

**THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA  
OTTAWA BRANCH**

**BRANCH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**APRIL 17, 2023**

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Peter Christie  
Jim Cummings  
Robert Desnoyers  
Steve Drury  
Karen Duval  
Bernadette Greene  
Jason O'Dale  
Gerry Powell  
Roland Vaillancourt

There being a quorum present, the President called the meeting to order at 1900. The meeting was held via BlueJeans video conferencing..

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

O'Dale/Drury

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MARCH 20, 2023**

Powell/O'Dale

**COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**RCSCC FALKLAND**

Lt. Desnoyers reported a Fortress strength of 115, although attendance the past week was 65 cadets. Regular training continues, with added emphasis on preparation for the upcoming Annual Ceremonial Review.

Vaillancourt/Powell

**NLCC VICE ADMIRAL KINGSMILL**

Lt(NL) Greene reported that cadet strength held at 58. A group of cadets attended the Annual General Meeting of the National Navy League on April 15. The winner of the Navy League Cadet pin contest was present, and new pins were distributed to those in attendance. CPO1 Sharma, our Division Cadet of the Year, was presented, and it was then announced that she was selected as the National Navy League Cadet of the Year.

Drury/Powell

## **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **PRESIDENT**

Karen confirmed that CPO1 Sharma had been chosen cadet of the year and that her spontaneous acceptance speech was well received. She attended the Meet & Greet at the AGM and confirmed that Jennifer Bennett had been elected to be the incoming National President.

Duval K./O'Dale

**VICE PRESIDENT SEA CADETS** - no report

**ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT SEA CADETS** - no report

### **VICE PRESIDENT NAVY LEAGUE CADETS**

Steve presented the following motion as his report:

**Resolve that \$850 be approved to support a year-end trip for 50 cadets and 10 parents to the Diefenbunker in Carp at the end of June.**

**Carried**

Drury/Powell

**ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT NAVY LEAGUE CADETS** - vacant

### **TREASURER**

Gerry stated that the Branch was now in full compliance with the new **Quickbooks** accounting system. He has yet to correct a minor reconciliation problem between our current books and the new system. This is not serious and will be resolved shortly. He brought forward his concern for the deteriorating financial state of the Branch and urged that serious planning begin to conduct a Tag Day in the early Fall season.

Powell/Cummings

**SECRETARY** - no report

## **PORTFOLIO REPORTS**

### **FALKLAND 100TH ANNIVERSARY WORKING GROUP**

Many issues were brought forward. It was decided that a full meeting of all concerned would be held at 1900 on Wednesday April 19.

### **BOATS AND SAILING**

In the absence of Richard, Karen reported that damage to the canoe trailer during snow clearing this past winter would be repaired. A work party would be called soon to attend to the HOWARD, and plans are in place to have her moved to Dow's Lake in early May.

Duval K./Cummings

**COMMUNICATIONS** - vacant

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** - absent

**IT/NETWORK MANAGEMENT** - absent

**PROPERTY** - absent

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Jim reported that on April 12 he had a group of 19 senior sea cadets to discuss the information and forms for scholarship application. He urged all to submit by the end of June.

Cummings/Powell

### **VOLUNTEER SCREENING**

Volunteer Identification Cards are in process for several people, one of whom has agreed to take over responsibility for the canteen on Wednesday nights.

Vaillancourt/Christie

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim chaired much discussion on various aspects of the upcoming Gala on June 3. Particular attention was given to the planned menu. No decisions were made as it was agreed to bring all issues forward during the planned meeting on Wednesday evening.

### **THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 15, 2023**

The meeting was adjourned at 2053.