



**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
ST. JOHN'S, NL
SATURDAY, MAY 21st, 2011 @ 0830hrs.
MINUTES**

1. **Parading of the Tipstaff:** Sgt at Arms, Arthur Daye, NL Division paraded the Tipstaff into the AGM boardroom while all National Veterans' Association Board of Directors, Governors, Presidents/Delegates and general membership stood at attention. Sgt. at Arms saluted Pres. Hoban and placed the Tipstaff in the cradle.
 2. **CALL TO ORDER @ 0900hrs** *President Tim Hoban called meeting to order.*
 3. **National Anthem** *(National President and AGM attendees.)*
 4. **Memorial Page** *(National Secretary)*
Secretary advises that the Memorial Page will be on display and the list will not be read out due to the numbers of those who have passed on this past year. Copies of the Memorial Page were included in the AGM handouts to all Veterans.
ADDITIONS: *Sec. Geddes advised the AGM of passing of S/Sgt Al Barker in Ottawa in May.*
- Moment of Silence** *(National President) - May they rest in peace.*
5. **Opening of Meeting**
Tim Hoban, National President to opened the meeting and welcomed the entire Veterans' in attendance, Division Delegates and Board of Governors.
 - a) **Reading of Notice of Meeting**
National Secretary, Alex Geddes read the AGM notice. President Montreal, Rene Charbonneau reread the Notice of the AGM in French.
 - b) **Welcoming Remarks:** President once again to welcome everyone to the AGM 2011.
 - c) **Introduction of Special Guests:** **None present at this time.**
 - d) **Introduction of Delegates/Governors/Board of Directors:** *(Self Introduction was made by all National BOD, Division Delegates and Board of Governors in attendance). (Attached as Appendix "A"). Prince George, Yukon, Georgian Bay Divisions' not in attendance.*
 - e) **Housekeeping remarks:** *Wayne Turpin, NL Division, host, AGM Chair addressed the AGM on procedures for the upcoming day.*
 - f) Approval of AGM Minutes 2010: Bob Kells, Pres., Calgary Division asked that the minutes of AGM 2010 be approved. Secretary advised everyone that the minutes of AGM 2010 in Regina, Saskatchewan, were distributed to all Presidents in June 2010

g) **Examination and report of the Credentials Committee and explanation of**

Voting Procedures: Secretary advised the AGM of the Voting procedures for election of candidates for Nomination and voting on Resolutions. Mr. Jim Skanes and Mr. Dave Barrett, both of NL RCMP Veterans' Association were appointed as the scrutineers for the Resolutions and Nomination voting for this AGM. Geddes advised that each Division have been supplied a yellow form containing the nine resolutions and blue form with the five nominated persons for the National Director positions. These forms contain the per capita vote count for each Division. Kamloops delegate can only vote once as their Division did not meet to discuss the resolutions with the general membership and have them vote. It was found that Prince George Division did not ask any other Division to carry their proxies and therefore were not given a vote for this AGM.

6. Reports: Officers of the Association: (previously circulated to all Governors, Division Presidents and Secretaries).

The Division Delegates and the members in attendance were advised by President Hoban that all the Annual Reports were completed and distributed to all Governors, Presidents and Secretaries: There were no questions on the noted reports hereunder.

- i) **National President** (Tim Hoban). – Referenced Newsletter.
 - ii) **Secretary of the Association** (Alex Geddes).
 - iii) **Treasurer of the Association** (Maz Mufti). (MUFTI, REPLACED FOR JOHN RELIGA, JUST TAKING OVER TWO WEEKS AGO AND NOT ABLE TO FINALIZE A COMPLETE REPORT. MUFTI WILL COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY REPORTS AND THEN THEY WILL BE FANNED OUT AND POSTED ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE IN THE NEAR FUTURE).
 - iv) **Auditor's Report** - (Bob Roy) – Circulated.
- a. Approve the Audited Financial Statements from July 1st 2009 to June 30th. 2010 for the General (Operating) Fund, the Reserve Fund and the Association's Benefit Trust Fund as tabled. **(Motion made by Rick Morris and seconded by Maz Mufti.) No discussion. Carried.**
 - b. Approve per capita dues of \$ 25 per member for 2012. **(To review as part of the Resolution #1.)**
 - c. Approve the General (Operating) Fund budget for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. **(REPORT UNAVAILABLE as noted above)**
 - d. Approve payment of all proper accounts for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. **(UNABLE TO APPROVE AS ACCOUNT REPORT NOT COMPLETED AS YET).**
 - e. Appoint Mr. J.A.R. Roy as Auditor for the General (Operating) Fund and the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 and the Association's Benefit Trust Fund for the fiscal year January 1 to December 31, 2011 with an honorarium of \$ 350. (Motion to appoint Bob Roy as the auditor and to be given an honorarium of \$350.00, was made by Maz Mufti. Seconded by Keith Trail. No discussion. The motion was carried.

7. Reports: Committees/Directors: These reports were previously forwarded to all Governors, Division Presidents and Secretaries. (No questions raised on reports (i – vi).

- i) **Report by Immediate Past President & Chair of the Board of Governors** (Larry Power)
- ii) **Report by Executive Director Report** (Bill Gidley) –.
- iii) **Report by Benefit Trust Fund Report** (Jim Forsyth) -.

iv) **Report by RCMP Quarterly, Insurance & Finance Report** (*Cal Small*) –.

v) **Report by Director (Communications)** (*Dave Leblanc*) -.

vi) **Report by Advocate** (*Dale Lively*) (*absent*) -.

Motion to accept all reports by Mike O'Neil, P.E.I Division and seconded by Bryan Neville, Kingston Division– no discussion carried.

COFFEE BREAK: 10:00 – 10:30hrs

8. **Unfinished Business:** Updates were provided by Bill Gidley, as noted hereunder, on issues arising from AGM 2010:

i) **RCMP Veterans' Badge** – Bill Gidley, Executive Director advised that on the 11th April 2011 a meeting was held with the RCMP Intellectual Property Branch (Sgt. Brenthall, Spiro Hadjis), Past President, Gaston Desormeaux, Montreal Division, Cal Small and himself. After agreement, a letter was completed and is being forwarded to the attention of RCMP Commissioner Elliott asking for a decision to be made on the approval of the RCMP Veterans' Badge. The issue at the moment is the use of the RCMP Trademark (RCMP – GRC) which is solely owned by the RCMP.

ii) **NL Spousal Pensions** – Gidley informed those in attendance that this has been subject of several Resolutions over the past number of years and there has been no support from the Government of Canada for this benefit. After a short discussion, the BOD and Executive Director will ensure that the membership will get quarterly updates along with updates through the President's Newsletter on any action related to the Spousal Pensions. In 2007 some pensions were re-calculated and it was determined that any survivor's benefits would be in excess of 50% of the member's pension (approx. 62% and some have been calculated up to 67%). When Public Works takes over administration of our pension (April 2014) a more detailed statement will be produced on an annual basis.

iii) **VIP - D/C Nause's** letter was read to membership by Bill Gidley. There are no terms of reference for VIP as we do not have this benefit. Bob Kells, Calgary noted that the organization requires a complete national strategy in order to deal with this matter prior to initiating an organization wide letter writing campaign. Ed Rockburne has requested a letter writing matter in the past. Don Day also commented about the value of writing letters to MP's etc. Mike O'Neil, PEI commented that we should continue with caution and we should work in conjunction with the Staff Relations Representative (SRR's) RCMP. President Hoban will be meeting with the SRR's to pursue the matter. Several members present have applied for Assistance Allowance, and some have had success as commented on by Governor, Clare Dent. Nova Scotia Division has had some success in these types of applications. Again it was reinforced that a National strategy is required. Question on Terms of Reference for Veterans Independence Program. Gidley again advised that after research there are no terms of reference for the Veterans Independence Program.

iv) **Voting – Associate Members** (Approved AGM 2009 at Whitehorse). The membership was informed that this Resolution was not included in amendments to the Constitution in 2010. There is no need for an amendment as the AGM 2009 National Council gave the Yukon Division and any other smaller Division the authority to be able to allow Associate Members to vote at their meetings on internal Divisional issues.

9. New Business –

a) Proxy Voting: Okanagan Division: Ross Carviel, Okanagan Division stated that Robert's Rules covers their issue of proxy voting and suggesting voting by electronic communications devices to reach every member of a Division. Don Day, Dick Hawkshaw and James Forrest felt that the larger divisions would incur considerable expense in order to accomplish contact with all their members. There are still many members who do not have personal computers or use internet services. The interpretation of proxy voting was explained in detail by Larry Power making reference to our Constitution (By-laws) and Robert's Rules of Order that the Veterans' Association are conducting our business within the rules and regulations as per our Constitution/bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. Voting at future AGM's will remain the same. No further discussion.

b) Membership Strategic Plan: (Previously forwarded. Pres Hoban /Past Pres Power) Larry Power made reference to the noted plan that was developed by the Committee of George Savage, Jim Medley and himself. and the fact that it has been circulated to all Presidents/Secretaries and posted on our National Website recently. George Savage, Nova Scotia Division stated that 2 – 3 years ago they made an advanced/transitional strategy to gain more members within their Division and this was very successful. At the moment they are targeting RCMP members who are considering retirement and have signed up 12 members this past year. The plan will be reviewed in 6 months and a report will be forwarded to the membership. Ed Rockburne suggested a survey be conducted to ask why members are not joining.

c) Resolutions 1 to 9: The Secretary reminded the Presidents/delegates and the membership on the Voting procedures that were mentioned earlier for all the Resolutions and others items for voting. The scrutineers (Jim Skanes and Dave Barrett) will collect the votes for each Resolution.

**** (RESOLUTIONS WILL BE PRESENTED IN FOLLOWING ORDER).**

****The Resolutions are noted hereunder : (Previously distributed)**

1. **Resolution #3:** Board of Directors: (Cal Small highlighted the resolution)

- Funding of the National Association.

Cal Small made a motion for the funding of the National Association increase per capita dues from \$22/yr increasing by \$8/yr to \$30/yr. on 1st, January 2012 and be reviewed at every AGM thereafter either increasing the per capita dues or suspending any increase. Seconded by David LeBlanc.

Lengthy discussion ensued : President Hoban suggested that a \$1.00 to the Vet's Benefit Trust Fund (BTF) and \$1.00 as a disaster fund for members could be taken from this fund raising. Hoban stated that we could possibly lose the BTF as the RCMP may withdraw support. Hoban stated we need to continue to meet with FSNA, Royal Canadian Legion (RCL), VAC Ombudsman and Staff Relations Representative's (SRR's) and it is difficult for the President to be available for these meetings as most are in Ottawa and this is too costly for the Association based on our present budget. We will then need to be able to put funds towards this fund ourselves if this happens. Dick Hawkshaw, Vancouver, Mike O'Neil, P.E.I./ Bob Kraus, Kingston, David Morrison, Golden Horseshoe, Jim Forsyth, Director, Ken Salt, Shuswap Division,

Cal Small, Alex Geddes, James Forrest, Toronto Division, Rick Morris, Governor, Mike O'Neil (P.E.I.) (require a strategic plan to look into finances), Larry Power, Don Day, Ottawa, Bob Kells, Calgary, David LeBlanc, Director, Clare Dent, Governor and Blake McIntosh, Governor all commented on the pros and cons of increasing the per capita dues. Bob Kraus, Past President, Kingston Division stated that 30 Divisions all got a share of approx., \$32,000 at the AGM 2010 in Regina. What have they done with this money? Maybe the Divisions should give this money back to the National to support our Association. In future, Kraus stated that National should keep the money and manage it in an efficient manner. David Morrison, Golden Horseshoe Div, stated if all members paid the per capita dues we would be much better off. Finally, Dick Hawkshaw, Vancouver Div, stated, in detail, that he just cannot sell an increase of \$8.00 that is a 36% increase as at present their dues are \$60/yr and it is tough to get persons to pay that amount. Point of order: Mike

O'Neil raised the point that part (b) of the motion had not been addressed. It was explained that part (b) of the motion is already in effect as explained in detail by Larry Power, Past President/Governor. The overall basic problem at the moment is it is difficult to vote on the increase of per capita dues without first having a financial statement to review. Several Divisions suggested a coordinated National perspective in sponsorship for our Websites and through promotion raise funds for everyone. Bob Kells stated that it is in the National Strategic Plan. Calgary would like to see some financial budget and financial report to be able to compare so everyone could decide how to vote thereafter. President Hoban called for a vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION DEFEATED.

2. **Resolution #1:** Board of Directors: (Read by Cal Small)

- Payment of Per Capita Dues, Officer and Director Insurance and General Liability Insurance Premiums

Cal Small stated that Per Capita dues General and Liability Insurance separate the insurance cost from the annual dues. Insurance costs will be invoiced to include Active and Life members. Moved by Cal Small, seconded by Bob Kells (Calgary). Prior to 2009 the Insurance coverage was handled quite simply. The insurance coverage runs to about \$11,000 to \$12,000/yr. When the insurance bill came in the Treasurer would determine the number of active and life members and divide that into the insurance bill and normally it worked out to approximately \$3.00/active and life member. The Treasurer would then send out the bill to each Division for their portion of the insurance coverage. This changed in 2009 when Red Deer Div, made a resolution to include the insurance coverage in the per capita dues of \$22.00/ active member and add on \$22.00 for active members. However we forgot to include the life members and it was based on active members only in that coverage. Some Divisions disputed when this should come into effect. Small stated we have no control over the increase in insurance. Therefore in 2012 the Divisions will be required to pay \$22.00/yr for each active and life member to cover their per capita dues and an amount to cover their share of the insurance coverage for active and life members of their Divisions. No discussion but Bob Kells stated that this is an administrative matter and can be handled administratively and should not be considered as a resolution in future and the BOD should just go ahead and do this in future and keep it out of being a resolution. **RESOLUTION CARRIED.**

3. **Resolution #6:** Golden Horseshoe Division:

- Per Capita Assessment Active Members & Life Members

Per Capita Dues (Golden Horseshoe Division) presented by Carl Copp. There is no consistency in the number of Life Members within the Divisions who are over the percentage of life members would be responsible to pay the insurance costs for their life members designated at a quota of 10% of the membership - If your Division has a larger percentage of life members, they should be responsible for the excess. Point of order: (Alex Geddes) no division has 50% life members as taken from the up to date list provided from all Divisions for this AGM. Motion was made by Carl Copp and Seconded by Ross Carviel, Okanagan Division. After a short discussion wherein it was pointed out that this was subject of debate at past AGMs and the agreed process was left to Divisions to set their standards for approval of Life Members. A short discussion continued and President Hoban than asked for a vote on this resolution: **RESOLUTION DEFEATED.**

4. **Resolution #7:** Golden Horseshoe Division:

- Insurance premiums for members

Carl Copp, Golden Horseshoe Division stated, after a short discussion, that based on the approved Resolution #1, he now will Withdraw this Resolution. **WITHDRAWN.**

5. **Resolution #2:** Board of Directors: (Read by Cal Small.)

- Business /Social Activities of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This resolution was presented by Cal Small emphasizing possible changes for the Business/Social activities of the Association in holding future AGMs. The cost of staging an AGM are extremely high, therefore the business portion of the 2016 AGM would be conducted electronically and that it remain as such every two (2) years thereafter. This was moved by Cal Small and seconded by Murray Milne. A healthy discussion ensued and delegates strongly supported the need for annual AGM's and even if this might be accomplished it would be with great difficulty (video/teleconference with a large audience), however we would be missing the close personal contact that we now have at each AGM. **RESOLUTION DEFEATED.**

6. **Resolution #4:** Prince Edward Island Division:

- Contribution Prohibition, Canada Pension Plan, RCMP Pension Continuation Act

Based on information that has recently been supplied to Prince Edward Island Division by National, Mike O'Neil discussed this with his member who wanted this resolution presented to the AGM. After discussion the member then asked O'Neil to withdraw the resolution. **WITHDRAWN.**

LUNCH: 11:30 – 13:00 (working luncheon)

PRESENTATION: Ken Ellis, NL Division introduced Mr. David Goldberg, Regional Manager, Apple Auto Glass, sponsor of the luncheon, and Mr. Goldberg gave a short presentation regarding the overall benefits of having a contract with Apple Auto Glass and the transparency/portability of this contract. President, Hoban thanked Mr. Goldberg for sponsoring the luncheon and presented Mr. Goldberg with 125th RCMPVA Anniversary Coin.

7. **Resolution #5:** New Brunswick Division:

- Policy excludes spousal benefits for members married after age 60

The present law seems to be discrimination on age. Motion presented by Jim Payne, New Brunswick and Seconded by John Coupland Thunder Bay. This matter is still on the agenda at the national level and has been for several AGM's as well. New Brunswick Division was given opportunity to withdraw the motion as if it is defeated it will then be a concluded matter. Spousal Benefits should be included as a matter of "old business" at every AGM. This has been subject of discussion at the past many AGM's. The Executive Director, Bill Gidley meets on matters such as Spousal Benefits on an ad-hoc basis throughout the year and the BOD can update the Divisions throughout the year through BOD Meeting Minutes, President's Newsletter and timely updates by Bill Gidley, Executive Director. Bob Kells asked if this resolution has been brought up at past AGM's and wanted to know if it is still on the books to pursue by National. Hoban confirmed that it has been on several past AGM's and we are still actively monitoring and reporting on this issue. Kells stated that this resolution is redundant and we do not need to keep raising it as a resolution. Payne was then asked if New Brunswick would then withdraw the resolution based on this information. The issue will be discussed as Old Business at every AGM. This is set out in our Strategic Plan along with other issues. If this motion is defeated today then this resolution will be off the books and to keep it as an active issue the motion should be withdrawn prior to voting on the resolution. After the process to proceed was clarified on the issue of marriage after 60, Payne stated he now will withdraw this resolution. **WITHDRAWN.**

8. **Resolution #8:** Edmonton Division:

- Definition of 'VETERAN'

Jim MEDLEY, Edmonton Division asked that the resolution be **WITHDRAWN**.

9. **Resolution #9:** Red Deer Division:

- Fiscal Year end for Association

Red Deer Division Gary Stewart read the resolution. Stewart stated that the Association was in violation of Canada Corporations Act Sec 118 and the amended fiscal to April 1 to March 31 of each year Charter of Constitution Section 2. Seconded Mike O'Neil - Discussion ensued. Point of Order: Secretary, Geddes stated that after reviewing this Resolution and checking personally with Industry Canada, the RCMP Veterans' Association do not fall under Section 118 Canada Corporations Act as we are a Not-for-Profit Organization and therefore a charitable organization. We fall under Sec. 157 of the Canada Corporations Act. Sec. 118 refers to businesses that have share holders in those businesses. Stewart stated that the financial reports are reported and voted on old information that was up to 11 months late. Red Deer feels that this is therefore very difficult to support. The rationale to change the fiscal year on AGM 2008 to ending 30th June and beginning on the 1st July each year was explained by Secretary Geddes after reviewing the tape of the AGM 2008, and it appeared that Treasurer, John Religa asked that the fiscal year be changed for the very fact he was not able to report properly on information he was in receipt of prior to every AGM. There was no discussion at AGM 2008 and it appears that all Divisions voted in favour. Maz Mufti, newly appointed Treasurer debated on whether to go back to the old fiscal year ending in 31st March or staying with the current fiscal year. After a short discussion Mufti feels that this will not achieve any benefit for the Association. Mufti feels once he can get the finances organized he will be able to provide updates throughout the fiscal year. Mufti felt that he will be able to supply the Divisions with a financial report on fiscal year ending June 30th 2011 at least 3 to 4 months later. Mufti states Revenue Canada allows for 6 months to produce a financial statement. A motion to TABLE this resolution was made by James Forrest, Toronto Division, seconded by Dick Hawkshaw Vancouver Division. Matter will be sent to a Financial Committee (Gary Stewart to be a member of the committee). President, Hoban called for a vote to TABLE this resolution. Carried. **RESOLUTION TABLED.**

General Remarks: Mike O'Neil suggested that there is a lack of information in the hands of the general membership to be able to do their own research. National should make more information available to the members through the website. Rick Morris responded that the membership is well informed through the President's Newsletter, fan outs from the Secretary, updates coming out four (4) times each year from the BOD Meeting Minutes (one of which was over 35 pages of detailed information), special updates throughout the year by Bill Gidley, Executive Director. All these documents are posted on our National Website along with other information.

10. **The Howard Kearley Award.**

Dave LeBlanc, Director of Membership presented the above award to George Savage, President Nova Scotia Division for the Divisional award and also the individual award to George Savage and Gerry LaPierre, who was not present. George Savage accepted the award on his behalf and thanked LeBlanc for the award and encouraged all Divisions to read the National Strategic Plan on Membership and get recruiting. Savage stated Nova Scotia has launched a campaign with their goal to increase membership by 10% and that would be another 52 members. Savage wishes that another Division take up the challenge and get this award next year at AGM 2012 on their campaign for recruitment.

LeBlanc stated that the Membership Committee will look at Life Members and membership recruiting and he has had some members interested in helping this committee. Howard Kearley's widow was given the first award in Manitoba after AGM 2010 and it was a very emotional evening.

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LeBlanc reminded all members that the Strategic Membership Plan has been fanned out and it is on the national Website and it is there for every Division to make an effort to carry forth a strategy on membership at the local level. A further package will be sent out to all Divisions once the Committee receives word as to which Divisions are interested in pursuing this matter.

11. **Good of the Association:**

i) **Items from the Floor for Discussion** - None

ii) **Presentation of Certificates/Awards:** None.

iii) **Recognition of Octogenarians** * (*National President*)

The under noted all introduced themselves and a photograph taken of the following with Tim Hoban and Cal Small.

Reg# 16642 Jim Forsyth, Reg# 14011 Harold Searle, Reg# 16136 Josh Purney, Reg# 16227 Lloyd Goodyear, Reg# 14904 Art Nickerson, Reg# 15090 Ed Trefry, Reg# 14930 Kelly Labrash, Reg# M9 Frank Christian, Reg# 15689 Blake McIntosh, Reg# 13927 Ed Kurtz, Reg# 15285 Clare Dent and Reg# A1273 Ross Carviel.

NOTE: There were other octogenarians attending the AGM but this is the group that were present during the AGM meeting on Saturday the 21st May.

iv) **Recognition of John Religa, former Treasurer:** *President Hoban hosted a motion to give a special recognition to John Religa over the past 10 – 15 years for his outstanding work for the Association. Cal Small made a motion to thank John for all his work over the past years. Seconded by Murray Milne. A special plaque by the RCMP Veterans' Association signed by the Commissioner of the Force and President Hoban will be given to John at a later date in Ottawa. Small stated that an appropriate recognition will be given by the RCMP Quarterly for John Religa's work on the RCMP Quarterly. All in favour. Carried.*

12. **Update on plans for AGM 2012 Vancouver:** President Vancouver Division, Dick Hawkshaw, on behalf of his Division and all Divisions, offered a big thanks to NL Division for their wonderful AGM. The AGM 2012 will do their best to streamline the AGM procedures on meetings but will ensure that protocols are followed. We have almost at 600 persons signed up for the AGM 2012 and there is a table outside the room on all information for the Cruise; so do not wait too long to make a decision on attending.

13. **Bids for and Confirmation of future AGM's** (*National President*)

- 2012 Vancouver - Confirmed by Dick Hawkshaw.
- 2013 Saskatoon/Prince Albert - Confirmed by Eric Vincent
- 2014 Ottawa – Confirmed by Don Day.
- 2015 Montreal – (held in Quebec City) – Confirmed by Rene Charbonneau.
- 2016 – No volunteers at this time.
- 2017 PEI (As this is the 150th Anniversary for PEI) – Confirmed by Mike O'Neil.

Short **BREAK** – 14:00.

14. **Nomination and Election of Association Officers:** Past President Larry Power, Chair of the Nominating Committee updated attendees on the procedures for the election of two (2) Directors for Executive positions instead of three(3). Jim Forsyth is not up for election until 2012. Power reminded everyone that Governor, Keith Trail and Governor Dale Lively assisted him on this Committee.

List of Candidates:

Mr. Jean-Pierre Girard, Vice President, Montreal Division,
Mr. Dave LeBlanc, (Incumbent Director) Manitoba Division,
Mr. Bob McKee, Past President, Vancouver Division.
Mr. Al Rivard, Past President, Ottawa Division,
Mr. Steve Wills, Past President, Shuswap Division.

Dave LeBlanc and Bob McKee made a short presentation on their desire to represent the Veterans' as National Directors. Rene Charbonneau (Montreal, Don Day (Ottawa) and Ken Salt (Shuswap) all gave short presentation on why their candidate for Director; respectively on candidates Jean-Pierre Girard, Al Rivard and Steve Wills would be the best choice for all Associations members.

Votes were carried out by Proxy and by secret balloting by all members present. Vote Results: Dave LeBlanc and Al Rivard were elected as Directors to serve for a two (2) year period. All candidates were thanked, by President Hoban, for their participation and volunteering to serve as Directors.

Larry Power moved that all ballots be destroyed. Seconded by Rick Morris. Carried.

Larry Power thanked Jim Skanes and Dave Barrett for scrutinizing the elections and votes during the resolutions. Congratulations to Jim and Dave for a job well done.

15. Installation of Association Officers:

President: President, Tim Hoban inducted Director, Dave LeBlanc who was present. Hoban will induct Al Rivard, who was unable to attend, later in June while attending meetings in Ottawa.

Directors:

a. President Hoban will appoint Maz Mufti as National Treasurer until AGM 2012 at the BOD Meeting on to be held on Monday the 23rd., May at 0900hrs, St. John's.

16. **Closing Remarks:** Tim Hoban expressed his thanks on behalf of everyone to the President of NL RCMP Veterans' Division, Bob Hurman and also to Wayne Turpin, Chair, AGM 2011 Committee and all his volunteers for a tremendous AGM. Hoban stated that the National Executive and every one of the Presidents/Delegates who attended this AGM are all volunteers and asked that we all work together in a constructive helpful manner. We will see you all at the Church Parade tomorrow.

i) Rosie Bowman, President, Victoria Division expressed her thanks to everyone, stating that this was her first AGM, and she was very pleased with all the assistance provided to her and thanked President Hoban, BOD and the NL Division AGM Committee for putting on a wonderful AGM.

ii) **Recessing of the Tipstaff:** The Tipstaff was recessed by the Sgt. at Arms, Arthur Daye, NL Division under the instruction of President Hoban, and in turn the Sgt at Arms was instructed to present the Tipstaff to President, Dick Hawkshaw, Vancouver Division to be held in his care until AGM 2012 in Vancouver.

iii) Motion to Adjourn the AGM by Tim Hoban, seconded Dave LeBlanc. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: President Hoban declared that AGM 2011 be adjourned at 1500hrs. 21st May 2011.

Alex Geddes,
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APPENDIX "A": Delegates/Governors/Board of Directors at AGM 2011

Executive Director Bill Gidley, Ottawa
National President Tim Hoban, NB
Nat. Vice President Cal Small, Ottawa
Nat. Past President Larry Power, NL
National Secretary Alex Geddes, Ottawa
National Treasurer Maz Mufti, Ottawa
Director Jim Forsyth, Victoria
Director Dave LeBlanc, MB
Director Murray Milne, Saskatoon
Governor Rick Morris, Toronto
Governor Keith Trail, CVI
Governor Blake McIntosh, Ottawa
Governor Clare Dent, Nova Scotia
Governor Kelly Labrash, Toronto
Delegate Rosemary Bowman, Victoria
Delegate Dick Hawkshaw, Vancouver
Delegate Ross Carviel, Okanagan Div.
Delegate Ian Hiscock, Kamloops Div.
Delegate Larry Stright, CVI Div.
Delegate Ken Salt, Shuswap Div.
Delegate Ted Cronmiller, S. Okanagan
Delegate Jim Medley, Edmonton Div.
Delegate Gary Stewart, Red Deer Div.
Delegate Robert Kells, Calgary Div.
Delegate Mike Duffy, Cypress Hill Div.
Delegate Eric Vincent, Saskatoon Div.
Delegate Murray Klatt, Regina Div.
Delegate Jack deFlaming, PA Div.
Delegate Jan Wolynski, Manitoba
Delegate John Coupland, Thunder Bay
Delegate James Forrest, Toronto
Delegate Carl Copp, Golden Horseshoe
Delegate Bryan Neville, Kingston Div.
Delegate Don Day, Ottawa Div.
Delegate Rene Charbonneau, Montreal
Delegate Jim Payne, NB Div.
Delegate Mike O'Neil, PEI Div.
Delegate George Savage, NS Div.
Delegate Robert Hurman, NL Div.
Delegate Chuck Bruschetti, London Div.