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The Regimental Senate

2 RCHA 1050-1

01 October 2019

Minutes of the 2 RCHA Regimental Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Held at 2 RCHA CO's Conference Room, Garrison Petawawa, 01 October 2019

Attendees:

Col (Ret'd) Dave Marshall, Senate Chair
CWO (Ret'd) Dan Moyer, Association President
CWO (Ret'd) Dale Batten, Vice-Chairman
LCol Daniel Matheson, CO 2 RCHA
CWO Aaron Todd, RSM 2 RCHA
LCol Geoff Hampton, Secretary
Maj Stuart Evans, 2IC 2 RCHA
Lt Ellen Humenny
Sgt Kali Murphy

Agenda Item I – Call to Order and Introductory Remarks.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1004 hrs by the Chairman. He introduced himself and all members as LCol Hampton joined the meeting via teleconference.

Agenda Item II – 2 RCHA Association Update.

2. CWO (Ret'd) Moyer informed members that growth of the Association was occurring at a slow and steady pace as membership had now reached 241 personnel. The committee had made attempts to bolster membership through committee letters being advertised by the Gunner News and Petawawa Post.
3. The Association President mentioned a luncheon will be taking place on 02 Nov 19 for those members of the Association who wished to attend. At this time, ten to fifteen personnel have RSVP'd to attend. As well timings and locations for Remembrance Day and Canoe River were discussed for those members of the Association to attend in the locations where 2 RCHA will be supporting.

Agenda Item III – The Case for a Reunion.

4. The committee discussed the importance of hosting a reunion principally for 2 RCHA alumni, Gunners writ large, and those members who had served in any capacity as a member of 2 RCHA. The significance of this event would be to build the Regimental family as seen by 1 RCHA in Shilo where they host a reunion every three years.



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5. CWO (Ret'd) Moyer emphasized that the reunion would be separate from the Association however the Association would be sponsoring the event. Advertising attempts for the reunion would be as broad and as inclusive as possible, as it would be the first attempt at 2 RCHA hosting a reunion event.
6. CWO (Ret'd) Moyer suggested a poster be sent out at the earliest convenience IOT advertise the reunion and encourage membership registration. A 'Save the Date' stating what the event was, when it would be occurring, and RSVP details. CWO Todd stated that the RDS would be the POC for all RSVPs and they would be tracking who has been sent invites and who would be attending.

Agenda Item IV – Scope of Potential Activities/Events.

7. CWO Todd presented a tentative schedule for a reunion weekend, with further input from the CO to take place on June 26-28, 2020 in conjunction with 2 RCHA Family Day. Friday, 26 June, would consist of registration of Association members followed by a BBQ at Y-101 IOT increase membership. On Saturday, 27 June, 2020, further registration would take place from 0900-0930hrs for Association members followed by bussing out to J Tower for a firepower demonstration. The firepower demonstration would be in conjunction with 2 RCHA Family day IOT maximize the use of public funds. Association members would then be bussed back to Y-101 at 1200 hrs for a lunch which would be followed potentially by a museum tour and walkthrough of the unit lines starting at 1300 hrs. Saturday would be concluded with a dinner and dance at Y-101 commencing at 1700 hrs. On Sunday, 28 June, 2020 a continental breakfast would be served as a conclusion to the weekend.
8. IOT encourage membership registration for the Association a departure gift could be included in the weekend. Either a CD or link, which includes photos that have been taken by the Regimental photographers over the course of the weekend, could be provided on the registration page as a source of encouragement to register for only those personnel who are Association members.
9. Col (Ret'd) Marshall mentioned the use of music the night of 27 June 2020 at the dance could be seen as a deterrent to promote conversation between Association members. LCol Matheson stated that a live band will be used with a number of sessions to allow conversations to occur in between breaks.
10. Col (Ret'd) Marshall asked what the scope might be for a potential Airborne Gunner Reunion to occur within this reunion weekend. Suggestions were made to potentially include a jump portion of the firepower demonstration. CWO (Ret'd) Moyer suggested that the afternoon of Saturday, June 27 2020 can involve a breakaway session for those individuals who identified as Airborne Gunners.

Agenda Item V – Potential Venues for Events.

11. Y-101 as the Primary Location. This accessible venue has been used for past 2 RCHA events such as Bdr Patrick Labrie's Memorial and last year's 2 RCHA Christmas Party. The capability exists to refurbish the drill hall with bunting, and decorations IOT reflect the colours and pride of 2 RCHA as a Regiment. LCol Matheson stated that the accessibility and parking at Y-101 remains the best option, as it



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can host the greatest number of personnel. The ability to serve alcohol, determine pricing, and the acquisition could be conducted by the Regiment therefore eliminating the need to outsource and depend on outside agencies.

12. Golf Course as the Alternate Location. The venue is significantly smaller than Y-101 with a max capacity of approximately 200 personnel. It is less accessible than Y-101 with stricter regulations and pre-determined price points for alcohol.

Agenda Item VI – Suggested Dates.

13. LCol Matheson stated that the only weekend that would work for the Regiment would be that of June 26-28, 2020. The Regiment is constrained to this weekend to due to 2 RCHA's deployment to Wainwright and the weekends following will be occupied by summer block leave, APS, and the start of high readiness commitments.

Agenda Item VII – 2 RCHA Choke Points/OP Resps 2020.

14. Equipment. Col (Ret'd) Marshall asked what the likelihood would be of the M777s not returning from Wainwright in time for the firepower demonstration. Personnel would be returning from Wainwright on 7 June 20 followed by equipment. CWO Todd stated that the M777s would be some of the first kit to return and it was unlikely that their return would be delayed. The committee presented three COA's should the M777s had not returned in time.

a) COA 1. The firepower demonstrated will be conducted by C3s as 2 RCHA has a Bty available. If this were to fall through, 42 Field Regiment could be engaged as they also have C3s available.

b) COA 2. A golf tournament could be conducted in lieu of the firepower demonstration the morning of 27 June, 2020.

c) COA 3. Cancellation of the event.

15. Personnel. Col (Ret'd) Marshall asked when personnel would be returning from Wainwright and when the first soldiers were expected to be on deployment. Troops from 2 RCHA would be returning on 7 June 2020 and LCol Matheson was going to seek out further clarification to when 2 RCHA would be sending troops on deployment, as it was as yet TBC.

16. IRU/DART. LCol Matheson confirmed that 3 RCR would be IRU for the duration of Wainwright and potentially up until September when the bulk of 2 CMBG's troops would be deployed. DART would be ongoing if necessary during this weekend.



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Agenda Item VIII – Responsibilities/OPIs.

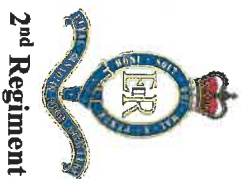
17. CWO Todd stated that he will book Y-101, the ranges for the firepower demonstration, and develop the Save the Date poster. Following this, cost estimates for renting rooms and ordering meals will be conducted.
18. LCol Matheson stated that the RSM will put together a team with support from 1x Bty, which will likely be E Bty as they are rear party and not going to Wainwright. He requested that the Association needs to assign 1x pers per event to OPI IOT work with members of E Bty to plan and set up the reunion weekend.

Agenda Item IX – CO 2 RCHA Comments.

19. CWO (Ret'd) Moyer required the approval of items discussed in the meeting before moving forward. The items of discussion that received CO approval in principle were:
 - a) Date and Name. The event will be taking place the weekend of June 26-28, 2020. The reunion will be called “The 2 RCHA 70th Anniversary Reunion”.
 - b) Location. Y-101 will be the primary location. The golf course will be the alternate location.
 - c) OPI. E Bty will be the OPI for the weekend’s events with support from the Association.
 - d) Overview. The initial overview, as suggested by CWO Todd, will be followed during the planning process.

Agenda Item X – Next Steps/Meeting.

20. The committee decided a planning conference will take place early November IOT start solidifying the plan for the weekend. Mandatory attendance for the conference at minimum will be BCE Bty and CWO (Ret'd) Moyer.
21. The Save the Date poster, upon approval from the CO, will be pushed to the Association, on 2 RCHA’s Facebook page, the Gunner News, the Petawawa Post, and the RDS.
22. A follow-up meeting for OPIs will take place following the Christmas block leave.



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Agenda Item XI – Adjournment.

23. Col (Ret'd) Marshall motioned for adjournment, LCol Matheson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1115hrs.


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Lieutenant-Colonel
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Col (Ret'd)
Senate Chair


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CWO (Ret'd)
Association President