



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors News and Views

June 2009

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

We are just back from a great Convention/AGM in Whitehorse. It was well organized and I think that Committee Chair Ron Pond and Division President Hank Moorlag deserve a big thank you.

I was disappointed that the Resolution on the re-write of our By-Laws was tabled but the membership has spoken and we will go back to the drawing board, fine tune amendments and hopefully develop a new set of By-Laws acceptable to our members for the next AGM.

A lot of good discussion was held at our first National Council meeting on Friday and we will continue to define the mandate and operation of the Council. It is our hope that we will be able to streamline the whole National Council meeting and Annual General meeting process so that we can have more quality convention time and less formal meeting time.

The Annual General Meeting was held in a timely fashion on Saturday and all matters on the agenda were dealt with. We are to look at ways to streamline the AGM as well. Assistant Commissioner Keith Clark addressed us on the Change Management taking place within the Force and this was very interesting. Assistant Commissioner Clark also addressed us at our Saturday evening dinner/dance on behalf of Commissioner Elliott. Commissioner Elliott contacted me personally and expressed his disappointment at not being able to attend due to his upcoming appearance before a Senate Committee.

Your Board of Directors met on the Monday following the AGM. Some changes were made to the make up of the Standing Committees but the bottom line of increased benefits for our members and increased membership remains as our main priorities. You may be especially happy with the progress our Marketing Committee under Chairman Rick Morris has made and the discounts he continues to arrange for us. Rick produces our newsletter and I will let him give you the details.

Once again I would like to thank Ron Pond, Hank Moorlag and Yukon Division for a wonderful convention.

I hope all of you have a good summer and we will correspond again in the fall.

Remember there is strength in numbers and if each of us recruits one new member we will double in size.

Larry Power
National President

From the Board:

FORMATION OF CYPRESS HILLS DIVISION:

Following many months of discussion by former members of the Force at Medicine Hat Alberta, Mike Duffy a former Veteran arranged the first organizational meeting held at the Royal Canadian Legion at Medicine Hat on March 24th, 2009 to determine the feasibility of organizing a RCMP Veterans' Division in Medicine Hat. The response was immediate and enthusiastic. 36 applications were completed and forwarded to National Office in Ottawa for verification and approval by the Executive Director. The Applicant Division has chosen Cypress Hills as the name of the new Division. The name is being selected to be synonymous with the March West and the proximity of Medicine Hat to the Cypress Hills.

The Applicant Division petitioned the National Association for admission within the Association providing names addresses and dates of service in the Force of its Executive Prom tem and a list of proposed members. A motion was presented to the Board and the Board, having been satisfied that all requirements have been met, unanimously approved this motion on April 28th 2009 granting a provisional formation of a new Division.

Existing Divisions will be given a period of six months from the date the Board approved the provisional formation of a Division to communicate in writing to the Board any objections to the provisional Division being given full Division status. The Board will then present a motion to approve the petition to form a Division at the next appropriate meeting of the Board, unless, in the opinion of the Board there have been significant objections raised that have not been resolved. Therefore Divisions have until October 28th, 2009 to file their objections if, any.

This application is covered under Sec. 127.1 and beyond.

Nick Shaigec

The Board of Directors (BOD) have set the dates for their video-conferences for the new year. The conferences will be held on 25 September, 25 November 2009, 25 February and 23 April 2010. Division Presidents are invited to sit in as observers at any location of a member of the BOD. Division Presidents who have attended in the past have described the video-conferences as mini-AGMs and found them very interesting. We regret that we have to limit this opportunity to Division Presidents only because of space availability. Please let your local Board member know in advance if you are interested in attending any one of these meetings.

At the AGM the Resolutions were addressed and the outcome of the vote is described below:

1. Discretionary authority for Divisions to extend voting privileges within their Division:
Yukon Division APPROVED
2. Increase spousal pension from 50% to 60% of the member's pension:
NL Division TABLED
3. Tie & Bow Tie of the RCMP to be accepted as accessory wear with Red or Navy Blazer order of dress of the Association:
NS Division APPROVED
4. Per Capita Assessment to \$24 re Officers and Directors and General Liability Insurance Premiums:
Red Deer Division APPROVED
5. Transitional Membership policies to be rescinded:
Ottawa Division NOT APPROVED
6. Morneau/Sobeco Pension Fund Administration
Montreal Division WITHDRAWN (to Good of the Association)
7. Constitution & By-laws
Board of Directors TABLED

Those in attendance at the AGM expressed their appreciation for the extensive time allowed for discussion on the important and controversial issues that arose and it was found to be helpful for everyone to understand the problems that surface day to day as well as issues that are of concern to everyone.

At the Board of Directors Meeting held in Whitehorse the day after the AGM, the Standing Committees of the Association were amended as follows:

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| 1. | Benefits Committee | Cal Small, Chair |
| 2. | Benefits Trusts Committee | Tim Hoban, Chair |
| 3. | Communications & Membership Committee | Dave LeBlanc, Chair |
| 4. | Constitution & By-laws Committee | Nick Shaigec, Chair |
| 5. | Marketing Committee | Rick Morris, Chair |
| 6. | National Operations Committee | John Religa, Chair |

Some of you have already been asked to sit on one or more of these committees to accomplish specific targets. Sitting on a national committee will be an eye-opener for some and will be beneficial to the Association in providing different perspectives and dialogue.

Visit the National Web Site for information on pensions and other benefits, Association administration, discounts and photos. www.rcmpvetsnational.ca Put this Web Site into your favourites so that you can refer to it often to see the new additions as they arrive.

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