

**THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA
OTTAWA BRANCH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2021**

THOSE PRESENT:

Bruce Brown
Peter Christie
Robert Desnoyer
Karen Duval
Bernadette Greene
Byron Liang
Jason O'Dale
Gerry Powell
Anne Seigmiller
Roland Vaillancourt

There being a quorum present, the President called the meeting to order at 1901. The meeting was held via BlueJeans video conferencing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Powell/Greene

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Gerry Powell did not present a review of the open action items. As amended
Seigmiller/Powell

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Gerry gave a review of the current Action Items. Although the list is somewhat stagnant in the current Covid situation, concern was raised about the status of items 20-10, 11 and 12 which refer to the Membership Director, a position which is vacant. The administration of the Action Items list and the monthly review are now the responsibility of the Secretary.

Powell/Christie

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORTS

RCSCC FALKLAND

The XO as acting CO, Lt. Robert Desnoyer, gave the report. Current strength is estimated to be 133. Sea cadets and volunteers are now permitted to attend HMCS Carleton for approved activities to a maximum of 25 persons. Organization of Chief boards is underway. Planning for poppy sales has begun. The Change of Command from Lcdr Robert Lafrance will be held on October 20. Tentative planning is taking place for what may be limited cadet participation in Remembrance Day services this year.

Desnoyer/O'Dale

NLCC VICE ADMIRAL KINGSMILL

Lt(NL) Brown reported that current strength is 52 cadets. Google classroom training has begun for the Fall season. A virtual corps meeting was held on October 3. Virtual Chief boards are taking place. Special Remembrance Day videos are being prepared. A Halloween costume contest has been set up for the end of October.

Greene/Powell

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Karen extended her regrets to the departing Falkland CO Robert Lafrance and wished him all the best on behalf of the Board. Noted that Steve Drury would be joining the Branch before the end of the month. Wished to add an ACTION ITEM that all members of the Board of Directors are asked to submit confirmation of their status as being "double-vaxed" and that their VSS card is current to her by email as soon as possible. Private emails may be addressed to karen.duval@rogers.com and the information will be securely maintained.

Duval K./O'Dale

VICE PRESIDENT SEA CADETS

Jason extended his best wishes to Robert Lafrance and welcomed Robert Desnoyer.

O'Dale/Powell

VICE PRESIDENT NAVY LEAGUE CADETS

No report

TREASURER

Gerry gave a complete review of the current year-to-date financial status of the Branch with visual statements. Due to the Covid situation, the bottom line has increased by \$14,000 due to ongoing donations and reduction of cadet activity. Current Net Worth (ex-inventory) stands at \$199,000.

Powell/O'Dale

SECRETARY

No report

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

BOATS AND SAILING

Report given by Karen as Richard was not available. The Howard was moved for the winter to Port of Call marina on October 4. A new cover for the Zodiac was obtained thanks to a donation from the former Commanding Officer of HMCS Carleton. The current CO has agreed to keep the Zodiac motor inside and the canoes in the compound for the winter.

Duval K./Powell

COMMUNICATIONS

No report

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Anne reported that a suitable source for the Zodiac lettering has been obtained, and that the format will have to be decided over the winter. She still has many T-shirts from the Spring cadet run, and now that cadet activity is starting at the base, hopes to get these distributed this season.

Seigmiller/O'Dale

IT/NETWORK MANAGEMENT

No report

MEMBERSHIP

Vacant - No report

PROPERTY

No report

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

No report

TAG DAYS

No report

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

Roland reported that he is keeping the paperwork up to date on behalf of Nadine.

Vaillancourt/O'Dale

NEW BUSINESS

The President expressed her desire to rejuvenate the 125th Anniversary Committee, and to start action regarding the Time Capsule.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 2035.