

Minutes of the 2 RCHA Regimental Senate Executive Committee Meeting
Held at 2 RCHA RHQ, Garrison Petawawa, 29 June 2016

Attendees:

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

LGen (Ret'd) Stu Beare (Dial In)
BGen (Ret'd) Ernest Beno
BGen (Ret'd) Ken Hague (Dial In)
Col (Ret'd) Doug Briscoe (Dial In)
Maj (Ret'd) Bob Sears
CWO Garth Hoegi

The fol pers sent their regrets:

BGen Cotton
BGen Cotter
Col Liam McGarry
LCol (Ret'd) Dave Chupick
CWO Dan Moyer

The meeting was called to order at 0900 hrs by the Chairman.

Agenda Item 1 – Introduction

1. Following introductions of those around the table and those who dialed in, the Chairman gave a brief summary of the Executive Committee membership, introducing CWO (Ret'd) Dale Batten as the Vice-Chairman with thanks, and noting that LCol Hatton volunteered to serve as Secretary following his tenure as CO 2 RCHA. Mention was made of the 1 RCHA Senate and their progress under Chairman Col (Ret'd) Peter Williams. There were no questions.

Agenda Item 2 – Review of Last Minutes

2. The key points of the Executive Committee Meeting on 6 Jun were reviewed, to include the rationale for establishing an Association prior to a Foundation to build momentum and a potential pool of volunteers for the Foundation.

3. BGen (Ret'd) Hague re-affirmed that there should be no dues for membership.

4. Col (Ret'd) Briscoe asked how many more members were required for the 2 RCHA Senate Executive Committee. It was confirmed that 5 positions were written into the constitution and that they were not restricted to past COs/RSMs. Additional members welcomed.

5. LGen (Ret'd) Beare asked what was holding us back? BGen (Ret'd) Beno responded that it was mostly ourselves as we figure out the way ahead, but also a reluctance in Regular Force members to embrace the concept of a Regimental Senate and charitable organisations due to membership requirements and general unawareness of the value and benefits. He reiterated one of the benefits of a Regt Senate/Association/Foundation is friend-raising, which complements nicely fund-raising efforts – ultimately to support and serve the members of the Regiment, current and past.

Agenda Item 3 – Association Outline

6. BGen (Ret'd) Beno stressed that the intent is for the Association to be primarily a grass-roots effort that is inclusive of all ranks. The number one priority must be support to the soldiers of 2 RCHA, serving or retired, with the number two priority being the greater Regimental Family of 2RCHA and the Royal Regiment. Ideally, all members of 2 RCHA should become members of the Association by default. He highlighted some of the thought work and staff checks into the provision of membership symbols, such as a lapel pin and a membership card to start. Lapel pins can be sourced from Sparta Pewter (David Soucie) for a dollar each.

7. LCol Hatton mentioned that an Association could help host a 2 RCHA Reunion in a couple years.

8. Col (Ret'd) Marshall re-iterated that it is necessary that there be no competition with other Associations (e.g., RCA Association) or Units in terms of mandate and efforts. BGen (Ret'd) Beno mentioned that he thought the Regimental Association would be mutually supporting of other associations and Regiments, and all could work together to unite our retired and serving members for mutual benefit.

9. Again, Col Marshall re-iterated that the primary goal of the Association must be to support in priority the men and women of 2 RCHA and their families.

10. BGen Beno mentioned that there would be a meeting between Maj John Stewart (7 Tor) and a lawyer friend, Mr. Shea of Toronto next week to discuss the best way ahead for the Regt Foundation. He mentioned that a Charitable Corporation seems like the easiest route with the aim of setting up a fund-raising body. He figured it might be possible to have a draft charter in a couple of weeks. There will be a need for a formal board of officers, which can be the same pers on the Senate Executive Committee and/or the Association. Work on establishing the Foundation will continue under the Executive Committee concurrent to the main effort of setting up an Association and recruiting members.

Agenda Item 4 – Acknowledgement of Incoming/Outgoing COs

11. On the date of the CO's Change of Command, LCol Hatton was thanked for his leadership in setting the ball in motion and LCol Hampton was warmly welcomed with acknowledgment of his pledged

support on this important initiative for the soldiers of 2 RCHA. Both LCol Hatton and LCol Hampton thanked those present for their support.

12. BGen (Ret'd) Beno reiterated that all our efforts must be to support the Regiment and to avoid conflict or perceptions of possible with the CoC.

13. BGen (Ret'd) Hague informed that he would be willing to act as an advisor on fundraising once the Charitable arm is set up.

14. Col (Ret'd) Marshall acknowledged the \$1000 donation to the Foundation or Charitable Corporation (whatever it is named) from BGen (Ret'd) Beno at the last meeting and pledged \$500 himself. Maj John Stewart also pledged \$500 for a total of \$2000.

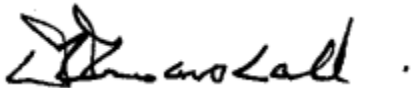
15. Maj (Ret'd) Bob Sears was in attendance and expressed interest in joining the Executive Committee to help with the efforts of the Senate. Welcomed.

16. CWO Hoegi volunteered to help drum up support in Kingston and region.

17. BGen (Ret'd) Beno agreed to send draft Association Constitutions to the Executive for review.

18. CWO Hoegi asked if we were informing the Col Comdt of our efforts, to which Col (Ret'd) Marshall replied, "Yes".

The meeting was adjourned at 0940 hrs.



Col (Ret'd) D.D. Marshall
Chairmanman 2 RCHA Remimental Senate



LCol S.T. Hatton
Commanding Officer