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The Regimental Senate

2RCHA 1050-1

17 April 2019

Minutes of the 2 RCHA Regimental Senate Executive Committee Meeting
Held at 2 RCHA RHQ, Garrison Petawawa, 17 April 2019

Attendees:

Col (Ret'd) Dave Marshall, Chairman
CWO (Ret'd) Dale Batten, Vice-Chairman
CWO (Ret'd) Dan Moyer, Association President
LCol Geoff Hampton, Secretary ^[SEP]

Maj Mark Batten, A/CO 2 RCHA
CWO Rodney Gallant, RSM 2 RCHA ^[SEP]

Agenda Item I – Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

1. The meeting was called to order at 1300 hrs by the Chairman.
 - a. Thank CO and RSM of 2 RCHA for years of support to Regimental Senate efforts;
 - b. Recognize overall progress and that the organization is making decent strides.

Agenda Item II – 2 RCHA Association Update

2. CWO (Ret'd) Dan Moyer updated the attendees on the structure and constitution of the Senate. He additionally added that there would be a concerted effort placed to fill the position of Vice-President.
Appointments were as follows:
 - a. President: CWO (Ret'd) Moyer;
 - b. Vice President (TBC);
 - c. Heritage Member: WO Jack Moloughney; and
 - d. Events Coordinator: Sgt Chris Leblanc.
3. The Chairman outlined his continued belief that the Association was the link between the serving membership and those retired 2 RCHA veterans to stay in touch with the Regiment and each other.
4. The Chairman stated that the association has 189 members but is looking to increase that shortly to over 200. He highlighted some major events this past year such as the lunch at Danny's and the attendance of some Association members on Ex FROZEN GUNNER to fire their final round with E Bty.



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5. High priority projects in the future will be the organization and coordination with the Regt regarding the Spring Ball and the Association's role within it. Additionally, the Association wants to organize a lunch in Sep, and is also looking at the feasibility of a 2 RCHA reunion in 2020, similar to the Artillery reunion in Shilo, but ensuring that the two activities do not conflict with one another. The Chairman also indicated that it may be a good idea to tie the Regimental Spring Ball to this event to ensure maximum participation.

Agenda Item III – Senate and Association Webpages.

6. The Chairman stated that the intent of the website is to have an information point and where Regimental activities and association involvement can be communicated. Wished to collect more ways to participate.
7. Bdr Czech and Sgt LeBlanc will work together to update the website on the Senate's behalf. There was a hope that Bdr Nicholson might wish to continue to update the site even upon his departure from the CAF, but this appears unlikely. Additionally, the website has changed from a .ca domain to a .com domain and the Senate wants to ensure that the 2 RCHA Facebook page reflects this change to ensure that association members and the Gunner community writ large is made aware.
8. The Chairman reinforced the importance of keeping the website current and update the photos often in order to demonstrate the association's involvement with the Regt. D Battery has started to use Instagram and it may be beneficial for the association to use it as well. At a minimum it is requested that when updating the 2 RCHA Facebook page with photos in particular, the same is done with the web page.
9. The Secretary commented that the new website (2rcha.com) is impressive and believes that it has achieved its aim.

Agenda Item IV – 2 RCHA Accouterment/Projects Update

10. Pistol Holsters and Belt Buckles. The CF white pistol holsters have come in last FY (purchased with public funds) and are not a pressing issue at this time. Additionally, the initial purchasing of belt buckles has commenced with 100 purchased last FY using public funds. This will continue until such time as we have procured one per soldier in the Regt. No Senate funding required ATT.
11. Artillery Park Pathway. The status of this project needs to be confirmed once the snow has melted. Concrete was poured last year leveraging 2 CER capacity. It is assessed that there will still be some minor landscaping that will be required but a thorough assessment will be conducted in the very near future. This assessment will also include other artillery specific items and monuments on the Base. A cost estimate will be completed. LCol Geoff Hampton confirmed that the plan is to connect the pathway to the archway. Sgt Leblanc is currently overseeing the site



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plan. RSM 2 RCHA also expressed that other plans may include a new Subbies tree as well as a SNCO's bench. The water trough will also be looked at but it is believed to be in really good state following significant efforts last FY. The Chairman asked that the association be brought up to speed on the state of repair regarding Artillery Park and whether or not the costs will be covered by public or non-public funds. **ACTION: 2 RCHA to conduct survey/cost estimate and determine funding way forward.**

12. Field Artillery Tractor (FAT). A/CO 2 RCHA informed the Senate that the Base has committed to \$500 per year for maintenance of the FAT. WO (Ret'd) Moloughney has continued to lead the co-ordination for the refurbishment with the Guild. The FAT will remain a Museum asset however the SLA has outlined the terms of its use. Col (Ret'd) Marshall asked about indoor storage and the A/CO assured him that we would secure adequate storage, most likely in the Z-Lines indoors over the winter period. An update on the costs has been asked for by the Senate. RSM 2 RCHA informed the Senate that the maintenance contract is done through 2 Service Battalion so we will look into it. The actual complete cost of refurbishment of the FAT is being sought. **ACTION: Final and complete cost estimate for all remaining work/parts to be produced by 2 RCHA and funding requirements examined as well as a copy of SLA provided if possible.**

Agenda Item V – Financial Update.

13. The Chairman informed the Senate that the balance sheet has been created and that the overall balance is healthy. At this time The Chairman asked The President to accept another \$1000 donation from himself to go into the Soldier's Emergency Fund (SEF). As of 15 Apr 19 there is \$5481 in the account, including \$2000.00 in the SEF. No expenses except for banking fees which are \$1.95 a month. The Chairman also reminded everyone that there needs to continue to be growth of the Soldiers Emergency Fund until it is healthy (approx. \$10K).

Agenda Item VI – 2 RCHA Events/Activities.

29. OP DISTINCTION which consists of various parades in Europe to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the NORMANDY invasion. 2 RCHA will be sending a troop of around 27 pers along with 3 x L5s to NORMANDY to fire a gun salute and participate in various parades in FRANCE.
30. Senate was informed that 2 RCHA will be looking to conduct a Family Day 06 July 19 at J Tower. This will see a dynamic type of activity to showcase the Regiment's assets and the intent is to have buses from Z Lines to J Tower. The association will be invited to participate.



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31. The RSM informed the Senate that there will be a parade at 151000 May 19 at Artillery Park to conduct a change berets. All Gunners are invited to attend. Current supply issues are being resolved.
32. The Spring Ball will take place on 01 June 19 for the Officers' and 08 June 19 for the Senior NCO's.
14. Agenda Item VII – New Business/Fundraising.
 32. The Chairman raised the issue of fundraising. Fundraising must have a purpose and a project to put the money towards. His fear is that we continue to pursue funding for projects without fully understanding if the projects can or will eventually be funded publically. To date, the requirements for non-public funding has gone away in many instances. Artillery Park has been identified in the past as a great project that the Senate could help with, but most of the project is being funded publicly. He would like a renewed effort to identify the projects that require Senate support in order to secure appropriate funding sources. The intent is to not solicit people if there is not a requirement, and when soliciting people for support have a specific project in mind with clear numbers on what is required. The key is to avoid soliciting people and then having to tell them that the Senate would like their donation to be re-rolled to other purposes. The President expressed his concern that the issue comes from the inability to predict if we will get public funding for a project and whether or not we will have to fundraise to secure non-public funding. Properly managed projects will get funding. He also stated that if we continue to have difficulty with material projects perhaps there is potential to start a people project which cannot be funded by public funds like retreats or trips for members etc.
15. The Vice Chairman reinforced his belief that the SEF is important and should be there to help soldiers or their families that will need immediate assistance. The scope of the fund is to provide assistance. He asked about MCpl Dambrauskas and whether there was a need. The RSM informed the Senate that the Regiment had really come together to support him and has raised \$6500 to support him and his daughter. Additionally, the member has been posted to 30th Field to help geolocate him nearby while his daughter undergoes treatment. At this time, the biggest continuing cost to the member was parking. No additional Senate funding is sought at this time.
16. The Chairman asked whether or not battlefield tours in Normandy might be an appropriate use of funds. The intent is to have members go to Normandy not on a task but rather as a spectator or tourist. There is a possible donor that could commit \$2000 to the trip. Senate would address any issues such as additional costs to the individual. **ACTION: Have the Regt take a look at whether or not they would like to pursue this.**



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17. A/CO mentioned that there are a few new projects such as the displaying of the Airborne Gunner scroll at 1 RCR, displaying the M109 at the traffic circle, as well as the full restoration of an 8 pounder pulled by a horse. We are looking to reach out to community stables to see if there is any interest in an affiliation with the Regt, with the only real benefit being the possibility to leverage some personnel and paid for on a case-by-case basis for services by contract.
18. A/CO also mentioned to the Senate the Regt will be establishing a Heritage Troop that will be shared on a rotational basis between D, E and F Bty, and will take the lead for all ceremonial/heritage related tasks for the Regt during the FY. This is and will be written into the Regt OPLAN. Additionally, this troop will be tasked to conduct training at Fort Henry on historical weapons.

Agenda Item VIII – Adjournment.

33. Col (Ret'd) Marshall motioned for adjournment, CWO (Ret'd) Moyer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 14:11 17 April 19.

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Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer

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Colonel (Ret'd)
Chairman