

**THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA  
OTTAWA BRANCH  
BRANCH COUNCIL**

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

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Peter Christie  
Jim Cummings  
Robert Desnoyer  
Steve Drury  
Karen Duval  
Richard Duval  
Bernadette Greene  
Byron Liang  
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**

Drury/Cummings

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

Cummings/Drury

**COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**RCSCC FALKLAND**

Lt. Desnoyers reported that Fortress has 116 on strength, while active numbers average 80. RCSCC Falkland has been asked to provide a complement of 30 cadets to parade at HMCS Carleton on May 7 to commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic. The corps will provide a colour party for the Ottawa Senator's game on March 27. Regular training is continuing at a normal pace.

Vaillancourt/Cummings

### **NLCC VICE ADMIRAL KINGSMILL**

Strength is holding at 56 cadets. A contingent of 30 cadets will also parade at HMCS Carleton on May 7 to commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic. Although inter-corps competitions have been cancelled, preparation and participation continued at Kingsmill and awards have been presented. The Coxswain of the corps, CPO1 Sharma, has been selected as the top Navy League cadet in Ontario, and is in the running to be selected as the top NL cadet of the year in Canada. Lt(NL) Greene reported that a group of Navy League cadets would be attending the Senate on Parliament Hill on May 28 to assist in the celebration of Canadian Navy and Coast Guard Appreciation Day.

Drury/Cummings

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **PRESIDENT**

Karen reported that she had attended a Mental Health and Suicide Prevention course at HMCS Carleton and that is proved to be very beneficial. The actual date of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Naval Reserve is tomorrow March 21. A ceremony will be held at HMCS Carleton. The 100th celebration Gala will be held on March 25 and a good representation of Navy League personnel will attend.

Duval K./Cummings

### **VICE PRESIDENT SEA CADETS - Absent**

#### **ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT SEA CADETS**

Roland reported that the canteen was now up and running. It is planned to have a contingent of 30 uniformed cadets attend the Ottawa Senators game on March 27 where another group will be providing a colour party.

#### **Motion:**

**Resolve that \$640 be approved to provide 30 tickets at a special rate for the Ottawa Senators game on March 27.**

**Vaillancourt/Powell**

**Carried**

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

Steve reported that 45 medals had been presented to cadets who participated in corps skill competitions. He has been asked by the CO of HMCS Carleton to handle the installation of the audio equipment for their Gala on March 25.

Drury/Vaillancourt

### **ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT NAVY LEAGUE CADETS - Vacant**

## **TREASURER**

Gerry reported that the Branch accounts were in line and that a full report would be presented soon. The deposit schedule for the Delta Hotel has been revised at our request, and although the number of secured rooms has been reduced from 50 to 30, the monthly charge has been considerably increased, although the final balance remains the same. If there is to be a Tag Day this Spring in late May, the planning has to begin right away.

Powell/Cummings

## **SECRETARY**

Peter reported that in keeping with the Divisional bylaws, the use of the term "Board of Governors" for this administrative body would be changed to "Branch Council".

## **PORTFOLIO REPORTS**

**BOATS AND SAILING** - No report

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Vacant

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** - Absent

**IT/NETWORK MANAGEMENT** - No report

**PROPERTY** - Absent

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Jim will speak to the senior sea cadets on March 29 when the next 100th Planning Group will meet at HMCS Carleton.

Cummings/Powell

## **VOLUNTEER SCREENING**

Roland reported that since the handling of screening applications had been converted to a digital format, the process was much more efficient within the League. Procedural hangups at CFB Borden continue.

Vaillancourt/Cummings

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim reported that the Delta Hotel has a new crew of event planning staff onboard, and that a detail meeting would be held soon regarding the Gala on June 3. It is important that the booking link for room reservations be shown on the appropriate Facebook and Branch websites. The question of the provision of dancing at the Gala was presented. The group attending the HMCS Carleton Gala on March 25 will observe how it is handled and will report to the next meeting of the 100th Anniversary Planning Group on March 29.

## **THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 17, 2023**

The meeting was adjourned at 2036