https://rca-arc.org/emergency-assistance/>) provided by the RCAA.
 - (3) The ability of linking into the Quilts of Valour program (<https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/>) for Shilo.
 - (4) The requirement to transfer the funds from the Home Station Regimental Fund's NPF account. NPF advice was sought on how to administratively divide the fund between the three units and it could be transferred "Without Restrictions" between the existing three NPF accounts for the units. If the 1 RCHA Association was to form itself outside of the NPF financial system, then there could be restrictions applied on how the funding could be transferred, with potentially very high DND approval levels being required.
 - (5) Secretarial Note – The formation of a 1 RCHA Association should consider the method of affiliation to the RCAA within its administrative structure as a number of options exist to link association members to the programs that the RCAA provides. The RCAA operates outside the NPF structure, as does the Friends of the RCA Museum.
- e. The President summarized 1 RCHAs proposal into two points:
- (1) A decision to evolve the Home Station Regimental Senate into a 1 RCHA Association.
 - (2) A decision to transfer monies from the Home Station Regimental Fund, including proceeds from the militaria auction to the Association as it evolves.
- f. In recognition that Comd Home Station was absent from this meeting, and that he had expressed to the President his desire to be involved in discussions on the future of the Senate, Col Haire proposed a motion to form a sub-committee of the three units consisting of the two COs and the OC C Coy to collectively address CO 1 RCHAs proposal and draft two motions for the next meeting of the Home Station Regimental Senate.
- (1) A motion to evolve the Home Station Regimental Senate into a 1 RCHA Association.

- (2) A motion to transfer monies from the Home Station Regimental Fund (which would then be collapsed) and the proceeds from the upcoming military auction, and how best to allocate them among the three units.

6. Item 6 – Home Station Regimental Fund Update. Major Marshall noted that there was approximately \$10,000.00 in the NPF account. No action required
7. Item 7 – Update on Militaria Auction. The Chair stated that the auction would take place on 9 December and that Major Fisher (Ret'd) was in possession of some memorabilia for the auction. He further reiterated the requirement to divide up proceeds from the auction. No action required
8. Item 8 – Other Business. The Chair noted that for the celebration of 1 RCHAs 125th Anniversary on 1 December, the Shilo Stag was in possession of the 1 RCHAs War Diaries from both World War Two and the Korean War. The new email address of the Shilo Stag is shilostagnews@gmail.com.
9. Item 9 – Date/Time of Next Meeting. The date and time of the next meeting will be set after the President receives the draft motions from the sub-committee. President

ADJOURNMENT

17. Item 10 – Adjournment. The Chair called a conclusion to the meeting at 1415 hours Central Standard Time. The motion was made by MWO Reinders (Ret'd) and seconded by LCol Wood. The motion was carried unopposed.

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

P.J. Williams
Colonel (Ret'd)
Immediate Past President

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