

**THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA
OTTAWA BRANCH**

BRANCH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MAY 15, 2023**

THOSE PRESENT:

Peter Christie
Jim Cummings
Robert Desnoyer
Steve Drury
Karen Duval
Richard Duval
Bernadette Greene
Gerry Powell
Anne Seigmiller
Roland Vaillancourt

There being a quorum present, the President called the meeting to order at 1906. The meeting was held via BlueJeans video conferencing.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Cummings/Seigmiller

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING APRIL 17, 2023

Seigmiller/Cummings

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORTS

RCSCC FALKLAND

Lt(N) Desnoyers reported a Fortress enrollment of 117. Active weekly participation runs between 75 to 80 cadets. The Corps had active participation in the Battle of Atlantic service and the Tulip Festival recently. Preparations for the upcoming Annual Ceremonial Review are continuing. Promotions and awards will be presented on May 24.

Vaillancourt/Seigmiller

NLCC VICE ADMIRAL KINGSMILL

Lt(NL) Greene reported an enrollment of 56. 37 cadets participated in the Battle of the Atlantic service and a further group assisted in the kick-off for the Tulip Festival. The Annual Ceremonial Review will be held on June 18 and invitations will be sent out shortly.

Drury/Powell

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Karen stated that she would not be submitting a formal report, and that coverage of the Howard activity will be presented later in the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT SEA CADETS - Absent

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT SEA CADETS

Roland reported that 220 people were expected to attend the Friday evening BBQ. He presented the following motion.

Resolve that a sum of \$3,000 be allocated to support the Centennial BBQ on June 2, 2023

An active discussion considered the options for charging for this event, or paying for the food and soft drinks as currently planned. This is the only event that provides an opportunity for the purchase of Falkland swag, and to bring items for inclusion into the Time Capsule. It was agreed that the BBQ would be conducted on a no-cost basis, but that the selection of items would be revised. An Executive meeting will be held on May 18 to consider a motion to support this activity. The original motion was therefore withdrawn.

VICE PRESIDENT NAVY LEAGUE CADETS

Steve reported that a new budget for the upcoming training year was in the works to be presented soon.

Drury/Powell

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT NAVY LEAGUE CADETS - vacant

TREASURER

Gerry reported that he was greatly concerned about the potential financial loss which could be involved with the upcoming Centennial program. Our current status is a cash balance of \$38,000 and investment balance of \$172,000. Most contractual items (primarily to the Delta Hotel) have been paid already.

Powell/Seigmiller

SECRETARY - No report

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

FALKLAND 100TH ANNIVERSARY WORKING GROUP

A general discussion agreed that meetings should be held more frequently in the run-up to the events in three weeks.

BOATS AND SAILING

Richard summarized the activities surrounding the Howard's support for the recent start of the Tulip Festival. The highlight of the event was the piping on board of the Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy, Vice Admiral Angus Topshee, OMM, MSM, CD. He and his family enjoyed a cruise on the Howard to the delight of everyone involved. The work spent over the past few weeks to get the Howard into her "ship-shape" condition was well worth the effort.

Duval R./Powell

COMMUNICATIONS - vacant

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - no report

IT/NETWORK MANAGEMENT - absent

PROPERTY - absent

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS - no report

VOLUNTEER SCREENING - no report

NEW BUSINESS

General discussion took place on several topics. The need to arrange an Annual Meeting is becoming fairly urgent. This should be held soon. We must announce the time of the meeting at least 60 days prior. The fate of the upcoming Gala was discussed. At this time we have confirmed only 24 people attending! It was agreed that if we have not reached a minimum of 100 by a cut-off date that the event would have to be cancelled. Further discussion will take place at the Executive meeting on May 18. Peter presented the following motion:

Resolve that the sum of \$85 be allotted for the purchase of a wireless microphone and a microphone stand for the Corps use.

Carried

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **MONDAY JUNE 12.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2110