

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

THOSE PRESENT:

Bruce Brown
Peter Christie
Jim Cummings
Robert Desnoyer
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 1903. The meeting was held via BlueJeans video conferencing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Cummings/Vaillancourt

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING MAY 19, 2021

Powell/Vaillancourt

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Gerry Powell presented a review of the open action items. There are no changes to report. The Action Items file will be passed to the Secretary for maintenance in due course.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORTS

RCSCC FALKLAND

The XO - Lt. Robert Desnoyer gave the report. The corps strength is estimated to be about 130. Negotiations are continuing with HMCS Carleton to allow cadets to resume training on site. Currently all training is being done using computers. It is hoped to have some access to Carleton by the end of October.

Cummings/Vaillancourt

NLCC VICE ADMIRAL KINGSMILL

The CO - Lt(NL) Bruce Brown gave the report. Already started virtual training for the Fall season. Corps strength is about 45.

Seigmiller/Vaillancourt

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Karen welcomed members present back to the training year. Noted that Stephen Drury will be stepping down from his position with the Navy League Cadet staff. No selection has taken place yet for his successor. The Howard has been in use over the summer on special occasions and hosting several distinguished guests such as the Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy Vice Admiral C.A. Baines and the British High Commissioner Susannah Goshko. The incoming CO of HMCS Carleton is Cdr. Chris Knowlton, and the change of command will be held on September 25.

Duval K./Christie

VICE PRESIDENT SEA CADETS

No report

VICE PRESIDENT NAVY LEAGUE CADETS

No report

TREASURER

Gerry presented a full report with statements that were distributed. Our financial position is still good, and in fact has improved over the previous year. We are still busy with our conversion to the Quickbooks accounting system which has been adopted by the Division.

Powell/Vaillancourt

SECRETARY

No report

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

BOATS AND SAILING

Richard emphasized the busy program the Howard and the new Zodiac have had over the summer despite the lack of cadet participation. An active discussion was held on the current state of our canoes, and what form a replacement program should take. Richard will do some research on the alternative canoes that are available for our use and report back to the Board. We have lost two canoes to theft over the past year. There was general support for the suggestion to begin a replacement program for the canoes.

Duval R./Cummings

COMMUNICATIONS

No report

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No report

IT/NETWORK MANAGEMENT

No report

MEMBERSHIP

No report

PROPERTY

No report

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

No report. 8 scholarships have been submitted to the National office.

TAG DAYS

No report

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

No report

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 2140.