

**THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA
OTTAWA BRANCH**

BRANCH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

THOSE PRESENT:

Peter Christie
Jim Cummings
Richard Duval
Karen Duval
Richard Duval
Bernadette Greene
Gerry Powell
Josh Ryan
Doug Thomas
Roland Vaillancourt

There being a quorum present, the President called the meeting to order at 1910.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Cummings/Duval K.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING JUNE 3, 2024

Cummings/Thomas

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORTS

RCSCC FALKLAND

An extensive written report was submitted by Captain Ryan. The report begins with a brief summary of his intentions for the upcoming training year. Falkland already has 35 new entries on board, 5 of whom are transfers from NLCC Vice Admiral Kingsmill. Several sail weekends are planned later this month and the OSLA Fall training weekend is scheduled for October 26-27 at Connaught. Selected Falkland cadets will begin involvement assisting NLCC Admiral Kingsmill training.

Duval K./Cummings

NLCC VICE ADMIRAL KINGSMILL

Lt(NL) Greene presented a brief verbal report which outlined her plans for the upcoming training year. The corps has already received 20 new entries. We have a full slate of staff on hand to take on the challenge of another full year.

Greene/Powell

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Mr. Christie noted the strong recruiting trend for both corps which is a good indication for a potential good year. The Branch remains in good shape financially while challenges always remain. No plans are currently in place to conduct any fundraising activity. One challenge this year will be to purchase a new set of snare drums for the Falkland band. We are currently down to just two properly functioning drums. We must strive to recruit additional persons to join our Branch Council as there are several key positions which are currently unfilled. Some determination must be found for the future of the time capsule which we purchased during the planning for the Falkland Centennial celebrations and which got lost in the Covid pandemic situation.

Christie/Thomas

VICE PRESIDENT SEA CADETS - No report

VICE PRESIDENT NAVY LEAGUE CADETS - Absent

TREASURER

Mr. Powell submitted his usual complete analysis of our financial situation. This shows a total combination of cash and investments of almost \$165,000. Full details of the revenues and expenses combined with the bank reconciliation figures are shown in the report. Note that all written reports submitted to Council are kept in the secretarial files, and copies are always available by email request to the Secretary.

Powell/Thomas

MOTION

Resolve to provide an additional \$660 to cover the Falkland past training year which exceeded the endorsed Council commitment.

Powell/Thomas

SECRETARY - No report

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

BOATS AND SAILING

Mr. Duval presented a brief report on the current situation regarding boats. The Howard will be moved to the Port of Call Marina on the Ottawa River again this year. Some discussion had taken place in an effort to have her stored on site at HMCS Carleton, but the change of command put that decision in some jeopardy so we decided to remain with the setup that we have used for several years which had served us well. We have still not been able to locate a suitably certified prop guard for our larger Zodiac motor.

Duval R./Powell

COMMUNICATIONS - Absent

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - Absent

PROPERTY

Mr. Vaillancourt reported that his efforts to update our inventory records is continuing. Kingsmill's report has been received and both Falkland and Boats are in the process of updating our holdings.

Vaillancourt/Thomas

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

Mr. Vaillancourt reported that all volunteer screening issues are proceeding normally. Efforts to reduce the time required by using computer aided files are proving to be quite successful.

Vaillancourt/Cummings

NEW BUSINESS

Jim requested information of timing for this year's Annual General Meeting. The President replied that as the 2023 AGM was held in the late Fall, this year's AGM would be scheduled shortly.

Gerry announced that Cadet Week would start October 5. He has the recommended flag and our cadets from both corps are planning to support the event.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2055. The date of the next meeting of the Branch Council will be advised.

