



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment**

### **The Regimental Senate**

2HA 1050-1

26 June 2017

Minutes of the 2 RCHA Regimental Senate Executive Meeting  
Held at 2 RCHA RHQ, Garrison Petawawa, 24 June 2017

Attendees:

Col (Ret'd) Dave Marshall, Chairman  
CWO (Ret'd) Dale Batten, Vice-Chairman  
LCol Geoff Hampton, CO 2 RCHA  
CWO Wayne Lundrigan, RSM 2 RCHA  
LCol Sonny Hatton, Secretary

BGen (Ret'd) Ernest Beno (Dial In)  
Col (Ret'd) Doug Briscoe (Dial In)  
CWO (Ret'd) Tom Tomaso (Dial In)

The fol pers sent their regrets:

MGen (Ret'd) Stu Beare  
BGen Cotten  
BGen Cotter  
BGen (Ret'd) Ken Hague  
LCol (Ret'd) Dave Chupick  
CWO (Ret'd) Dan Moyer

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 1300 hrs by the Chairman.

Agenda Item II – Chairman's Introduction

2. Following introductions of those present and acknowledgment of those that could not be there and sent their regrets, the Chairman congratulated 2 RCHA on their accomplishments this past year. He commended the Command Team on their great work regarding 2 RCHA history and heritage. He also spoke briefly about the draft Constitution for the 2 RCHA Association. The intent is to have a first draft circulated amongst Senate Members for their feedback within the next month.



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#### Agenda Item III – Review of Last Minutes (read by the Secretary)

3. The minutes of the last Regimental Senate Executive Committee Meeting of 29 June 2016 were reviewed and accepted.
4. The following discussion arose as a result of the minutes:
  - a. BGen (Ret'd) Beno agreed to follow up on the legal aspects of the RCA Heritage fund in order that we might use this information for our own use.
  - b. Regarding a Treasurer and an account to deposit donations, the Chairman let it be known that it was his intent to establish an account as part of the 2 RCHA Association, the management of which will be written in the Constitution for the Association. It is preferable to have a member of the Executive in the Petawawa geographic area to act as the Treasurer for easy access to the funds when required.

#### Agenda Item IV – New Business:

5. Communications Plan:
  - c. The Chairman highlighted that the Regiment already has a mature comms plan and directed all to the links for the 2 RCHA website and Facebook page in his call letter.
  - d. The CO said that the Facebook page was the foundation for their communications. He also mailed out two newsletters in the past year to ensure a combination of electronic and traditional distribution. Intent is to widen the audience to hit the The Association potential membership as well and highlight the past, present and future activities of the Regiment.
  - e. The Chairman said that within the next 60 days, he expects to send out a Warning Order for the 2 RCHA Association using Facebook, the Regt Website, the RCAA Newsletter and CWO (Ret'd) Tom Tomaso's mailing list (with Tom Tomaso's concurrence).
6. Unit Projects:
  - a. The CO spoke to the improvements at Artillery Park and their importance. He thanked RSM Lundrigan, WO Moloughney, and others involved. It is not yet complete and he welcomes ideas for naming of the new gate.



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- b. The CO spoke to the desire to create a Canoe River Memorial as there is no permanent memorial in Petawawa. The memorial will consist of a permanent rock cairn and established at either Artillery Park or Simonds Parade Square. A design has been chosen and the estimated cost is \$4500. To date, \$1700 has been raised within the Regiment and deposited into an NPF Account. Col (Ret'd) Doug Briscoe asked if donations can be made to the account and if it was possible to receive a tax receipt. All agreed that would be ideal, however, since the mechanism is not yet in place through the Association and the Foundation, that is not yet possible. Ernie Beno promised to follow up with the needed information.
  - c. The CO spoke to the L5 Refurbishment to period specs for the 21-gun salute on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vimy. DHH has taken the serial numbers and has expressed long-term intent to have the three pack howitzers become monument pieces at Vimy to acknowledge their part in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. 2 RCHA will hold onto them for the interim, with the intent to use the 'Vimy Guns' for ceremonial duties, including the firing of Last Rounds at special occasions for Maj and above or MWO and above who have served in the Regiment, or for notable exceptions at the request of the Chairman. As the guns are public property and as such the CO/RSM maintain control over their employment.
  - d. The CO spoke to his very generous donation of Carmichael III to the Regt and plans for the retirement of Carmichael II.
7. Regimental Update:
- a. The CO reviewed the past 12 months of training, which was very busy while they were on the Road to High Readiness, culminating with a 70-day deployment on Ex MAPLE RESOLVE in Wainwright, AB.
  - b. The next 12 months will see the 2 RCHA enter a period of high operational tempo as they deploy several pers on various missions overseas in addition to continuation training and support to the BC's Fireplanning Course.
  - c. The RSM gave an overview of morale and discipline, which in his esteemed view was the best in the Brigade. He spoke briefly to Light Forces and the impending return of 81mm mortars to the light infantry battalions and he spoke to a lapse in leadership when it comes to setting the example for dress and deportment, citing several examples.



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- d. The CO spoke to the RSM Change of appointment on 28 June 2017 between CWO Lundrigan (outgoing) and CWO Gallant (incoming) and gave an overview of the changes in the BC and BSM slates this summer. Of note, Major Mark Batten, son of Dale Batten, is the new BC of E Bty.

#### Agenda Item V – Points from the Floor

8. BGen (Ret'd) Beno commented on 2 RCHA's accomplishments and high standards. He highlighted the positive relationship between 7<sup>th</sup> (Tor) Regt and the other Primary Reserve Regiments in 4th Canadian Division, citing the very positive experience of one Gunner from 7th (Tor) Regt who joined the Vimy salute Troop in France.
9. BGen (Ret'd) Beno recommended naming the gate at Artillery Park after a famous Gunner and offered either Brigadier Stanley Todd or MGen Howie Wheatley as fine examples.
10. BGen (Ret'd) Beno re-affirmed his support in helping get the Association established, reiterating that it must remain focused on the men and women of 2 RCHA.
11. BGen (Ret'd) Beno mentioned the 7th (Tor) Regt Newsletter as an example 2 RCHA could follow. It is distributed bi-monthly and exists only in electronic format and is distributed via email and on their website.
12. BGen (Ret'd) Beno mentioned he would like to see each Regiment have Honouraries, much like the Airforce and Armoured Regiments do.
13. BGen (Ret'd) Beno asked if it might be possible to donate to an Association such as the RCAA, who could then donate to the 2 RCHA NPF fund for the Canoe River Memorial. The answer to this question is yes- as confirmed by CO 2 RCHA.
14. Col (Ret'd) Doug Briscoe asked whether the VAC Commemorative Division had been approached to help fund the Canoe River Memorial. The Chairman said he believed that funding was no longer available. Col Briscoe offered to explore options such as the Last Post Fund to help raise money for the Canoe River Memorial.
15. CWO (Ret'd) Tom Tomasso recommended Artillery Park as the location for the Canoe River Memorial.



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16. The Vice Chairman said the new gate at Artillery Park looks really good. He highlighted the new Honourary Col of 42 Fd Regt, who is a businessman within the local community and who owns several prominent businesses, as a possible target for fundraising efforts. The Secretary reminded the Executive that in our very first meetings, it was agreed we would not do anything that would put ourselves in conflict with other Associations or Regimental business, thus it is wise to wait until he is no longer the Honourary of 42 Fd Regt.

17. The Chairman, Col (Ret'd) Marshall, presented a personal cheque to 2 RCHA in the amount of \$1000.00 to be used toward the Canoe River Memorial.

#### Agenda Item VI – Chairman's Concluding Remarks/Action Items

18. The Chairman concluded by remarking that while the audience for this meeting was smaller, he is optimistic about the way forward. He asked the Secretary to have minutes completed NLT 30 days from the date of the meeting. The Chairman also discussed the Constitution for the 2 RCHA Association. It is his intent to finalize the draft and circulate it to the Executive Committee for comments when he sends out the minutes of the meeting in the next 30 days. The outstanding pieces that need to be wrapped up in the constitution are fundraising and Association Marketing.

#### Agenda Item VII – Next Meeting

19. The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for 27 Oct 17, whereby the Chairman will seek the attendance of the full membership in order to discuss and hopefully adopt the Constitution for the 2 RCHA Association.

#### Agenda Item VIII - Adjournment

20. The Vice Chair motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 1415 hrs.

S.T. Hatton  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Secretary

D.D. Marshall, OMM, CD  
Colonel (Ret'd)  
Chairman